



SUNDAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 17, 2019

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

11:00 A.M.

CHRIST'S CHURCH WITH ITS DOORS OPEN WIDE

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 "Gabriel's Oboe" Ennio Morricone
Andrew Parker, *Oboist*
Patricia Black, *Pianist*

Welcome Curtis Fussell

*Opening Litany

Leader: If God does not build the house,
People: in vain the masons toil.
Leader: If God does not guard the city,
People: in vain the sentries watch.
Leader: Yet, O God, in Jesus Christ you have established the church,
People: and by your Spirit and in your Word, you watch over us.
Based on Psalm 127

***Processional Hymn #33** LLANFAIR
"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, your grace and care for us is steadfast and sure. So, we petition you to draw us into your embrace that we may become truly alive. We admit that we have lived too defensively and carefully. We have sought to protect our lives and not to give them up in following you. We confess that we have acted too reasonably and too cautiously, rather than with actions worthy of your determination to go the way of the cross. Now, Lord, move us forward with the will to give ourselves to working out your grace and mercy in our lives in imitation of Jesus Christ. (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

Emily Wilmarth

Anthem

"Be Still, My Soul"
Chancel Choir

Jean Sibelius
arr. Dan Bird

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
Katharina von Schlegel (1752)

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Lessons from the Wilderness
"Determination"

Curtis Fussell

*Affirmation of Faith

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 J.S. Bach
"Adaigo" from *Concerto in D minor*

***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 #792** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

*Blessing and Benediction

***Postlude** "Hornpipe" G. F. Handel

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

Our Greeters today are:
Cathy & David Hodgson and Kay & Teeter Smith

*Flowers for the sanctuary are presented by Carol & Skip Hughes
to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.*

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), 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), 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 Fletcher Wolfe and family upon the death of 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.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17	11:00	Morning Worship Service
		Congregational Luncheon
Monday, March 18	8:00	Men's Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room — <i>See announcement</i>
	4:30	Session Meeting —Westminster Room
Tuesday, March 19	4:00	Book Club— <i>An Amount of Discretion</i> by Laura Alwan —The Ugly Dog Public House — <i>See announcement</i>
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, March 20	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 21	5:30	ESL/GED Dinner & Class —Westminster Room & Coleman Hall — <i>see announcement</i>

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 Adult Education Class —Managing Anxiety Through Faith and Lifestyle
—Library—*see announcement*
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Guest Musician:
Kela Walton, *Harpist*
12:00—4:00 Session Retreat in Coleman Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of March is Gena Smith.

Special thanks to today's guest musicians:

Patricia Black holds Music Performance degrees from Northwestern University and the Ecole Nationale in France. She has served as pianist for the Chicago Symphony Chorus, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Lyric Opera Ballet and the Chicago Civic Orchestra. Currently, in addition to her post as rehearsal and concert accompanist for the Transylvania Choral Society, she serves as keyboardist for the Asheville, Hendersonville,

and Brevard Symphony Orchestras, collaborator with other local musical organizations, devoted advocate of music education, and music teacher of all ages in her Brevard music studio.

Oboist **Dr. Andrew W. Parker** has performed throughout the United States in some of the country's most prestigious concert halls. As an avid orchestral and chamber musician, Dr. Parker has performed with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, Amadeus Chamber Orchestra, Round Rock Symphony Orchestra, Temple Symphony, Atlantic Music Festival Orchestra, Ensemble Du Monde, Symphony Space All-Star Orchestra and Le Train Blue. Currently, Dr. Parker serves as the Artistic Coordinator of the Brevard Music Center and Instructor of Oboe at Brevard College. He performs with the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra, Asheville Symphony Orchestra, Brevard Philharmonic, Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. Previously, he lived in New Haven, CT where he served as the Managing Director of the Yale Philharmonia at the Yale School of Music. As a teacher, Dr. Parker has taught privately for numerous school districts in Texas and Connecticut, given masterclasses at the SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Music, Yale School of Music, and Usdan Center for Performing and Visual Arts. Dr. Parker received his Bachelors of Music from the SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Music, Masters of Music from the Yale School of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Texas at Austin.

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.

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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