

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 "Serenade to Spring" Rolf Lovland
Jillionna Bailey-Plemmons, *Harpist*
Candace Norton, *Flutist*

Welcome Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

Leader: Here, in this place, we discover the great things God has done.

People: *In story and song, in silence and sacrament, we are reminded that God's relationship with us which lasts forever.*

Leader: Here, with these people, we find our true home.

People: *where we can run home laughing, after being lost for so long.*

Leader: Here, during this holy season, we hear those promises made so long ago.

People: *Of the One who repairs all our mistakes, of the One who reshapes our brokenness.*

Inspired by Psalm 126

***Processional Hymn #610** AZMON
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. (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

Sacrament of Baptism

Mary Baldwin "Mimi" Shaw
Daughter of Suzanne and David Shaw

Welcome "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" STUTTGART

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving Parent,
Learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.*

Anthem Amazing Grace arr. William Hall
Jacob Plaisted, *Baritone*
Chancel Choir

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.
Text by John Newton (1772)

Scripture Reading John 12:1-8

Sermon *Lessons from the Wilderness* Emily Wilmarth
"Faith's Fragrance"

*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

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 7, 2019

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST 11:00 A.M.
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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*

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

Offering Our Gifts for the Work of God's Kingdom

Offertory "Ave Maria" Franz Schubert

***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** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" HOLY MANNA

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** "Voluntary in D minor" Franz Walezynski

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

Our Greeters today are:
Judy & Tom Joyner, Tom Nelson and Donna Woods

Flowers for the sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God in celebration of Mary Baldwin Shaw's baptism.

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, 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), Kelly McDuff, 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 Robert Whaley (Judy Joyner's cousin).

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, April 7 11:00 Morning Worship Service
5:00 Service of Wholeness and Healing
—see announcement

Monday, April 8 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
—Highlander Room

Tuesday, April 9 4:00 Book Club—*More or Less Like a Man* by Michael Powers
—The Ugly Dog Public House
6:00 Community Table Dinner
—Community Building

Wednesday, April 10 3:00 Staff Meeting
4:00 Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11 5:30 ESL/GED Dinner & Class
—Westminster Room & Coleman Hall
7:00 **Women's Horizon Bible Study**
—Betty Fisher's Home
—see announcement

Holy Week

Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday & Passion of Our Lord
9:30 Adult Education Class —Library
11:00 Morning Worship Service

A service leading to the Passion of our Lord from the Gospel of Luke with a Congregational Luncheon immediately following the service.

Thursday, April 18
Maundy Thursday Service & Dinner

5:30 pm in Coleman Hall
Come for a light dinner followed by the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Friday, April 19
Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Assemble at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church at noon.
All area churches are invited to participate.

Sunday, April 21
Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service
Sponsored by the churches of Highlands.
7:00 am at the Highlands Memorial Park
(Rain or cold plan: Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Chapel)
Easter Celebration Sunday Service
11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church
Sacrament of Holy Communion & Ministry of the Farthest Pew
With guest musicians Mario Gaetano, *Timpani* and a Brass Quintet

Monday, April 22
Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of April is Delaine Nelson.

Special thanks to today's guest musicians:

Jillionna Bailey-Plemmons, a native of Fletcher, NC, has played the harp since she was nine years old. 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).

Candace Norton is a native of Carlisle, MA where she studied flute performance at the Longy School of Music. She furthered her musical studies at UNC Greensboro and has been teaching a private flute studio since graduation. Candace is the former principal flutist for the Brevard Philharmonic and is currently performing her 22nd season with the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra.

Service of Wholeness and Healing—On Sunday, April 7, we will have a Service of Wholeness and Healing at 5:00 p.m. 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.

Women's Horizon Bible Study—The final Horizons Bible Study for this year will cover Lessons 8 and 9—*God with Us in the Holy Spirit* and *God with Us*. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 11 in the Fisher home at 351 Cheney Lane to study scripture and lesson text. All ladies of the Church and friends are invited to join us.

Volunteer training classes for **Guardian Ad Litem** are being held weekly through May 9th in Sylva, NC. Guardian ad Litem (GALS) are court-appointed volunteers who serve abused and neglected children in the NC court system. A Guardian Ad Litem serves as a child's voice in court. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and advocating for children, please visit volunteerforgal.org for additional information. You may also contact the Haywood office at (828) 454-6395. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming volunteer classes!