

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Children, honor your father and mother that your days may be long in the land which the Lord, your God has given you; Parents, provoke not your children to wrath for this is pleasing in God's sight; Let the husband and the wife be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

And may the road rise to meet you, the wind be always at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

†If you are able, please stand.

Opportunities for Service, Study & Fellowship

A Congregational Meeting will take place following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 20, 2019. The purpose of this meeting will be to formally dissolve the Pastoral Call between the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia and the Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr., so that John may be Honorably Retired.

HELP HOST FAMILY PROMISE: There is a spot for you to join in the fellowship and service! We host January 13-20. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Sign up at www.fpcgastonia.org.

JANUARY IS CAM MONTH: Please bring non-perishable food items to stock the shelves of Crisis Assistance Ministry. Many families in our community are helped every month and our church is a core supporter of that important work!

FPC TO HOST JANUARY 26 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

Join us as we welcome ministers and elders from across the presbytery for worship, the work of the church, and lunch. Roger Rizk is recruiting greeters. Rissie Bryant and Mary Sumner could use your help providing hospitality through decorating and food. Plan to pitch in as we make this a Presbytery meeting to remember!

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY: January 27 is Boy Scout Sunday. Our

Troop will join us for one worship service at 11:00 (no Thrive). The whole congregation is invited to a spaghetti lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship. (There will be no THRIVE).

GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

The Women's Council of First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia has allocated \$20,000 for multiple small grants. Interested members should complete an application by January 31st, 2019, 5:00 p.m. deadline. Please direct questions to Barbara Yarbrough, Presbyterian Women's Moderator at 704.867.0887 or byarbrough03@gmail.com. Applications are also available at the front desk at FPC.

UPCOMING EVENTS: February 3: Souper Bowl of Caring;

February 10: Valentine's Dinner; February 17: Blanket Sunday; March 2: PW Bake Sale.

WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church - where faith is alive! Your presence here is our honor and joy. We pray that your heart is encouraged, that the Word is clear, and that you go from this place renewed and refreshed - in search of an ever deeper connection with our awesome God! If you would like more information about First Presbyterian Church, please sign the welcome forms in your pew or stop by the welcome table.

PROFESSIONAL NURSERY CARE is offered for infants and children up to five years old. The nursery is located on the first floor; please see an usher for directions.

WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Worship activity boards and age-appropriate books related to the scripture lesson are available in the Narthex near the entrance to the Sanctuary. We also have Children's Church every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of each month. Children's Church is a worship experience designed especially for children (kindergarten through grade 3). It begins after A Time for Young Disciples in the worship service and meets in the Chapel.

Leading worship today are: Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr., Senior Minister; Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore, Associate Minister; Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation; Jill Kimbirl, Director of Children's Ministries; Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries; David Jennings, Organist; Matt Smith, THRIVE Music Leader; Sanctuary Choir; Cole Freeman, Violinist

THIS WEEK AT FPC ([see our website calendar for a full list](#)):

The calendar is on our website in the upper righthand corner.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (some classes)
10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service; Ordination and Installation of Officers (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. Senior High Youth (PAD)
6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

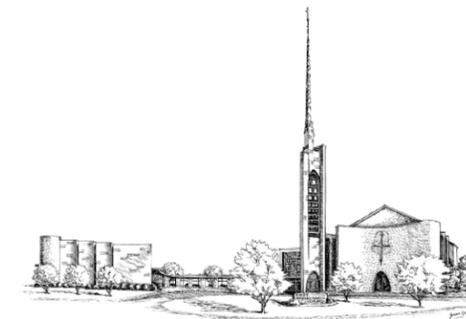
Monday: 8:30 a.m. Yoga (Narthex)

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. Communications/Membership Development (Session Room)
6:00 p.m. Adult Ministry (Parlor)
6:30 p.m. Worship Ministry (Session Room)

Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast (PAD)
10:00 a.m. Sewing Ministry (Sewing Room)
Noon-1:00 p.m. Prayer Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. Wee Sing Children's Music (Session Room)
5:30 p.m. First Kidz (Fellowship Hall)
5:35-7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Ringers Practice
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting (Confirmation Room)
7:00-8:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. Finance Ministry (Session Room)
8:30 a.m. Yoga (Narthex)
Today is Nickel-a-Meal Sunday.

The Sanctuary flowers are given for the glory of God and in honor and celebration of John Frye's ministry.



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord
10:00 a.m. Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CARILLON PEAL

Please enter to worship in a spirit of reverence.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

ORGAN PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the tomb looms large before our eyes, remind us, Lord, who we are:

We are children of the resurrection; the place of death will not hold us.

We are the painters of the rainbows; the shadow of death will not daunt us.

We are the breakers of loaves and fishes; the taste of death will not defile us.

We are the people of Pentecost; the spirit of death will not destroy us! God is our refuge and our strength. We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.

(adapted from Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson, *Litanies and Other Prayers*, Year C, Abingdon Press: Nashville, 1991, pp. 173-174).

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we come as people who seek comfort rather than challenge. Where there is injustice we support status quo. Where there is ignorance we suppress knowledge. Where there is apathy we suppress concern. Where there is disdain we suppress involvement. In your great mercy forgive us as we look the other way. Send us into this New Year as people passionate for your will and way. Let us be beacons of your justice, peace and mercy. Remind us that we are your hands and feet in the world. Remind us that we owe our lives to a servant Lord. We pray in Jesus' name...(silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEMS

*Celebrate Today
Thankful*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

CHORAL ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song

ALLEN POTE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8 pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 635

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:14-17 pew Bible, New Testament pg. 126
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 pew Bible, New Testament pg. 60

This is the Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.
Here I Am, Send Me!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor John H. Stanley

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

ARR. BY KEVEREN

†DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS

†Ordination Candidates

ELDERS

Franklin S. Craig
David Watt Dickson
David Lewis Charles Efrid
†Lynne Baldwin Hathcock
†Mary Evans Layton
†Dustin Patrick Letts
†Beverly Wilson Sumner

DEACONS

†John Wayne Finley
†Davidson Robert Hobson
†Pollock Adams Jasmine
†Matthew Dixon Miller
†Wesley Lee Nester
†Patricia Sudderth
†Geoffrey Brian Wallwork

THE LITANY OF GIFTS

There are different gifts,
but it is the Spirit who gives them.
there are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through different people in different ways,
but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit
to use for the common good.
Together we are the Body of Christ
and, individually, members of Him.
And within our common ministry, some men and women are chosen for particular works as Elders and Deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whosoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be a slave of all."

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

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Do you, members of First Presbyterian Church, accept these men and women as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Christ?

We do.

Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

FAREWELL REMARKS TO DR. FRYE

FPC Youth
Tim Efrid, Immediate Past-Chair of Personnel Ministry
Rev. Bobbie White, PWNC Executive Presbyter
Pastor John H. Stanley
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM