

SUNDAY CELEBRATION

MAY 5, 2019

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Reflection on "Bunessan" Gaelic Melody
arr. Andrew Moore

Welcome Chad Lucas

*Opening Litany

Leader: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.
People: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.
Leader: Where there was no way,
People: God leads us in a new way.
Leader: Where there was no mercy,
People: God surprises us with fresh mercy.
Leader: Where there was weeping,
People: God invites us to step into a new dance.
Based on Psalm 30

***Processional Hymn #245** LLANFAIR
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, we think that Easter is over. The special music we heard that morning has turned to the familiar refrain of temptation. We have stopped walking the path of joy and wonder, and have instead turned down the crooked alleyways of our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we have returned to our old ways of doing things. But you will not leave us alone. But even when we fail, God of seaside breakfasts, you still meet us where we are, ready to feed us with the goodness of your Word. Even when we stop believing new life is possible, you show us how to recast our nets. You open our hearts to a different way of living in your world so that we can experience the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (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 Emily Wilmarth

Anthem "From All that Dwell Below the Skies" Gordon Young
Chancel Choir

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

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Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.
Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Scripture Reading John 21:1-19

Sermon "Food for Life" Emily Wilmarth

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
From A Brief Statement of Faith

***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

Offertory Anton Dvorak
"Goin' Home" from *the New World Symphony, Op. 95*
Jacob Plaisted, *Baritone*

Goin' home, goin' home, I'm a'goin' home;
quiet-like, some still day, I'm jes' goin' home.
It's not far, jes' close by, through an open door; work all done,
care laid by, going to fear no more.
Mother's there expecting me, Father's wait-in' too;
lots o' folk gather'd there, all the friends I knew,
All the friends I knew. Home, home, I'm goin' home!

Noth-in' lost, all's gain, no more fret nor pain,
no more stumblin' on the way, no, more longin' for the day,
Goin' to roam no more! Mornin' star lights the way,
restless dream all done; shadows gone, break o' day,
real life jes' begun. There's no break, ain't no end, jes' a liv-in' on;
wide awake, with a smile goin' on and on.
Goin' home, goin' home, I'm jes' goin' home; it's not far,
jes' close by through an open door.
I'm jes' goin' home.
Goin' home.
Words and Adaptation by William Arms Fisher

***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 #246** "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO
vv. 1,3,4,5

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** arr. Janet Linker
"Festive Recessional" on *Crucifer* and *Darwall's 148th*

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

Our Greeters today are:
Kelly & Scott McDuff and Ellen & Tom Roberson

*The flowers in the sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God
by Hilda & Pat Patrick in memory of
Elizabeth Parker McCloskey and Patrick Charles McCloskey.*

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

Frances Boggess (Sally Copeland's niece),
Steve Castellaw, Blanche Fenner (Karen Sullivan's mother),
Marc Good (Frances Hicks' brother), Cecil Hines (Sally Copeland's sister),
Christy Kelly, Linda Lancaster, Pat Langston (Delaine Nelson's father),
Ethan Lassiter (grandson of Marianne & E.G. Lassiter),
Carolyn Lucas (Chad Lucas' mother), Van Lucas (Chad Lucas' uncle),
Ashley Turner Leverett (daughter of Peggy and Scott Turner),
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 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 5 11:00 Morning Worship Service

Congregational Luncheon

Monday, May 6 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
—Highlander Room

Tuesday, May 7 4:00 Book Club—*We Keep Them Away*
by Stephanie A. Vega
—The Ugly Dog Public House
—*See announcement*

6:00 Community Table Dinner
—Community Building

Wednesday, May 8 3:00 Staff Meeting
4:00 Sacred Sounds Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9 7:00 Men's Chorus Rehearsal

Sunday, May 12, 2019
9:30 Adult Education Class —Library—*see announcement*
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Kelly O'Dell, *Oboist*
Erin Hansen, *Harpist*
Garrett Whipkey, *Tenor*

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Elder for the month of May is Scott McDuff.

Special thanks to Jacob Plaisted for singing a solo during today's service. Jacob is from Charlotte, NC, and will graduate from Western Carolina University this coming Saturday, May 11 with a degree in Vocal Performance. At WCU, he has been a member of the University Chorus, Catamount Singers and Electric Soul, Opera Scenes, Chamber Singers, Roadworks, and Early Music Ensemble. He is also a member of the Concert Choir which recently headlined a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City, where he was a featured soloist. Jacob has spent his last two summers singing bass with the Junaluska Singers. He has been a soloist in several choral masterworks, and was a winner of the 2018 Jackson County Civic Orchestra solo competition. Jacob has served as an Intern in the Chancel Choir since January 2015.

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. 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 to each reader will be \$8.00. You are invited to join this energetic group as we move our Christian faith Beyond the Walls!

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 Asheville Symphony Chamber Chorus will present a free concert entitled *Rejoice in the Lamb* at 4pm on Sunday, May 19th in our church sanctuary. The group will also sing during the 11am worship service that morning. The Chamber Chorus is conducted by Dr. Michael Lancaster.

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 5:30 to 7:00 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 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 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.

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