

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
Large print hymnals available—see usher

Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

"Arioso"
Erin Hansen, *Harpist*
Erin Klimstra, *Cellist*
Linda Lancaster, *Flutist*
J. S. Bach
arr. Robert MacDonald

Welcome

Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

Leader: Come, hear the One
*People: who speaks and summons the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

Leader: Come, see the One
People: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One
People: who shows the salvation of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God,
People: whose righteousness the heavens proclaim!
Based on Psalm 50

*Processional Hymn #463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on stuff. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We convince ourselves that we need more, especially when we see our neighbors' collections. All the while, we pay little attention to those who have little or nothing, and for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to use what we have to join in ministry with you. We ask this in Jesus' 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

"Come to Us, Creative Spirit"
Chancel Choir

Robert Hobby

Come to us, creative Spirit, in this holy house;
ev'ry human talent hallow, hidden skills arouse,
that within your earthly temple, wise and simple may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music-maker, all your treasures bring;
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer, make your offering;
join your hands in celebration: let creation shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing, fill our minds, we pray;
and in all artistic vision give integrity:
may the flame within us burning kindle yearning day by day.

In all places and forever glory be expressed
to the Son, with God the Father and the Spirit blest:
in our worship, and our living keep us striving for the best.
Text: David Mowbray(b.1938); Tune: Castlewood, Richard Proulx, (1937-2010)

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

"Where is Your Treasure?"

Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

A Brief Statement 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.)

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.*

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 11, 2019

9TH 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*

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "Siciliano" from *Sonata II in Eb Major* J.S. Bach

***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.*
Hymn 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Go in God's Name to Serve

***Hymn #716** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** "King William's March" Jeremiah Clarke

Participating in Today's Service:

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

Today's greeters are:

Judy & Tom Joyner and Delaine & Tom Nelson

The flowers are presented by to the glory of God by Jennifer Regner in appreciation of Patty Allen, Keith Crawford, Marc Hehn, Carol Hughes, Kitty Moore, Anne Parsons, Darlene Scott, Janey Swift, Suzy Tamplin, Gerri Tulley, Donna Woods, and Brenda Woodward; the volunteers and back-up volunteers who helped in the office during my vacation.

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.

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), Patsy & Don Mullen, 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, 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug. 11 11:00 Morning Worship Service

Monday, Aug. 12 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
—Highlander Room
—see announcement
4:30 Worship Ministry Team Meeting
—Westminster Room

Tuesday, Aug. 13 4:00 Book Club *The Traveler* by Wallace Stegner
—The Ugly Dog Public House
—see announcement
6:00 Community Table Dinner
—Community Building

Wednesday, Aug. 14 12:00 Men's Fellowship
—Parlor & Coleman Hall
—see announcement
3:00 Staff Meeting
4:00 Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Aug. 15 5:00 Carolina Women's Chorale Rehearsal
—Choir Room

Sunday, August 18, 2019

8:30 Worship & Communion Service
9:30 Adult Education Class —Church Library—see announcement
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Kirkin' o' the Tartan
Guest Musician:
Cameron Nixon, *Bagpiper*
Congregational Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of August is David Hodgson.

Special thanks to today's musicians:

Erin Hansen is a freelance harpist living in Greenville, South Carolina. She regularly performs with orchestras and bands in North and South Carolina, as well as for weddings and private events. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Harp Performance and a Master's degree in Composition from Bob Jones University.

Erin Klimstra grew up in Hendersonville NC, learning to play cello as a young girl in the public schools. She then earned a Bachelor's degree in Cello Performance from UNC-Greensboro. Erin served as principal cellist for the Greensboro Philharmonic for several years before moving back to the mountains of western North Carolina. After relocating, Erin served as principal cellist for the Blue Ridge Orchestra for several years before winning an audition with the Brevard Philharmonic. Erin currently freelances in the WNC area, enjoys busking with her string quartet, and serves as a cello section member with the Brevard Philharmonic.

Linda Lancaster will be performing with the Brevard Philharmonic Orchestra for her 7th season this coming year as well as playing at the Biltmore Estate during the Candlelight Christmas and Spring Blooms. She also performs with the Asheville Symphony Chorus and the Asheville Choral Society. She holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music. She has performed with the Carmel Bach Festival Orchestra (Carmel, CA) the Pacific Symphony (Costa Mesa, CA), and the Garden Grove Symphony (Garden Grove, CA). She is the wife of our Director of Worship and Music, Dr. Michael Lancaster.

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

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 *Collected Stories of Wallace Stegner*. 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 12:00 p.m. with spiritual conversation and lunch. All men are invited to attend.

The Interlude Concert Series continues with a concert at 2pm on Wednesday, August 21st featuring the Smoky Mountain Brass Band. The Interlude Concert Series is a summer series of concerts sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. The next concert will take place on Wednesday, August 28 at 2 p.m. Dress is informal and there is no charge. Come and enjoy an Interlude of music!

Adult Education Class—Next Sunday, August 18, Paul Schowalter will facilitate a study on a classic Bible passage, Micah 6, *What Does God Require of Me?* On August 25, the group will study Psalm 51, *Our Sinful Nature*. Offered during the 9:30 a.m. adult education hour, the class meets in the church library.

Annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday, August 18th—This celebration of Scottish heritage will be celebrated at First Presbyterian Church at the 11:00 a.m. 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.

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.

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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