

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 "There is a Balm in Gilead" Traditional
Larry Black, *Trumpeter* arr. Lani Smith

Welcome Curtis Fussell

*Opening Litany

Leader: O Lord, hear the voice of our supplications.
People: We turn to you in praise and lift up our voices in your sanctuary.
Leader: Gracious God, you are our strength and shield.
People: Lord, in you our hearts trust.
Leader: In Jesus Christ, our lives have faith in you.
People: Come to worship God with songs and prayers, to give the Lord praise.

From Psalm 28

***Hymn #39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not trusted our lives to you. We are anxious about our lives and we have looked in all kinds of places, to the things we have, our achievements, and our status, for the certainty of a full and meaningful life. May we not forget that having abundant life is more than food, status, things, and money. They have their role to play in our lives; but being alive in your Word is the true fullness of our lives. Help us to be your light and the salt of the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ. (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 Emily Wilmarth

Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Robert Hunter
Highlands Men's Chorus
Rick Trevathan, *Baritone*
Susan Clearman, *Pianist*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that Thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always,
Thou, and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heav'n's joys, Oh bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, Oh, Ruler of all.
Text: Irish poem, trans. Mary Byrne, vers. Eleanor Hull

Scripture Reading Luke 12:13-21

Sermon "Rich Toward God" Curtis Fussell

*Affirmation of Faith

We acknowledge daily tasks and relationships as our present calling from God. And as we invest our lives in the future, we are to match our abilities to the world's needs. We are to include in the rhythm of our lives times when we set aside our work to worship the Creator, to seek God's kingdom, and to enjoy God's goodness.

From The 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.)

Prayers of God's People

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Peter Wilhousky

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on!

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
they have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps,

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

AUGUST 4, 2019

8TH 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*

I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps,
His truth is marching on! *Refrain*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
as He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on! *Refrain*
Julia Ward Howe

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

***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 #708**

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Trumpet Tune"

John Stanley
arr. Hal Hopson

Participating in Today's Service:

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

Today's greeters are:

Linda & Paul Schowalter, Gena Smith and Janice Topping

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.

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. 4	11:00	Morning Worship Service
	6:00	Summer Sing —First Baptist Church of Highlands
Monday, Aug. 5	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —see announcement
Tuesday, Aug. 6	4:00	Book Club <i>The Moons of Jupiter</i> by Alice Munro —The Ugly Dog Public House —see announcement
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, Aug. 7	10:30	Women's Bible Study —Church Library —see announcement
	12:00	Men's Fellowship —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, Aug. 8	5:00	Carolina Women's Chorale Rehearsal —Choir Room

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:30 Worship & Communion Service
9:30 Adult Education Class—Church Library—see announcement
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Guest Musicians:

Erin Hansen, *Harpist*, Erin Klimstra, *Cellist*, and Linda Lancaster, *Flutist*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Elder for the month of August is David Hodgson.

Special thanks to today's guest musicians.

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.

We are grateful to the **Matthew's Music Fund** for bringing Larry Black to us.

Special thanks to the **Highlands Men's Chorus** for singing during today's service. Directed by Michael Lancaster and accompanied by Susan Clearman, the group was formed in 2004, and performs at FPCH's annual July 4 patriotic concert each year.

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. 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!

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!

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 7th featuring the *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!

Adult Education Class—Beginning next week, 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*. 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 flowers in the sanctuary are given by Kat Evans to the Glory of God and in celebration of Annelize Giliomee's birthday.