

Opportunities for Service, Study & Fellowship

View a calendar of area health events, 99% of which are free, at: <https://bit.ly/2sqabSY>.

PRESBYTERY MISSION TRIPS

Love to serve? Looking for ways to help people impacted by recent hurricane flooding? Consider these great opportunities hosted by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

- April 28 – May 4, 2019 PDA Host Site, FPC Wilmington, NC
Maximum group size - 14.
- May 5 – May 11, 2019 NCCUMC Host Site, Chestnut Street UMC, Lumberton, NC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17: Blanket Sunday; March 2: PW Bake Sale; March 3: Rise Against Hunger; March 10: Presbyterian Women and Girl Scout Sunday (one service at 11:00 in the Sanctuary)

Community Lenten Lunch Series

Meal served at noon for \$6.00. Worship begins at 12:30. A love offering will be received each Wednesday to benefit CAM and The Resource Connection Gateway.

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

- Location: St. Marks (no meal)
- Preacher: Brack East, Holy Trinity Lutheran

March 13

- Location: First Presbyterian
- Preacher: Fr. Lucas Rossi, St. Michael's Catholic

March 20

- Location: St. Stephen's AME Zion
- Preacher: Matthew Kuiken, First ARP

March 27

- Location: St. Michael's Catholic
- Preacher: Felicia Fox, First Baptist

April 3

- Location: All Saints Episcopal
- Preacher: Juston Smith, First UMC

April 10

- Location: First Baptist
- Preacher: To Be Determined

April 17

- Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran
- Preacher: Lauren Sease Vanacore, First Presbyterian

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

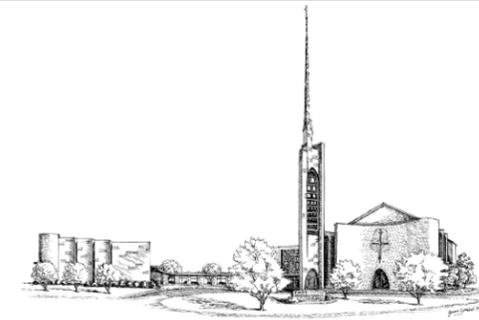
Worship activity boards and age-appropriate books related to the scripture lesson are available in the Narthex near the entrance to the Sanctuary. We also have Children's Church every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of each month. Children's Church is a worship experience designed especially for children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

Leading worship today are:

*Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation;
Elder Richard Rankin, Liturgist;
Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries;
David Jennings, Organist;*

All FPC worship services are streamed live on our website.

www.fpcgastonia.org/watchlive



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 10, 2019

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 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
Richard Rankin

A MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

ORGAN PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have traveled to this holy place,

to worship God together.

We have come seeking a word from God,

a whisper of assurance from the One who calls us.

We have come longing for a glimpse of God,

or a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.

Through our worship, music, learning, and laughter,

may God focus our sight through the lens of God's love.

Let us worship God together

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST.DENIO

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are people of unclean lips who serve a God of abundant grace but you call us to lives of service. Forgive us when we do not respond in faith. Forgive us of our action and inaction and lead us to be your faithful disciples... (silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord

MARK HAYES

Praise God in the sanctuary! Praise God in the highest heavens! Praise God for all earthly wonders, too marvelous for words.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Let all people in every language life their voice in one accord. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise God with the sound of trumpets! Praise God with the lute and harp, With tambourines and dancing, with sounds of strings and pipes!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Let all people in every language life their voice in one accord. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise God with the clanging cymbals, with loud resounding cymbals! Let every living creature should praises to our God, From every corner of the earth, from every tribe and tongue, From now and through eternity God's praises will be sung.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Let all people in every language life their voice in one accord. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Isaiah 6:1-8

pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 635

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

pew Bible, New Testament pg. 62

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

SERMON

Pastor John H. Stanley

"Called: To Go or Not To Go!"

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

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

NICKLE-A-MEAL OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #463

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

†CHARGE & BLESSING

†CHORAL AMEN

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

†If you are able, please stand.

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BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday gives us an opportunity to help people at home and all over the world who have suffered disasters. Church Word Services provide not only blankets but also emergency cleanup buckets, school kits, hygiene kits and a variety of other aid. CWS donation envelopes will be available on February 17 for your donation. *Make donation checks payable to FPC with 'Blanket' in the memo line.*

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The date for the Congregational Meeting/Annual Meeting of the Corporation has been set for Feb. 24 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

2019 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP:

Current high school seniors and college students, it is time to apply for this scholarship. Application information is available at the Reception Desk and is due to the presbytery no later than February 15, 2019. Ask for the blue scholarship folder and follow the guidelines to apply.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ALIVE!

Adult Ministries is pleased to kick off a new season of Wednesday night programs. The theme of this series will be "Cultivating our Faith". A meal will be served at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:15. Mark your calendar for the following Wednesday nights:

- February 20: Cultivating our faith in community: How to live to be 100!
- March 6: Ash Wednesday. Service at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.
- March 20: Cultivating our faith through music: Presenters are Bethany Jennings and David Jennings.
- April 3: Cultivating our faith during times of transition.
- April 17: Stations of the Cross.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FPC?

Come to the New Member Class on Sunday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room! You can join that day if you are ready. Please let Trip Stewart know you plan to attend (tstewart@fpcgastonia.org).

RISE AGAINST HUNGER: MARCH 3

Join the Missions Ministry for a congregation-wide meal packaging event in the Fellowship Hall. We will measure rice and nutritional supplements, bag and box them, and prepare them to be sent to disaster regions around the world. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please register at the following link: <http://events.stophungernow.org/FirstPresGastonia2019>.

FAITH AND FICTION

Faith and Fiction will meet on Sunday, March 3, at Covenant Village in the Card Room at 4:00 p.m.. We will be discussing *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Hostesses will be Bev Bryant and Jean Hileman.