

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP



TODAY WE COLLECT THE NICKEL-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING. These funds go to ministries feeding our neighbors locally and globally.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship
 February 18: Blanket Sunday
 February 25: Wear Red for Heart Awareness
 March 10: Presbyterian Women Bake Sale
 March 11: Women's Sunday

PLEASE JOIN THE ROADRUNNERS as they travel to Allison Creek Presbyterian Church, York, SC on Thursday, March 1, for an evening of Bluegrass music. The church has been offering this Bluegrass concert every first and third Thursday since 2003. Admission is free and hot dogs, hamburgers and homemade desserts are sold prior to the concert. The concert begins at 7pm, with food available at 6:30. The bus will leave at 5:30 pm from the church parking lot. Call the Receptionist desk for reservations by Monday, February 26.

ORDER PINE NEEDLES FROM SCOUT TROOP 11 by going online (bsatroup11.com) or contacting a scout. They arrive March 17.

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

Sunday: Nickel-A-Meal Offering
 9:00 a.m. Thrive (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
 5:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Monday: 10:00 a.m. Circle 1 (Parlor)
 10:30 a.m. Circle 2 (Covenant Village)
 2:00 p.m. Circle 3 (Covenant Village)
 6:30 p.m. Circle 6 (Parlor)

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. PET Meeting (Session Room)
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Session Room)
 10:00 a.m. Circle 4 (PAD)
 5:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (Session Room)
 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds (Library)

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (PAD)
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Ministry (Sewing Room)
 Noon Lenten Worship St. Mark's Episcopal (
 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
 5:30 p.m. Wee Sing Music (Session Room)
 5:35 p.m. Handbells (Sanctuary)

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:30 a.m. Finance (Session Room)
 8:30 a.m. Yoga (Narthex)
 10:00 a.m. Backpack Program (PAD)

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) and meets in the Shalom Room located in the lower level of the Sanctuary building.

Leading worship today are:

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore, Associate Minister;

Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation;

Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries;

David Jennings, Organist;

Sanctuary Ringers; Sanctuary Choir

ANTHEM TEXT

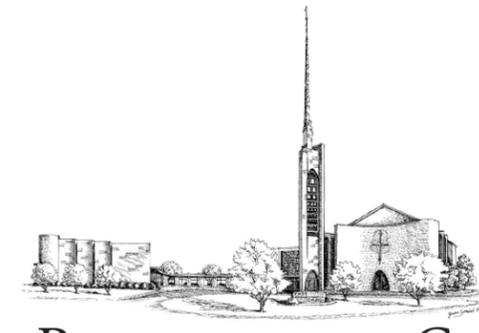
O Love that will not let me go,
 I rest my weary soul in thee;
 I give thee back the life I owe,
 That in thine ocean depths its flow
 May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
 I cannot close my heart to thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 And feel the promise is not vain,
 That morn shall tearless be.

O Love that will not let me go,
 I rest my weary soul in thee;
 I give thee back the life I owe,
 That in thine ocean depths its flow
 May richer, fuller be. O Love!

All FPC worship services are streamed live on our website.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 11, 2018
 Transfiguration of the Lord
 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
 Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

MINUTE FOR MISSION Presbyterian Women

HANDBELL PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION
 Ring Glory, Laud, and Honor LLOYD LARSON

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Isaiah 25 6-9)*
 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
 Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #666

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright PUERNOBIS NASCITUR

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh God. You ask for our hands — that you might use them for your purpose. We only give them for a moment, and then withdraw them for the work is hard. You ask for our mouths to speak out against injustice. We only whisper fearing that we might be accused. You ask for our eyes to see the harsh truth of poverty. We close them because we do not want to see. You ask for our lives, that you might work through us. We only give a small part. Lord forgive us our calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient to do so, only in the places where it is safe to do so, only with those who make it easy to do so. Patient God forgive us, renew us, and send us out as your instrument that we might take seriously the meaning of your cross. In Jesus' Name, we pray....(silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

CHILDREN MAY DEPART FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Love

ELAINE HAGENBERG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 332

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

pew Bible, New Testament pg. 44

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

"A Sight For Fresh Eyes"

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

HANDBELL OFFERTORY

Morning Song

KEVIN McCHESNEY

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL AMEN

The Congregation is asked to remain standing.

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

†If you are able, please stand.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Western NC are offering two \$1,500 scholarships. Applications are due this week (Feb. 15) and are available at the church Reception Desk.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP DURING LENT

The bus will leave the chapel side of our church for each Lenten service at 11:30 a.m.

2/14 at Noon: St. Mark's Episcopal Church (fruit only, no meal)

2/14 at 5:30 p.m.: Simple meal in our Fellowship Hall followed by Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30 p.m.

2/21 at Noon: We host the community in the Fellowship Hall for Lenten Lunch

Locations for 2/28, 3/7, and 3/14 to be announced.

BLANKET SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

We see all kinds of disasters every day on the news. Prayerfully consider a donation to Blanket Sunday to help families suffering disasters everywhere. All donations go to Church World Service to be used around the world to help families recover from disasters. CWS helps people in a time of crisis by giving them the resources they need for the long road to recovery. Blankets and other types of support are provided not only in the United States but also around the world anywhere disaster strikes. Blanket Sunday is just one of the many ministries that Presbyterian Women support. Each \$10.00 donation provides a blanket for someone in need at home or abroad. Please make checks to FPC and we will send one check to CWS.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Nominate someone who have been active in leadership and organization in Presbyterian Women. Applications are available at the Reception Desk and are due March 1.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE FPC APP?

We have a new way to access and share information with one another! The FPC app for your mobile device will give you access to event information, the church calendar, a digital Bible and more! Download it from the Google Play or App Store today! Search for "fpc gastonia".

CELEBRATE JOSIE MILLER

Today is Youth Director Josie Miller's last day in that position. Thank you for your service to the church! Our prayers go with you!