

Gather in God's Name

Please silence cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst.

*Indicates that those who are able may stand
Childcare is available in the nursery

Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

"The Gift to Be Simple"
Coro Vocati Choral Ensemble
Directed by Dr. John Dickson

Bob Chilcott

The gift to be simple, the gift to be free...

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
't will be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Til by turning, turning we come round right.

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Welcome

Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

Leader: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

People: *Great is your name.
Great is your love.*

*Hymn #619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God of hope and healing, we confess that our lives are often marked by brokenness and sin. We long to be healed and made whole. Yet in our desire for salvation, we prefer healing that comes in our own way and on our own terms. When you do not respond according to our expectations, we turn

away in anger and disappointment. Have mercy on us when we grow impatient with your timing. Make us whole we pray. Wash us and make us clean. And grant us faith beyond all fear, so that we may be clothed with your joy and give you thanks forever. (A moment for silent individual confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
People: *And also with you.*

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Moment

Curtis Fussell

Anthem

"If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.
John 14:15-17

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

Sermon

"Unexpected Grace"

Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think are best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God.

From A Declaration of Faith

*Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Hymn 581

Give Thanks To God

Celebration of Ministry and Membership

(Please sign and pass the friendship registry pad and then return it so you can know your neighbors in God's household today.)

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

JULY 14, 2019

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 A.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

Weekly

8:30 a.m. **Worship**
• Communion each Sunday

9:30 a.m. **Church School**

11:00 a.m. **Worship**
• Communion first Sunday of each month

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

*Dedicated to the Glory of God on September 13, 1885
Highlands, North Carolina*

Prayers of God's People and The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "Emerald Stream" from *Northern Harmony* Seth Houston

Come, now, and gather in the glade
Where the Em'rald Stream and the Evening Shade,
And meditate on the works He's made,
Great God, our sov'reign Lord.

Join us, now, the meadow is green
And the waters pure and the woods serene
And the flowing air is fresh and clean
Where God his blessings pour'd.

See the wind come down,
Hear it whistle as it blows,
It brings us sun and it brings us snows,
A blessing from above.

And the sun comes up,
And the sun goes down,
And the stars and the moon go 'round and 'round,
In witness to His love.

Hear, now, ye sons of men,
For danger lurks in this great garden;
The Lord will visit once again
To see what we have done.

As God is the shepherd and we are the sheep,
We our mother Earth must keep,
Maintain the air, protect the deep;
At Judgment Day He'll come.

See the Lord come down,
Hear Him whistle as he goes,
He bears a thunderbolt and a rose,
Remember all his pow'r.

See the Lord come down, face shining bright,
His holy feet are soiled
But his robe is white;
You will regret that hour.

So, now, my people beware,
You're in charge of the seas and the earth and the air,
You'd better take extr'ordinary care
Of the Earth, our only home.

All glory be to God on high,
Shout praises loudly to the sky,
Listen to the Earth and hear her cry, and in Heaven forever roam.

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OLD HUNDRETH

Go in God's Name to Serve

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

Charge, Benediction and Blessing

Benediction Response "Bright Morning Stars" Appalachian Folk Melody
arr. Shawn Kirchner

Bright morning stars are rising,
Bright morning stars are rising,
Bright morning stars are rising;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
Oh, where are our dear fathers?
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They are down in the valley praying;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
Oh where are our dear mothers?
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They have gone to heaven shouting;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
Oh where are our dear children?
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
They're upon the earth a-dancing;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.
Bright morning stars are rising,
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Bright morning stars are rising;
Day's a-breaking in my soul.

*Postlude "La Rejouissance" G.F. Handel

Participating in Today's Service:
Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

Today's greeters are:

Sherrie & Steve Cathcart and Keith Crawford & Ken Proctor

*The flowers for the sanctuary are given by Don and Betty Fisher
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James H. and Charles Crawford,
Betty's father and older brother.*

Please keep in your prayers these members and friends of the congregation:

Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece), Jack Caldwell, Steve Castellaw,
Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan's mother), Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother),
Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland's sister), Mary Jellison,
Christy Kelly, Linda Lancaster, Van Lucas (Chad Lucas' uncle),
Ashley Turner Leverett (daughter of Peggy and Scott Turner),
Caroline McCown (Don & Betty Fisher's daughter),
Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page),
David Seaton (son of Nell and Charles Seaton), Veda & Jimmy Sherard, Kay Smith,
Kevin Tietze, Scott Turner, Betsy Turner, and Robert Whaley (Judy Joyner's cousin).

Please keep in your prayers these members in the community and beyond:

Mike Bobo, the family of Chad Caldwell upon his death, Caroline Cook,
Jodie Cook, Dianne Copeland, Lyle Cox, Jackson Hall, Billie Jean Hendrix,
Jeff James, Donna Kneeland, Barbara McElfresh, Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife),
Melanie Nix, Eliza Parish, Nick Quinif, Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon,
Gene Talley and Woodrow Wilson.

We welcome guests who are worshipping with us today.

If you are seeking a church home and would like to follow Jesus Christ through
the fellowship of this congregation, we invite you to full or affiliate membership.
For more information, please speak with one of the ministers after worship,
or call the church office at 828-526-3175.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 14 11:00 Morning Worship Service

Congregational Luncheon

Monday, July 15 8:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast
—Highlander Room
—See announcement

4:30 Session Meeting
—Westminster Room

Tuesday, July 16 4:00 Book Club *Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Kidd*
by Alice Munro
—The Ugly Dog Public House
—See announcement

6:00 Community Table Dinner
—Community Building

Wednesday, July 17 12:00 Men's Fellowship
—Parlor & Coleman Hall
—See announcement

3:00 Staff Meeting
4:00 Handbell Rehearsal
6:15 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 18 5:00 Carolina Women's Chorale Rehearsal
—Choir Room

Friday, July 19 4:30 Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 20 5:00 Wedding

Sunday, July 21, 2018

8:30 Worship Communion Service

9:30 Adult Education Class —Church Library—See announcement

11:00 Morning Worship Service

Guest Musicians:

Patricia Black, *Pianist* and Mariya Potapova, *Violinist*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of July is Keith Crawford

Special thanks to today's guest musicians:

Coro Vocati is an ensemble of professional singers in the metro Atlanta area who
come together for the joy of making music at the highest levels of choral artistry. Coro
Vocati serves as a workshop in choral singing and rehearsal techniques for its mem-
bers, and rewards audiences with an array of diverse repertoire that is both engaging
and satisfying.

Dr. John Dickson is the Stephanie Landry Barineau Professor of Choral Music and
Chair of the Division of Ensembles and Conducting in the School of Music at
Louisiana State University. As Director of Choral Studies, he conducts the
internationally acclaimed A Cappella Choir and supervises the masters and doctoral
programs in choral conducting. Dr. Dickson holds the D.M.A. degree in Choral
Conducting from The University of Texas at Austin, the M.M. degree in Musicology
from Baylor University, and has done post-doctoral study at Cambridge University,
Cambridge, England.