

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

Bell Peal	“Improvisation in E ^b ” Sacred Sounds Bell Choir	Michael Lancaster
Prelude	“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”	arr. John Dare
Welcome		Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

Leader: Seek good and not evil;
seek the Lord and live!

People: May the Lord our God be with us.

Leader: Seek good and not evil,
that justice may prevail.

People: May the Lord our God show us grace.

Based on Amos 5:6, 14-15

*Processional Hymn #32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (A moment for silent 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

“O Jesus, Every Moment”
Chancel Choir

Philip Stopford

O Jesus, every moment be in my heart and mind;
O Jesus, stir my heart with sorrow for my sins;
O Jesus, fill my heart with never failing love;
O Jesus, sweet Master, never part from me.

O Jesus, is my King, my friend, and my love;
O Jesus, is my shelter from sinning and from death;
O Jesus, my gladness, my mirror all my days;
O Jesus, my dearest Lord, never part from me.

O Jesus, be forever in my heart and in my mouth;
O Jesus, be forever in my thought and my prayer;
O Jesus, be forever in my quiet mind;
O Jesus, my sweet Lord, do not leave me alone.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

“The Peril and the Promise”

Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;

People: This is true: for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.

Leader: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

People: This is true: I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Leader: It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

People: This is true: for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.

Leader: It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

People: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.

Leader: It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

People: This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams.

Leader: It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

People: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth.

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SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 14, 2018

21ST 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*

*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.

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "Chapel Echoes" John Dare

***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

Go in God's Name to Serve

***Hymn #722** "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" CANONBURY

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** Variation on "Lobe den Herren" arr. David Paxton

Participating in Today's Service:

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

Today's greeters are:

Carol & Skip Hughes, Suzy & Jim Tamplin

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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:

Clayton Anderson (Gail Carpenter's brother), Elaine Andrews, Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece), Pat Boyd, Steve Castellaw, Rock Curlee, Boyce Davis upon the death of her daughter, Lou Dwarshuis (Linda Lancaster's cousin), Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother), Makenzie Howard (Pam & Bill Peacock's granddaughter), Elizabeth Hughes (Carol & Skip Hughes' daughter), Jo Ann Lacy, Linda Lancaster, Mary & Jimmy Langham, Ethan Lassiter (grandson of Marianne & E.G. Lassiter), Elizabeth Mauldin (Bill Mauldin's daughter), Celia McCullough, Terry McMahon, Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page), Jeanette Philips (Donna Philips' daughter), Hillrie Quin, Beth Sellers (Anne Sellers' daughter-in-law), Veda & Jimmy Sherard, and Kay Smith.

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

John Baker, Mike Bobo, Nadia Bowling, Jodie Cook, Lyle Cox, Agnes Crowe, Wendy Davis, Steve Forester, K.C. Hembree, Jeff James, Donna Kneeland, Cherry Martin, Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy, Melanie Nix, Jim Shearon, Lil Waller, Donna Wilson, and Woodrow Wilson.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 14	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, Oct. 15	8:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —see announcement
	4:30	Session Meeting —Westminster Room
Tuesday, Oct. 16	4:00	Book Club <i>A Servant of History</i> by Ron Rash —The Ugly Dog Public House —see announcement
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, Oct. 17	11:30	HCCDC Children's Church
	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Oct. 18	5:30	ESL/GED Dinner & Class —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall —see announcements
	7:00	Women's Horizon Bible Study —Fisher Home —see announcement

Sunday, October 21, 2018

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

Guest Musicians:

Charles Wood & Friends

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of October is Delaine Nelson.

Men's Prayer Group—The Men's Prayer Group meets every Monday at 8:00 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 4:00 p.m., at The Ugly Dog Public House. We are currently reading *Something Rich and Strange* by Ron Rash. Books are available at Amazon.com. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

Dinner for ESL/GED classes—FPCH will be providing dinner for the students of the Literacy Council's ESL and GED classes on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in signing up on your own or with a team of volunteers to provide food and hospitality to our guests (one time or many times!), please contact Emily at the church office.

Women's Horizon Bible Study—All ladies of the church are invited Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the second lesson of the Horizons Bible study, *God with Us in Our Uncertainty*. This year we are meeting in the Fisher home at 351 Cheney Lane.

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.

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will take place at Highlands Recreation Center on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. To-go meals will be offered two ways: pick up and delivery. If you know of someone needing a delivery, please call Kristy Lewis with the following information: name, number of meals, address and phone number. If you need to place someone on the to-go list please call with the name and number of meals. Meals will be delivered approximately 4-4:30 p.m. Take out meals will be available at 5:00 p.m. Kristy Lewis can be reached at kkltarheel@yahoo.com or 828-526-3376. Volunteers are also needed. Please call or email Jennifer Regner if you would like to volunteer- fpchmanager@frontier.com or 828-526-3175. Volunteers are needed to:

- 11:00 – Set Up (20 volunteers)
- 3:30 – Pack To-Go Meals (20 volunteers)
- 3:30 – Dishwashers (3-4 volunteers, needed throughout the evening)
- 4:00 – Deliver Meals (10-15 volunteers)
- 4:00 – Cut & Plate Desserts (3-4 volunteers)
- 5:30 – Serve Meals at Rec Center (unlimited volunteers)
- 6:00 – Help with Tea/Coffee/Ice (2-3 volunteers)
- 7:30 – Clean Up (unlimited volunteers)

SESSION

Class of 2018

Personnel, Mike Campbell
Worship, Kat Evans
Finance, Tom Smith
Mission, Gerri Tulley

Class of 2019

Membership, Keith Crawford
Children's Ministry, Kay Holland McKey
Congregational Care, Carol Hughes
Clerk of Session, Delaine Nelson

Class of 2020

Vision 2020, Tom Joyner
Property, Scott McDuff
Congregational Care, Gena Smith

Moderators

Curtis Fussell
Emily Wilmarth