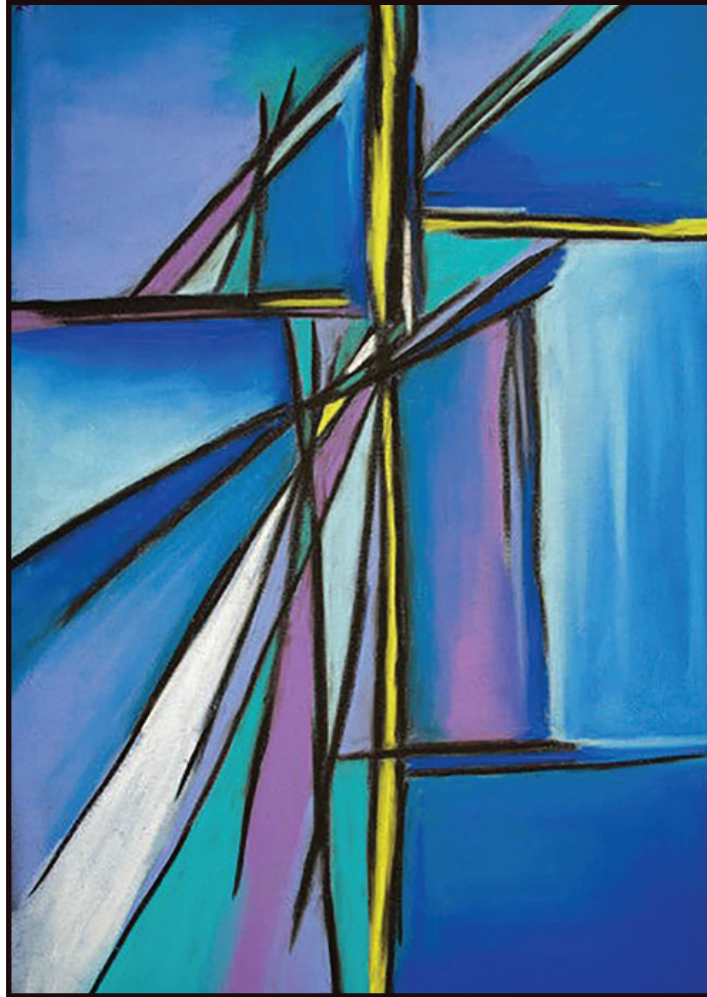


CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

March 11, 2018

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

*Women Called to Lead with Love*



"CROSSROADS, 2" based on Jeremiah 6: 16,  
Created for NEXT Church National Gathering, Atlanta, GA,  
February 2016, R. ev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Gastonia, North Carolina

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

### CARILLON PEAL

Please enter to worship in a spirit of reverence.

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Margaret Mackie, PW Moderator

### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Cynthia Anderson

### ORGAN PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

*Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

Gayden Sikes

### CALL TO WORSHIP \*

Anne Buchanan

What wondrous love is this?

Love that ate with sinners. Love that welcomed children.

What wondrous love is this?

Love that healed the lame. Love that listened to the silenced.

What wondrous love is this?

Love that died for us. Love that rose for us. Love that still forgives and knows us.

Family of God, we are in the presence of such wondrous love. Let us worship God.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #475

"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

## WE APPROACH GOD

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Barbara Yarbrough, PW Moderator-elect

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION\* (*Collectively*)

Merciful God, forgive our wild, untethered hearts. Forgive the parts of us that are falling apart. Forgive our lack of centering prayer, when our thoughts bounce everywhere. Forgive our resistance to sit still with you. Forgive our tendency to rush right through. Forgive our closed eyes, mouth, and hands. Forgive the sins we'll commit again. Forgive us for all the ways we fail you, both knowingly and unknowingly. Take my heart, Lord, and seal it with your grace, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer...(a pause for silent confession) ...Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### †GLORIA PATRI #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GREATOREX

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Girl Scouts & Caroline Letts, Leader Troop 20418  
(children may depart for Children's Church)

SPECIAL REMARKS

Josie Conner, Leader Troop 20533

ANTHEM

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

MACK WILBERG

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Hayley Nester  
page #49 in pew Bible

The word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. Garrity & Rev. Vanacore

## 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

Trip Stewart

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

Nickel-a-Meal Hunger Offering received today

ORGAN & HORN OFFERTORY

*Andante from Symphony No. 5*

Grace Dent, Horn  
FELIX MENDELSSOHN

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #409  
"God is Here"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Garrity

†CHORAL RESPONSE

†ORGAN POSTLUDE  
*Toccata on NETTLETON*

DAVID LASKY

†*If you are able, please stand.*

Ushers: Pat Glenn (Head)

Kay Brown  
Dianne Belton

Gloria Hickson  
Nan Thomas

Greeters:

Esther Nelson  
Becky Voorhees

Janie Stiles  
Leslie Wallace

### Bio - Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Lisle Gwynn Garrity is a Pastorist (pastor + artist), retreat leader, and creative entrepreneur seeking to fill the church with color, paint and creativity. She founded *A Sanctified Art* with the conviction that, in order to thrive, the church needs more creative expression and art-filled freedom.

A graduate of Davidson College, where she majored in English (and unofficially minored in visual art), Lisle has a long history of formal and informal art training. After being offered a unique fellowship to attend seminary, Lisle completed Master's degrees in Divinity and Practical Theology (with a concentration in Worship). She is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She and her husband recently moved back to her hometown of Black Mountain, NC.

See more about Lisle's work at [Sanctifiedart.org](http://Sanctifiedart.org)



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## Who We Are

The organization of First Presbyterian Church encompasses all adult women members of the church and groups them into circles for spiritual growth, nurturing, support, and service outreach. Most circles meet monthly for fellowship, Bible study, and planning, while several circles do not hold meetings but share in service projects.

### 2017-2018 Officers

Margaret Mackie, Moderator  
Barbara Yarbrough, Moderator-Elect  
Kate Buckles, Vice-Moderator  
Jennie Williams, Past Moderator

Trip Stewart, Secretary  
Sonya Spencer, Treasurer  
Betsy Summer, Historian

### Circle Moderators and Meeting Schedule

#1	Page Carver, Lynne Hathcock	2nd Monday of the month at 10:30 (homes)
#2	Bev Bryant/Pam Glenn	2nd Monday of the month at 10:30 (Covenant Village)
#3	Dorothy McKenzie/Eleanor Beasley	2nd Monday of the month at 2:00 (Covenant Village)
#4	Lil Lanier/Janie Stiles	2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 (lunch in parlor)
#5	Kate Buckles/Tyler Bullock	flexible schedule
#6	Cynthia Anderson/Barbara Hite	2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 (dinner in parlor)
Young Women's Gathering		3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:15 (Olio's Restaurant)
A	Gretchen Akers/Nan Thomas	(service circle)
B/C	Kelly Hovis/Barbara Spencer	(service circle)
D	Glenda Kessell/Trip Stewart	(service circle)

For information about joining any of these circles, contact Trip Stewart at 704-864-2651, ext. 109.

## What We Stand For

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our own faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

## How We Serve

- \*Provide meals or receptions for families upon the death of a church member
- \*Create handmade items for new babies, sick persons, overseas children, and local nonprofit clients
- \*Deliver casseroles to church members and families during illness, recovery, and new parenthood
- \*Sponsor Blanket Sunday annually to collect offering for essential supplies throughout the world
- \*Offer homemade baked goods, casseroles, and soups for sale to raise funds for mission and service
- \*Host a luncheon each May to honor a woman (or two) for years of faithful service and to pay tribute to women who have joined the church triumphant that year
- \*Assist in offering scholarships for students in our Presbytery
- \*Continue nurturing young church members by "adopting" them throughout their college years
- \*Provide visits, card, and gifts for homebound church members
- \*Plan and finance certain church projects, such as the redecorating of the Session Room

## What We Support Financially

Crisis Assistance Ministry	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston
Children's Hope Alliance	Living Waters of the World
Black Mountain Home for Children	Church World Service
Presbyterian Weekday School	With Friends
The Shelter of Gaston County	Backpack Weekend Food Program
Guatemalan Microloan Project	Presbyterian Home



## GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Daisy Troop 20013

Leaders: Sabrina Robinson and Jami Farris

Anna Robinson  
Wynn Farris  
Grace Kucera  
Savannah Butler  
Olivia Forbes  
Heidi Long  
Ashely Sanburg  
Madelyn Marlow  
Alexandra Maga

### Cadette Troop 20418

Leaders: Caroline Letts and Erin Russell

Abby Brooks  
Katherine Heilig  
Sarah Jamison  
Emmy Letts  
Lauren Letts  
Annie Russell

### Cadette Troop 20533

Leaders: Julie Craig and Josie Conner

Emma Conner  
Carly Craig  
Larkin Efir  
Jamie LaCourse  
Maddi Miller  
Isabel Wallwork

**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.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP**

### **WEDNESDAY NOON WORSHIP DURING LENT**

The bus will leave the chapel side of our church for each Lenten service at 11:30 a.m. Cost for lunch is \$6.00.

03/14: Location: St. Michael Catholic; Speaker: Jason Dampier from Holy Trinity Lutheran

03/21: Location: First Baptist; Speaker: Gary Butterworth from All Saints Episcopal

### 4+4+4 Lenten Wednesday Night Gatherings

4 Great Meals + 4 Enlightening Programs + 4 Wednesdays!!!

MARCH 14: 5:30 Meal by Barbara Yarbrough and Team; 6:15 speaker

MARCH 28: 5:30 p.m. meal by the Henderlite Class; 6:15 Stations of the Cross

First Kidz will meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and then dismiss for singing and Bible study.

LENTEN COFFEE

10:30-11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNINGS THROUGH MARCH 18

MEMORIAL GALLERY

A CELEBRATION OF BOTH SERVICES

PLEASE GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP AND CONNECTION!



Sisterhood\*\*, Catie Atison

## *Women Called To Lead With Love*

*\*\*from the Celebrate the Gift Resource*

*Leading worship today are Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Guest Preacher/Artist;  
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore, Associate Minister; the Presbyterian Women;  
the Girl Scouts of America; Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries;  
and David L. Jennings, Organist.*

*\*Some of today's liturgy was written by or adapted from the writings of Rev. Sarah Are.*

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Thrive & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Carolina Brass

Wednesday - Stations of the Cross; meal at 5:30, stations will begin at 6:15

Maundy Thursday - Drop-in Communion, 11:30a.m.-1:00 p.m. and  
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Vigil - Saturday, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service, 7:11 a.m.

Thrive, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Festive Easter Worship, 11:00 a.m.