

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 10, 2019

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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 "In Church" P. I. Tchaikovsky
Sacred Sounds Bell Choir arr. Karen Roth

Welcome Curtis Fussell

*Opening Litany

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

People: *As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.*

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

People: *As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.*

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

People: *As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.*

***Processional Hymn #166** ST. FLAVIAN
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are unworthy servants. We have broken faith with you in thought, word, and deed. We are ashamed of the evil that dwells within us, and we confess that our very best falls far short of your vision for us. Forgive our sin, for Jesus' sake, and restore us to fellowship with you and all your holy ones. (Moment of silent individual confession) Amen.

Response Hymn 698

*Take, O take me as I am,
summon out what I shall be,
set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (3x)*

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 "He Hideth My Soul" William J. Kirkpatrick
Chancel Choir arr. Edwin Childs

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord.
A wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain: He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand, and covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burdens away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength for each day. *Refrain*

When clothed in His brightness transported I rise
To meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high. *Refrain*
Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13

Sermon *Lessons from the Wilderness* Emily Wilmarth
"Fearful Longing"

*Affirmation of Faith

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

From A Declaration of Faith (1977)

*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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" American Folk Hymn
arr. Susan Geschke

***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

Go In God's Name To Serve

***Hymn #783** "When We Are Tested" ANGELS OF HEALING
Choir sings verses 1 & 3
Congregation sings 2 & 4

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** "Fanfare in C Major" Henry Purcell

Participating in Today's Service:
Michael Lancaster, Director of Worship/Music
Angie Jenkins, Organist/Music Coordinator

Our Greeters today are:
Sally & Dallis Copeland and Gerri Tully & Dick Grier

Flowers for the sanctuary are presented by Sally & Dallis Copeland to the Glory of God and in gratitude and joy for all who serve our church.

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), Foster Boone (Marty Boone's brother), Steve Castellaw, Wayne Coleman, Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan's mother), Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother), Ann Greenlee, Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland's sister), Makenzie Howard (Pam & Bill Peacock's granddaughter), Linda Lancaster, Ethan Lassiter (grandson of Marianne & E.G. Lassiter), Ashley Turner Leverett (daughter of Peggy and Scott Turner), Elizabeth Mauldin (Bill Mauldin's daughter), Mary Louise McLaurin & family upon the death of her daughter, May Louise McLaurin Ross, Terry McMahan, Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page), David Seaton (son of Nell and Charles Seaton), Beth Sellers (Anne Sellers' daughter-in-law), Veda & Jimmy Sherard, Kay Smith and Bobbe Wolfe.

Please keep in your prayers these members in the community and beyond:
Harriet Bauknight, Mike Bobo, Caroline Cook, Jodie Cook, Dianne Copeland, Lyle Cox, Agnes Crowe, Steve Foster, Jackson Hall, K.C. Hembree, Billie Jean Hendrix, Jeff James, Donna Kneeland, Cherry Martin, Beth Moore (Wally Patzke's wife), Lil Murphy, Melanie Nix, Eliza Parish, Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon, Gene Talley, Lil Waller and Woodrow Wilson.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10	11:00	Morning Worship Service
Monday, March 11	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room —See announcement
Tuesday, March 12	4:00	Book Club— <i>Why Were They Throwing Bricks?</i> by Jenny Zhang —The Ugly Dog Public House —See announcement
	6:00	Community Table Dinner—hosted by FPCH —Community Building
Wednesday, March 13	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 14	5:30	ESL/GED Dinner & Class —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall —see announcement
	7:00	Women's Horizon Bible Study —Fisher Home —See announcement

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:30 Adult Education Class —Managing Anxiety Through Faith and Lifestyle
—Library—see announcement

11:00 Morning Worship Service

Guest Musicians:

Patricia Black, *Pianist* and Andrew Parker, *Oboist*

Congregational Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of March is Gena Smith.

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 pm, at The Ugly Dog Public House. We are currently reading *The O. Henry Prize Stories 2018*, edited by Laura Furman. Books are available at Amazon.com or in the church office for \$12.00. 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.

Managing Anxiety Through Faith and Lifestyle—When it comes to anxiety and stress related illnesses, America is the frontrunner. Chances are you or someone you know struggles with anxiety. Join David Hodgson, Counseling Psychologist, for a Sunday morning series during the 9:30 Adult Education hour to promote a faith based approach to managing anxiety and improving your quality of life. The series takes place during Lent and meets in the church Library.

Women's Horizon Bible Study—The Horizon's Bible Study will cover Lesson Seven, *God with Us as Emmanuel*, on Thursday, March 14. We meet at 7:00 P. M. in the Fisher home at 351 Cheney Lane. All ladies of the church and friends are cordially invited to participate.

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 2019 Flower Calendar —To provide flowers in honor of a loved one, please fill out a flower leaflet and the flower calendar located upstairs in the main hallway. Contributions to the flower fund are always appreciated.

Service of Wholeness and Healing —On Sunday, April 7, we will have a Service of Wholeness and Healing at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. This service is designed to provide worshipers with a space to pray and reflect on the needs in their lives, whether they are seeking healing or wholeness for themselves, a loved one, or the earth. There will be music, hands-on exercises for reflection, and time for contemplation and prayer. All are welcome, dress is casual. We hope you will include this service in your Lenten discipline.

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