

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 "Prelude in D Major, BWV 924, No. 4" J.S. Bach
Patricia Black, *Pianist*

Welcome Emily Wilmarth

*Opening Litany

All: *Praise the Lord!*
Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens!
Women: *Praise God from the skies!*
Men: Praise God, all the angels!
Women: *Praise God, the whole host of heaven!*
Men: Praise God, sun and moon!
Leader: Praise God, all you twinkling stars!
All: *Let them all praise the name of the Lord.
For God's name is very great;
God's glory covers the earth and heaven!*
From Psalm 148

***Hymn #15** LASST UNS ERFREUN
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view. We feel comfortable in our circles of belonging, confident that we are "in" while choosing to call others "out." We assume we know what holiness looks like, acts like, thinks like. We forget, or never really knew, that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is. So when we exclude, we exclude you. Forgive us. Wash us clean. Open our eyes, our minds, our hearts, to see the work of your Holy Spirit, even where we don't expect it. Help us, when we do, to stop hindering your work in the world. (Moment of silent individual 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 *Der 42. Psalm Op. 42 (1837, rev. 1838)*
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)
Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus

1. *Wie der Hirsch schreit (As the deer cries)*
As the deer cries for fresh water,
so cries my soul, God, for you.
Text: Psalm 42:1

Scripture Reading Acts 11:1-18

Sermon "The Gift of the Holy Spirit" Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.
1 John 4:16, 18-21

***Gloria Patri** GREATOR EX

*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

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

MAY 19, 2019

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*

Offertory “Sicut cervus” (1581) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525-1594)

As the deer yearns for springs of water,
so yearns my soul for you, God.
Text: Psalm 42:1

***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 #318** “In Christ There Is No East or West” ST. PETER

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** "Rigaudon" Andre Campra

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

Our Greeters today are:
Katelin Chambers, Kelly McDuff and Judith & Kent Mergler

Please keep in your prayers these members and friends of the congregation:

Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland’s niece),
Carolyn Browne (Jim Browne’s sister),
Steve Castellaw, Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan’s mother),
Marc Good (Frances Hicks’ brother), Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland’s sister),
Oliva Holt and family upon the death of her mother Laverne Baker Nalley Sharp,
Christy Kelly, Linda Lancaster, Pat Langston (Delaine Nelson’s father),
Carolyn Lucas (Chad Lucas’ mother), Van Lucas (Chad Lucas’ uncle),
Ashley Turner Leverett (daughter of Peggy and Scott Turner),
Caroline McCown (Don & Betty Fisher’s Daughter),
Arnall Page (son of Dr. & Mrs. John Page),
Ernestine “Teen” Reed (Betty Fisher’s aunt),
David Seaton (son of Nell and Charles Seaton),
Beth Sellers (Anne Sellers’ daughter-in-law), Veda & Jimmy Sherard,
Kay Smith, Kevin Tietze, Scott Turner, and Robert Whaley (Judy Joyner’s cousin).

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

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,
Beth Moore (Wally Patzke’s wife), Lil Murphy,
Melanie Nix, Eliza Parish, Seth Satterwhite, Jim Shearon,
Gene Talley 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, May 19	11:00	Morning Worship Service
	4:00	Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus Concert
Monday, May 20	8:00	Men’s Prayer Breakfast —Highlander Room
Tuesday, May 21	4:00	Book Club— <i>Chaddeleys and Flemings: I. Connection</i> by Alice Munro —The Ugly Dog Public House — <i>See announcement</i>
	6:00	Community Table Dinner —Community Building
Wednesday, May 22	3:00	Staff Meeting
	4:00	Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
	5:45	Family Table Potluck Dinner —Coleman Hall — <i>See announcement</i>
	6:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 23	7:00	Men’s Chorus Rehearsal —Choir Room

Sunday, May 26, 2019

9:30 Adult Education Class —Library—*see announcement*
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Sacred Sounds Bell Choir
Linda Lancaster, *Flutist*
Bradley Ulrich, *Trumpeter*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder for the month of May is Scott McDuff.

Deepest gratitude is extended to the Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus for their participation in today’s service. The group, founded and conducted by our own Dr. Michael Lancaster, will be performing in a concert entitled *Rejoice in the Lamb* in our church sanctuary at 4pm this afternoon.

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.

Gratitude is extended to **The Matthews Music Fund** for underwriting today’s guest musicians.

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. Beyond the Walls will be starting a new book of short stories on May 21, *The Moons of Jupiter* by Alice Munro. The cost of the book will be \$8.00. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

You are invited to the Wednesday Night **Family Table**, a **potluck dinner**, on May 22 at 5:45pm in Coleman Hall. Feel free to invite a friend or family member and bring enough food to share and meet the Class of 2021 Session Elders.

The Adult Education Class has begun a study on the parable of the Prodigal Son with the book *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. This class will continue through the month of May. The class meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church Library. Books are available in the church office. This study makes use of Rembrandt’s painting interpreting the scene when the prodigal son arrives home with his father embracing him while his older brother stands aside. A way of discovery ensues in this parable for those who have known rejection, jealousy or anger. It challenges us to find fresh ways to see ourselves in the prodigal son, the elder brother, and ultimately in the loving father.

The Carolina Women’s Chorale summer singers will begin our third season of rehearsals soon. The chorale is open to sopranos and altos, no audition required. The Chorale rehearses every Thursday, June through August, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the church choir room. Dr. Michael Lancaster is the Director. For more information, call the church office at 828 526-3175 or Donna Philips at 828 526-5842.

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.

The Church of the Incarnation will offer a **Grief Support Group** on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 beginning June 6th through July 18th. The group will not meet on July 4th. This group will be offered on an ongoing basis as a service to the community of Highlands. The facilitator of the group will be Anne Koenig, LPC, RPT-S, a local private practice counselor also affiliated with the Counseling and Psychotherapy Center in Highlands. Anne has been in practice for several decades. She has led several groups, including groups to help relieve Post Traumatic Stress. For additional information and registration, please call the church office at (828) 526-2968 or Anne Koenig at (404) 357-0728.

The Highlands United Methodist Church’s **Annual Author’s Tea** will be held June 15th at the Methodist Church. Local author Diane C. McPhail will be the featured writer. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Books are \$26.00 each. All proceeds will benefit the HUMC building fund. Contact the Highlands United Methodist Church.

Our 8:30am Worship service will begin Sunday, June 2nd!

Communion is served every Sunday during this service.
Please come and bring a friend!

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