


  
**SUNDAY CELEBRATION**
  
 OCTOBER 7, 2018
   
**20TH 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** "Highland Cathedral" Ulysses Roever  
 Cameron Nixon, *Bagpiper*

**Welcome** Curtis Fussell

**\*Opening Litany**

Leader: From north and south, from east and west; come.  
**People: God's people gather at the table where God's grace nourishes us.**

Leader: From down the street, across town, from households to apartment dwellers:

**People: God's people seek to live in harmony and to help one another.**

Leader: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones and to elders;

**People: come, let us witness to God's work for peace on earth in Jesus Christ.**

*A Prayer for World Communion*

**\*Hymn #498** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" BEACH SPRING

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Gracious God, you invite us to walk in your ways. You ask us to live before you as companions with your Word. But the cares of life and our own selfish desires dull our efforts. When our faith becomes dry and casual, we then lose the zeal of your Word that gives life and power. Lord, have mercy on us and restore a right mind in us. (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** Emily Wilmarth

**Scripture Reading** Mark 10:2-16

**Sermon** "No Limit" Curtis Fussell

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us in Christ, and who has also put his seal on us, and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*

*2 Corinthians 1:19-22*

**\*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.)

Mission Partner—*The Highlands Food Pantry*  
*Dick Grier, Director International Friendship Center*

**Prayers of God's People**

**Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom**

**Offertory** *Let Us Break Bread Together* African-American Spiritual  
 Chancel Choir arr. John Ness Beck

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
 Let us break bread together on our knees.  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
 Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
 Let us praise God together on our knees.  
 When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
 O Lord, have mercy on me  
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDETH

***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 #509**

HOLY MANNA

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

"Hornpipe"

G.F. Handel

**Participating in Today's Service:**

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

**Today's greeters are:**

Tom Nelson, Peggy & Scott Turner, Donna Woods

*Flowers for the sanctuary are presented by Don and Betty Fisher  
 to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
 James H. and Jimmy Crawford, Betty's father and younger brother.*

**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,  
 the family of Sandra Ballentine upon her death,  
 Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece), Pat Boyd, Steve Castellaw,  
 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), Carole Marotti, Celia McCullough, Terry McMahon, Don Mullen,  
 Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page), Hillrie Quin, Veda & Jimmy Sherard,  
 Kay Smith, and Ginny Wright.

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

John Baker, Mike Bobo, Rachel Bowling, Jodie Cook, Lyle Cox, Agnes Crowe,  
 Wendy Davis, Steve Forester, K.C. Hembree, Jeff James, Linda James, Frank Jemison,  
 Donna Kneeland, Cherry Martin, Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy,  
 Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon, Sandra Simmons, Ivy Stubbs, Lil Waller,  
 Donna Wilson, and Woodrow Wilson.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday, Oct. 7 11:00 Morning Worship Service

**Empty Bowls Fundraiser—see announcements**

**4:00 Hymn Sing - Sanctuary**

Monday, Oct. 8 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 —Highlander Room  
 —see announcements

Tuesday, Oct. 9 4:00 Book Club—*The Women At the Pond*  
 by Ron Rash  
 —The Ugly Dog Public House  
 —see announcements

6:00 Community Table Dinner by FPCH  
 —Community Building  
 —see announcements

Wednesday, Oct. 10 11:30 HCCDC Children's Church  
 3:00 Staff Meeting  
 4:00 Handbell Rehearsal  
 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 11 5:30 ESL/GED Dinner & Class  
 —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall  
 —see announcements

**Sunday, October 14, 2018**

9:30 Adult Education Class - *Simply Christian* by Tom Wright  
 —Library  
 11:00 Morning Worship Service  
 Sacred Sounds Bell Choir

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder for the month of October is Delaine Nelson.

**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 eighth annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Food Pantry** will be held in Coleman Hall today from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Potters at the Bascom and elsewhere contribute hand thrown bowls and local chefs donate soups, bread, and cookies. Tickets are \$25 and include a bowl of your choice and the soup luncheon. The bowls are to be kept as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. In addition, professional potters and wood turners have created several bowls of exceptional merit to be offered at silent auction. Please join us for this wonderful community event.

**Old Fashioned Hymn Sing** – At 4pm today, we will have an old fashioned hymn sing in the church sanctuary. Those in attendance may choose a favorite hymn to sing from the 1938 Cokesbury hymnal. Please come and join us for an enjoyable hour of music and Christian fellowship!

**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!

**The Community Table**—There is a free community wide meal at the Highlands Community Center every Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Various groups volunteer to help prepare a meal, serve, and clean up. On Tuesday, **October 9**, First Presbyterian Church will volunteer our time and talents to this important outreach. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with those in our community. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join in this fellowship!

**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.



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