

Gather in God's Name

Please silence cell phones and quiet your voices, giving 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

Welcome

Curtis Fussell

*Presentation of the Bible and Clan Banners

“Highland Cathedral”

Cameron Nixon, *Bagpiper*

Duncan Greenlee, *Beadle*

Uli Roever

*Opening Sentences

Leader: God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

People: *From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.*

Leader: So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

People: *Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.*

Leader: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

People: *Let us worship God together.*

From Psalm 71

*Hymn #385

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDREDETH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In your sight, O God, we are bound hard in sin. We are guilty in spirit and in flesh, in thought, word, and act. In your mercy, send forth to us the power of your love and wash us in reconciliation, so that our sins become white, like the lily of the lake. In the common path of our calling, may your own perfect guidance be upon us. Be a shield to us from evil, and in each secret thought that our minds weave, be at our helm guiding our sails by the breath of your Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. (A moment for silent individual confession) Amen.

Adapted from Celtic Invocations, by Alexander Carmichael, 1899

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe in 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

Genesis 12:1-5

Sermon

“Where Are You?”

Curtis Fussell

*Affirmation of Faith

Scots Confession of 1560, Chapter XVI

As we believe in one God — Father, Son and Holy Ghost — so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace God by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism. Amen.

*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 579

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.*

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Philip Stopford

Chancel Choir

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

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O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious show'r on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Christ is our cornerstone, Christ is our cornerstone,
Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build!

Latin, 8th c.; tr. John Chandler (1806-1876)

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

August 18, 2019

KIRKIN' O'
THE TARTAN

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*

*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 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Go in God’s Name to Serve

*Hymn #326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

The Necrology and Memorial Prayer

Sandra Ballentine
Foster Boone
William Carpenter
Christine Erin Kelly
Jo Ann Lacy
Elizabeth Mauldin
Terry McMahan
Helen Marotti Pitts
Allen Preyer, III

Rene A. Ramsdell
Ernestine “Teen” Reed
Mary Louise McLaurin Ross
Paul W. Sanger, Jr.
Laverne Baker Nalley Sharp
Chuck Swift
Sara Cook Threatt
Peggy Watkins
Bobbe Wolfe

Remembrance

The Flowers of the Forest

Traditional

This pipe tune commemorates the Scots who died in the “Battle of Flodden” on September 9, 1513.

“We’ll hae nae mair liling, at the yowe-milking. Women and bairns are dowie and wae. Sighing and moaning, on ilka green loaning. The flowers of the forest are all wede away.”

The sorrow felt for lost loved ones reaches across the centuries as we take a moment to remember members of our family who have gone before us.

*Invitation To Banner Carriers To Come Forward

Leader: On behalf of all families represented here in the observance of this service, we raise these tartans before Almighty God. O God of all lands and seas for all generations, your eternal presence weaves through the fabric of heaven and earth. You clothe us in your mercy, and cover us with your grace.

People: *Like the generations before us, we are sustained by your presence; and in your hands, we find refuge and strength. Bless, we pray, our lives and these gifts that we offer in your service.*

Leader: God of all creation and creativity, we praise you for the beauty of tartans, and for the families they represent, of every tongue and tribe and nation.

People: *We praise you, O God, for our rich traditions, and for the faith and wisdom given to us by generations past.*

Leader: God of all, every place and every time, we praise you for the heritage of every land from which we or our ancestors came.

People: *We praise you, O God, for the blessings of love received: from mothers and fathers, from friends and companions; from all who have drawn us close to your side. Now bind us together as one family in Christ. Amen.*

*Blessing & Benediction

*Recession of the Bible and Clan Banners

Participating in today’s service:

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

Today’s greeters are:

Marc Hehn, Dave O’Hara, and Suzy & Jim Tamplin

The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the glory of God by Don & Betty Fisher in memory of Bill and Peggy Watkins, long-time members who gave tirelessly to God and to our church family.

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, Shirley Cochran, Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan’s mother), Marc Good (Frances Hicks’ brother), Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland’s sister), Mary Jellison, the family of Christy Kelly upon her death, Jimmy Lowe, Chad Lucas, Van Lucas (Chad Lucas’ uncle), Ashley Turner Leverett (daughter of Peggy and Scott Turner), Alice Monar, Patsy & Don Mullen, Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page), Adair Puryear (Donna Woods’ niece), Hillrie Quin, Sharon Rieger (Cathy Manning’s sister), David Seaton (son of Nell and Charles Seaton), Veda & Jimmy Sherard, Kay Smith, Bessie Speed, Kevin Tietze, 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. 18	11:00 Morning Worship Service Congregational Luncheon
Monday, Aug. 19	8:00am Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room 4:30 Session Meeting - Westminster Room
Tuesday, Aug. 20	4:00 Book Club <i>Buglesong</i> by Wallace Stegner —The Ugly Dog Public House 6:00 Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, Aug. 21	11:30 HCCDC Children’s Church 12:00 Men’s Fellowship—canceled 2:00 Interlude Concert—see announcement 4:00 Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Aug. 22	4:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 Carolina Women’s Chorale Rehearsal —Choir Room

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Dedication & Stewardship Sunday

8:30 Worship & Communion Service
9:30 Adult Education Class—Library
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Congregational Meeting

Guest Musicians:

Carolina Women’s Chorale
Dr. Michael Lancaster, *Conductor* and Susan Clearman, *Accompanist*
Sacred Sounds Bell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of August is David Hodgson.

Special thanks to today’s guest musician:

Cameron Nixon is from Charleston, SC, and recently graduated from Brevard College with a degree in Music Education. In addition to bagpipes, he also plays piano and trombone. Cameron currently lives in Waynesville, NC where he teaches at Junaluska Elementary School. He comes from a very musical family- his dad, mom, and grandfather all play bagpipes, and his sister is a music teacher in Brooklyn, NY.

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

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 25, Paul Schowalter will facilitate a study on a classic Bible passage, Psalm 51, *Our Sinful Nature*. Offered during the 9:30 a.m. adult education hour, the class meets in the church library.

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 Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** following the 11am worship service on Sunday, August 25th for the purpose of placing in nomination names to serve on the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) Class of 2020. The nominations for the Class of 2020 are: Deborah McKnight (Member-at-Large), Darlene Scott (Women of the Church), Don Fisher (Member-at-Large), and Rick Trevathan (Choir Member). If other names are to be nominated to serve on this committee, those names will be taken from the floor at the Congregational Meeting. To be nominated, the person must give permission before submitting his or her name. All nominees must be full members of the church. The Congregational Nominating Committee has the task of seeking people to serve as Elders for the Class of 2022, placing those names before the congregation for a vote. Other members currently serving on the CNC are: Scott McDuff (Session/Men of the Church), Claude Sullivan (Member-at-Large), and Donna Woods (Member-at-large).

On Wednesday, August 28th, all are welcome to join us for a **Service of Wholeness and Healing** at 5:15 in the Sanctuary. This is a casual, 30-minute service of song, prayer, and meditation. We will lift up prayers for our world and nation, for our church and community, and for our own lives. Whether you are experiencing a loss, an illness, or find yourself seeking for a space to come before God with your deepest longings, we encourage you to attend. Following the service, we will gather for our monthly **Family Table Potluck Supper** in Coleman Hall. Bring a dish to share! Questions? Contact Emily at the church office. 526-3175.

Food for Fuel Luncheon—Your Congregational Care and Mission Ministry teams are joining together and giving the Highlands community an opportunity to “warm the hearts and homes” for those struggling financially. On September 8th, after the 11:00 a.m. service, you are cordially invited to an elegant luncheon prepared by our own Marty Rosenfield. Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:45 and will be open to the public. Instead of charging for the lunch, we are asking for “Love Donations” to the Highlands Emergency Council Fuel Program. Checks can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and designated for fuel.

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