



SUNDAY CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 21, 2018
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

11:00 A.M.

Weekly

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

I Saw The Light Hank Williams
Charles Wood, *Banjo*; Lee Ladensack, *Guitar/Lead Vocals*;
Jim Yoder, *Mandolin/Vocals*; Dakota Waddell, *Bass/Vocals*

I wandered so aimless life filed with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Refrain:

I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *Refrain.*

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow's the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *Refrain.*

Welcome

Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
People: a home of peace and plenty.
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
People: a refuge when trouble is near.
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
People: a temple that will stand forever.
from Psalm 91:9-16

*Opening Hymn

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Traditional

***I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long- as I walk let me walk close to Thee.***

Refrain:

***Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

***Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares, none but Thee dear Lord, none but Thee.*** *Refrain.*

***When my feeble life is o'er, time for me shall be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.*** *Refrain.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. (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

Keep on the Sunny Side

J. Howard Entwisle

There's a dark and a troubled side of life, there's a bright, there's a sunny side too.
Though we meet with the darkness and the strife, the sunny side we also may view.

Refrain:

Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side, keep on the sunny side of life.
It will help us everyday, it will brighten all the way,
if we'll keep on the sunny side of life.

Oh the storm and it's fury broke today, crushing hopes that we cherish so dear.
Clouds and storms will in time pass away, the sun again will shine bright and clear.

Refrain.

Let us greet with the song of hope each day, though the moment be cloudy or fair.
Let us trust in our Savior always, to keep us everyone in His care. *Refrain.*

Text by Ada Blenkhorn

Scripture Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

"Talking to Jesus"

Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: How are we to pray?
People: We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon God with humble submission to God's will.

The Larger Catechism, Question 185

*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

Curtis Fussell

(Please sign and pass the friendship registry pad and then return it so you can know your neighbors in God's household today.)

Moment for Mission: *Loretta Shelton, Executive Director, Four Seasons Foundation*

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

Peace In The Valley

Thomas A. Dorsey

Well, I'm tired and so weary but I must toil on,
Till the Lord comes to call me away.
Where the morning is bright and the lamb is the light,
And the night is as fair as the day.

Refrain:

There will be peace in the valley for me, some day.
There will be peace in the valley for me, oh Lord I pray.
There'll be no sorrow, no sadness, no trouble will be,
There will be peace in the valley for me.

There the flowers will be blooming and the grass will be green,
And the skies will be clear and serene.
The sun ever shines, giving one endless beam,
And no clouds there will ever be seen. *Refrain.*

Doxology

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDETH

Hymn 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Go In God's Name To Serve

*Closing Hymn

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

*Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away-
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

Refrain:

*I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.*

*When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away-
Like a bird from prison walls has flown, I'll fly away. Refrain.*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away-
To a land where joy will never end, I'll fly away. Refrain.*

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

Charles H. Gabriel

I was standing by my window on one cold and cloudy day,
when I saw the hearse come rolling for to take my mother away.

Refrain

Will the circle be unbroken, by and by Lord, by and by,
There's a better home a waiting, in the sky Lord, in the sky.

Oh, I told the undertaker, undertaker please drive slow,
For this body you are hauling, Lord, I hate to see her go. *Refrain.*

I will follow close behind her, and I'll try hard to be brave.
But I could not hide my sorrow when they laid her in the grave. *Refrain.*

Participating in Today's Service:

Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

Our Greeters today are:

Karen Leabo, Delaine & Steve Mehder, and Jill Wolfe

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Judy & Kent Mergler to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son, Tim Mergler.

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:

Clayton Anderson (Gail Carpenter's brother), Elaine Andrews,
Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece), Steve Castellaw,
Lou Dwarshuis (Linda Lancaster's cousin), Kat Evans, Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother), Makenzie Howard (Pam & Bill Peacock's granddaughter), 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 McMahan, 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, Harriette Bauknight, Mike Bobo, Nadia Bowling, Caroline Cook, Jodie Cook, Lyle Cox, Agnes Crowe, Wendy Davis, Rev. Mark Ford, Steve Forester, K.C. Hembree, Jeff James, Donna Kneeland, Cherry Martin, Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy, Melanie Nix, Eliza Parish, Jim Shearon, Lil Waller, Donna Wilson, and Woodrow Wilson.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 21	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, Oct. 22	8:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room
Tuesday, Oct. 23	4:00	Book Club <i>Twenty-Six Days</i> by Ron Rash —The Ugly Dog Public House
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, Oct. 24	11:30	HCCDC Children's Church
	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00	Family Table Potluck Dinner —Coleman Hall —see announcement

Thursday, Oct. 25 5:30 ESL/GED Dinner & Class
—Westminster Room & Coleman Hall

Sunday, October 28, 2018
9:30 Adult Education Class - *Simply Christian* by Tom Wright
—Library

11:00 Morning Worship Service

Guest Musician:

Jillionna Bailey-Plemmons, *Harpist*

Announcements

Elder for the month of October is Delaine Nelson.

Special thanks to *Charles Wood and Friends* for their participation in today's service. Members of the group are from Seneca, SC; Canton, NC; Glenville, NC; and Highlands. The group is well known in the area and play at many area functions.

Gratitude is extended to **Ray McPhail** for underwriting today's guest musicians.

Family Table Potluck Dinner—All are invited to a Family Table Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, October 24 at 6:00 P.M. in Coleman Hall. Hillrie Quin and Gerri Tulley will be offering updates on FPC's mission efforts in Bolivia and North Carolina. Bring a dish of food to share, as well as a special friend or neighbor.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 28, immediately following the worship service to place in nomination by the Congregational Nominating Committee the names for Ruling Elders in the Class of 2021 and one vacated Ruling Elder position in the class of 2020. The Church Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination for Ruling Elders:

Class of 2020:

Marc Hehn, Adult Education

Class of 2021:

David Hodgson, Personnel
Bill Peacock, Finance
Susan Tamplin, Worship
Gerri Tulley, Mission

Active members of the Congregation may present other active member names from the floor for nomination as Ruling Elder at this meeting. However, the nominee must agree to serve as a Ruling Elder before the time of this congregational meeting.

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)

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