



SUNDAY CELEBRATION
JULY 7, 2019
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

11:00 A.M.

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*

Gather in God's Name

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

Childcare is available in the nursery
Large print hymnals available—see usher
***Indicates that those who are able may stand**

Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude "America, The Beautiful" Samuel A. Ward
Larry Black, *Trumpeter* arr. John D. Head &
Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Welcome Curtis Fussell

*Opening Litany

Leader: O Lord, I cried to you for help and you restored my life.

People: Remember what the Lord has done and give thanks!

Leader: Come, let us worship God, the giver of new life.

**People: Let us praise the Lord not only with our lips,
but with our lives as well.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are given new life.

People: Come and worship God who gives us abundant life.

From Psalm 30

***Hymn** "An American Hymn" arr. Cecil Effinger

**All: O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

Chancel Choir: O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.

America! America! God mend thine every flaw.

Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Chancel Choir: O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.

America! America! May God thy gold refine,

till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.

**All: O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

Katharine Lee Bates

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have heard that your Kingdom is near to us, but our attention is focused on our own kingdoms. We seek status and recognition. We believe we are entitled. We believe we have earned our just deserves. Yet, you call us to take up your cross and follow you. Yes, we do want to follow you, but we have little understanding what that involves. So, Lord, humble us now and lead us to draw ourselves to your Kingdom that is near to us today. (Moment of 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 Emily Wilmarth

Scripture Reading Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon "The Journey" Curtis Fussell

*Affirmation of Faith

The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

***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.)

Prayers of God's People

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "Hands of God" Michael Austin Miller
Chancel Choir

We gather 'round the water, the word, the wine, the wheat.
Repentant and forgiven, from bondage we are freed.
Singing songs of gladness, of mercy, grace, and love,
then we are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

Baptized in the water and nurtured by the Word,
then fed at the table where bread and wine are served.
Blessed to be a blessing with strength to heed the call,
we are sent from this place to be the hands of God.
We are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

Hands of God, hands of faith, off'ring hope, off'ring grace.
Hands of blessing, hands of love; we are the hands, the hands of God.

From ev'ry land and nation, ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue,
united by the Spirit, in Christ we join as one with saints who've gone before us,
whose spirits still live on, then we are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

We are sent from this place to be the hands of God.

If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
the righteous One is by our side, the One of God's own choosing.

Hands of God, Off'ring blessing, hands of faith, off'ring love, off'ring hope,
hands of God, off'ring grace, hands of faith, Hands of blessing, off'ring hope,
hands of love; off'ring grace, we are the hands, we are the hands of God.

We are the hands, the hands of God.

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

*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.*

Hymn 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Litany

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give thanks and praise.*

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (insert)

David Haas

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(We serve gluten free bread & grape juice)

Ministry of the Farthest Pew

Go In God's Name To Serve

***Hymn #720**

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

arr. Don Phillips

Participating in Today's Service:

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

Our Greeters today are:

Kathryn Crawford, Keith Crawford, Ken Proctor and Scott McDuff

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), Alex Mullen
(Don Mullen's brother), 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, July 8	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —See announcement
Tuesday, July 9	4:00	Book Club— <i>Labor Day Dinner</i> by Alice Munro —The Ugly Dog Public House —See announcement
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, July 10	10:30	Women's Bible Study — Church Library —See announcement
	12:00	Men's Fellowship —Parlor & Coleman Hall —See announcement
	2:00	Interlude Concert —See announcement
	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, July 11	5:00	Carolina Women's Chorale Rehearsal —Choir Room
Saturday, July 13	5:00	Coro Vocati Choral Concert — Sanctuary —See announcement

Sunday, July 14, 2019

8:30	Worship Communion Service
9:30	Adult Education Class —Church Library—See announcement
11:00	Morning Worship Service Guest Musicians: Coro Vocati Choral Ensemble Conducted by Dr. John Dickson
	Congregational Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Elder for the month of July is Keith Crawford.

Special thanks to today's guest musician:

Larry Black joined the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in 1970 as third trumpet and
continued with the symphony for 33 years. He holds a BS degree in Music Education
and a Master of Music in Applied Trumpet from Northwestern University. Mr. Black

has performed throughout the United States and Europe. He taught trumpet for 42
years, teaching at Agnes Scott College, West Georgia College, Kennesaw State
University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Western Carolina University and
Furman University. When he retired, he and his wife moved to Brevard, and he has
become a very active musician in Western North Carolina.

Gratitude is extended to **The Matthews Music Fund** for underwriting today's guest
musician.

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 meets every Tuesday, at 4 pm, at The Ugly Dog
Public House. Beyond the Walls is currently reading *The Moons of Jupiter* by Alice
Munro. 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!

Women's Bible Study—The group will meet on Wednesday, July 10th in the church
library at 10:30am. They will study Lesson 3, *Rescuing Grace* from *Jesus Always*.
Please bring a sandwich and something to share. All ladies and friends of the church
are welcome!

Men's Fellowship meets every Wednesday in the church parlor at 12:00 p.m. and will
follow with lunch in Coleman Hall. All men are invited to attend.

The Interlude Concert Series begins with a concert at 2pm on Wednesday, July
10th, featuring Kate Ransom, *Violinist* and William Ransom, *Pianist*. This concert
will take place at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands and is co-sponsored by the
Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival. The Interlude Concert Series is a
summer series of concerts sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. The next concert
will take place on Wednesday, July 24th at 2 p.m. Dress is informal and there is no
charge. Come and enjoy an Interlude of music!

Coro Vocati Choral Ensemble will perform in a concert entitled *Dust and Spirit:
Home and Beyond* at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 13th at Highlands First Presbyterian
Church. The concert is sponsored by Donna Philips, and is free to the community.
This 24 member professional chamber choir was founded in 2009 by Dr. John
Dickson, now Director of Choral Studies at LSU School of Music. The ensemble was
formed to showcase the rich talent and choral legacy of the Atlanta area. In 2014,
Coro Vocati completed their first recording project, *Sweetheart of the Sun*. The group
will also sing during our July 14th 11:00 worship service.

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 9:30 a.m. adult education hour. The class meets in the
church library.

Volunteers are still needed to assist in the office July 30 through August 8, greeting
visitors, answering phones, and folding bulletins and newsletters. Timeslots that are
still available are Thursday, August 1, 12pm to 2pm and 2pm to 4pm; Friday, August
2nd, 10am to 12pm; and Monday, August 5th, 10am to 12pm. Please call the church
office at 828-526-3175 if you are willing to help.

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.

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