

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

Peal "Peal No. 3" Hal Hopson
Sacred Sounds Bell Choir

Prelude "Fanfare-Rondeau" Jean-Joseph Mouret
arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Welcome Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

Leader: The God of salvation speaks to us.
People: God speaks peace to those who turn to listen.
Leader: When God brings salvation,
People: steadfast love and faithfulness meet,
Leader: righteousness and peace kiss each other,
People: faithfulness springs up from the ground,
Leader: and righteousness looks down from the sky.
People: Let us come and worship the God of our salvation!
Based on Psalm 85

***Processional Hymn #664** "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we like to believe we're in charge. We live as though we are the only ones we can count on. In our self-reliance, we are slow to trust you. In our on-demand lives, we have little patience for perseverance. Forgive us. Help us open ourselves to the truth that you are ready for us to ask for help. Help us to seek your wisdom, to strive for your holiness, to follow your ways. For only then will your kingdom come, your will be done. We ask this in Jesus's name. (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 "Psalm 84: Cantique de Jean Racine" Gabriel Fauré
Chancel Choir arr. Hal Hopson

Oh Lord of Hosts, how lovely are Thy dwellings.
My soul longs for Thy courts,
O Lord, how lovely are Thy dwellings.
O Lord of Hosts, my heart and flesh cry out,
O Lord, for Thee my heart and flesh cry out.

O blest are they whose hope is forever in Thee;
who praise Thy name, who sing their songs within Thy holy house.
O Lord, incline Thine ear; look down, my spirit longs for Thee.
A sun and shield is the Lord of Hosts. A sun and shield is the Lord of Hosts.

Oh Lord of Hosts, how lovely are Thy dwellings.
My soul longs for Thee, O Lord, my soul longs for Thee.
O Lord of Hosts. O Lord, for Thee my heart and flesh cry out.
In Thee I trust; look down and hear my prayer.
O hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Psalm 84, Paraphrased by H.H.

Scripture Reading Luke 11:1-13

Sermon "An Answer to Prayer" Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person's guilt before God and of their need for God's forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of divine goodness, the healing of human ills, and deliverance from every form of oppression.
Confession of 1967

***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 28, 2019

7TH 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 "Abide with Me" William Monk
arr. Sandra Eithun

***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDETH
*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Go in God's Name to Serve

***Hymn #688** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** "Voluntary in Bb" R. G. Thompson

Participating in Today's Service:

Michael Lancaster, Director of Worship/Music
Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

Today's greeters are:

Cathy & David Hodgson and Leslie & Don Stewart

The flowers are presented by Leslie and Don Stewart to the glory of God!

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), Carole Marotti and family upon the death of her great-grandchild, Patsy & Don Mullen, Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page), David Seaton (son of Nell and Charles Seaton), Veda & Jimmy Sherard, Kay Smith, Jon Swift & family upon the death of Chuck Swift (Jon Swift's brother), Kevin Tietze, Scott Turner, Betsy Turner, Robert Whaley (Judy Joyner's cousin), Hope & Lance Wilmarth, and Richard Wood (Karen Sullivan's brother-in-law).

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

Mike Bobo, 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 28 11:00 Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 29 8:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast
—Highlander Room
—see announcement

Tuesday, July 30 **Presbytery Meeting—Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church**
4:00 Book Club *Visitors*
by Alice Munro
—The Ugly Dog Public House
—see announcement
6:00 Community Table Dinner
—Community Building

Wednesday, July 31 12:00 Men's Fellowship
—Coleman Hall
—see announcement
3:00 Staff Meeting
4:00 Handbell Rehearsal
6:15 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 1 5:00 Carolina Women's Chorale Rehearsal
—Choir Room
6:00 HCCDC Graduation—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:30 Worship Communion Service
9:30 Adult Education Class—Church Library—see announcement
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Communion Sunday & Ministry of the Farthest Pew
Guest Musicians:
Highlands Men's Chorus
Larry Black, *Trumpeter*

6:00 Summer Sing—First Baptist Church of Highlands

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of July is Keith Crawford
Elder for the month of August is David Hodgson.

Men's Prayer Breakfast—The Men's Prayer Group meets every Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the Highlander Room. Meetings begin with devotion and prayer, and are followed by breakfast at a local restaurant. All men of the church are invited to join.

The Beyond the Walls Book Club will meet at 4pm at the home of Betsy and Marc Hehn for the remainder of July and will resume meeting every Tuesday at 4 pm at The Ugly Dog Public House on August 6th. Beyond the Walls is currently reading *The Moons of Jupiter* by Alice Munro. We will be starting a new book *Collected Stories of Wallace Stegner* on August 13th. Books cost \$8.00 and are available in the church office. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

Men's Fellowship meets every Wednesday in Coleman Hall at 12pm with spiritual conversation and lunch. All men are invited to attend.

Adult Education Class—Please join us for a five part series *Half Truths...and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* by Adam Hamilton. This class, facilitated by Curtis Fussell, is offered during the 9:30am adult education hour. Beginning August 11, Paul Schowalter will facilitate a study on classic Bible passages. August 11: Genesis 12, *Abraham's Call & Our Call*; August 18: Micah 6, *What Does God Require of Me?*, and August 25: Psalm 51, *Our Sinful Nature*. The class meets in the church library.

Women's Bible Study—The group will meet on Wednesday, August 7th in the church library at 10:30am. They will study Session 4, *Sacrificing Grace* from *Jesus Always*. Please bring a sandwich and something to share. All ladies and friends of the church are welcome!

The Interlude Concert Series continues with a concert at 2pm on Wednesday, August 7th, featuring *Land of the Sky Men's Chorus*. The Interlude Concert Series is a summer series of concerts sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. The next concert will take place on Wednesday, August 21st at 2pm. Dress is informal and there is no charge. Come and enjoy an Interlude of music!

Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday, August 18th—This celebration of Scottish heritage will be celebrated at First Presbyterian Church at the 11am service. Each year on the occasion of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan, we lift up in prayer the names of those in our church family who have entered the Church Triumphant over the past year. We request your help completing our list of those members, affiliate members, and friends of First Presbyterian Church whose lives we celebrate in this memorial moment. If you know of a name we should include, please email fpchmanager@frontier.com.

The Food Pantry is collecting egg cartons. Please recycle your egg cartons by bringing them to the church and placing them in the labeled box located in the Ravenel Room.

2019 Flower Calendar—To provide flowers in honor of a loved one, please fill out a flower leaflet and the flower calendar located upstairs in the main hallway.

Experience the joy and fulfillment of helping those in need to return to their homes. Presbytery of WNC just announced their two Fall Disaster Rebuild trips to New Bern, NC on October 6-12 and Wilmington, NC on November 3-9. Registration available soon. Please contact Gerri Tulley at walking50@live.com or 828-787-1919 if interested.

Workday at Ukirk WCU—Friday, August 9, 9am—12pm. We need your help to get the campus ministry building & grounds ready for students to return. This is a great opportunity to support this vibrant campus ministry through your time and energy. We will have tasks for every skill level and every set of hands. If your church has ever wondered, "*What can we do?*" and you are ready to get your hands dirty doing some on-the-ground local mission work, this is it! A lunch spread will be provided and will conclude our day of work with a time of fellowship. Please contact Gerri Tulley at walking50@live.com or 828-787-1919 if interested.



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