



SUNDAY CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 28, 2018
23RD 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*

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 "Give Thanks" Henry Smith
 Jillionna Bailey-Plemmons, *Harpist*

Welcome Delaine Nelson

*Opening Litany

Leader: Almighty God, when struggles and trials confront us,
People: you are our shield and defender.
 Leader: In you we put our trust and have assurance.
People: Lord, on the path of life, we look to you,
 Leader: for you create new life and give guidance so we do not stumble.
People: O Lord, we come before you with praise and thanksgiving.
from Psalm 3

***Processional Hymn #664** "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we suffer a blindness which only you can heal. So, we have come here to ask you to do this one thing for us: let us see. On the path of life, amid the struggles and doubts, we can lose sight of your presence with us. Help us again to seek you, and never to give up on the trust that you are with us in ways we cannot see. Give us wisdom and strength as you lead us forward into the abundant life of Jesus Christ. (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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. John Rutter
 Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou me breast plate, my sword for the fight;
 Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
 Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
 O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
 Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
 Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
 O sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
 O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
 Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Scripture Lesson Mark 10:46-52

Sermon "Let Me See" Curtis Fussell

*Affirmation of Faith

New life in Jesus Christ finds its direction in the life of Jesus, in his deeds and words, in his struggles against temptation, in his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.
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 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 "Change My Heart, O God" Eddie Espunosa

***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 #451** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

Congregational Meeting

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** "Fugue in C Major" G.F. Handel
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Participating in Today's Service:

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

Today's greeters are:

Cathy & David Hodgson, Deborah McKnight and Tom Nelson

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Sally & Dallis Copeland to the glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

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 Castellow,
Lou Dwarshuis (Linda Lancaster's cousin), Kat Evans, Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother), Makenzie Howard (Pam & Bill Peacock's granddaughter),
the family of Jo Ann Lacy upon her death, 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, Stephen Ringlever (late son of Dottie Butler), 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:

Harriette Bauknight, Mike Bobo, Caroline Cook, Jodie Cook, Lyle Cox,
Agnes Crowe, Wendy Davis, Rev. Dr. 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, the family of Donna Wilson upon her death, and Woodrow Wilson.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 28	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, Oct. 29	8:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —see announcement
Tuesday, Oct. 30	4:00	Book Club <i>Last Rite</i> by Ron Rash —The Ugly Dog Public House —see announcement
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, Oct. 31	11:30	HCCDC Children's Church
	2:00	Staff Meeting
	3:00	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday, Nov. 1	5:30	ESL/GED Dinner & Class —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall —see announcements

Sunday, November 4, 2018

9:30 Adult Education Class - *Simply Christian* by Tom Wright
—Library
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Communion Sunday & Ministry of the Farthest Pew

Daylight Savings Time Ends



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of November is Teeter Smith.

Special thanks to today's guest musician:

Jillionna Bailey-Plemmons, a native of Fletcher, NC, has played the harp since she was nine. Her mother, gospel recording artist harpist Judy Wolter-Bailey, has been her inspiration. Jillionna was principal harpist for the Asheville/Buncombe County Youth Orchestra for five years. She also has been a guest artist with the Blue Ridge Orchestra and a guest performer with the Brevard Philharmonic Orchestra. She is a member of the Blue Ridge Harp Ensemble. Jillionna placed first in the Asheville, NC Young Artist's Competition 2006, and second place in the Hendersonville, NC, Young Artist Competition 2007, performing *Mozart's Concerto in C* with her sister who is also a harpist. Jillionna has performed yearly with her sister at the Biltmore House and the Grove Park Inn Resort, Asheville, NC. She has recorded over 100 songs over a five year period for "Kids Time" TV on Three Angels Broadcast Network (3ABN) and is also regularly seen on Hope Channel, Son Beam TV, and Kids and Teens Television (KTV).

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

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.

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 Session has called for a Congregational Meeting today immediately following the worship service for the purpose of placing 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 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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