

Opportunities for Service, Study & Fellowship

VACATION BIBLE SPECTACULAR!

Join us for an OUT-OF-WORLD experience.

- Date: June 17-20
- Time: 5:30 - 8:15
- Ages: Rising K - Rising 5th grade
- Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jill Kimbirl by phone or email jkimbirl@fpcgastonia.org.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

[see our website calendar for a full list](#)

Sunday:	8:00 a.m Nominating Committee Mtg. 9:00 a.m. THRIVE 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Five Cents A Meal 11:00 a.m. Worship - Carolina Brass 12:15 p.m. Egg Hunt 5:00 p.m. Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m. Diaconate Mtg.
Monday:	8:30 a.m. Yoga
Tuesday:	4:30 p.m. Communications/Membership Development Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music Mtg.
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m Sewing Ministry Noon Lenten Luncheon; Holy Trinity Lutheran; Pastor Vanacore preaching. 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Alive 5:35 p.m. Handbells 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thursday:	7:30 a.m. Finance Ministry Meeting 8:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Drop-in Communion 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Drop-in Communion 7:00 p.m. Thrive Rehearsal
Friday:	7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**The Church office closes at noon on Good Friday
and is closed Easter Monday**

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. Lauren Sease Vanacore, Associate Minister;

Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation;

David Jennings, Organist;

Sanctuary Choir;

Carolina Brass, Guest Musicians

Brian Winegardner, trumpet

Bill Lawing, trumpet

Byron Johns, horn

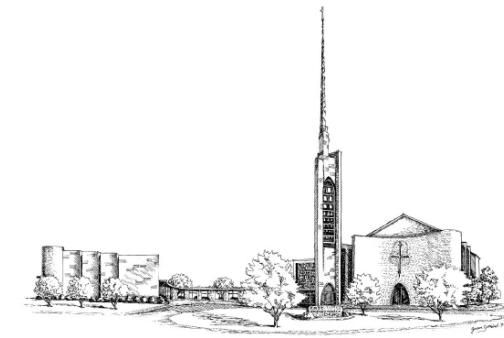
John Bartlett, trombone

Bethany Wiese, tuba;

Corey Lovelace, Soloist

All FPC worship services are streamed live on our website.

www.fpcgastonia.org/watchlive



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 14, 2019

Palm/Passion Sunday

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
Pastor John H. Stanley

MINUTE FOR MISSION
One Great Hour of Sharing
Claude Hathcock

WELCOME TO CINDY AND STEVE BENZ

BRASS PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION

Music for Brass

SOLO

Ride On, King Jesus

HALL JOHNSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

With palm branches in hand and our faces turned
toward Jerusalem we declare:

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let those who trust in the Lord say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever."

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor ALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Strong Savior God, we join voices in praise to you, gladly proclaiming you are the Lord of our lives. Yet, we have not followed your way nor born witness to your truth. We seek more to fulfill our own desires than to accomplish your will. Instead of seeking your kingdom, we have sought to extend our own influence instead. Forgive us for saying one thing while living another. Help us, by your Spirit, to walk in your way of the cross, that we would love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves, through you, Christ Jesus, our Lord... (silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

*Ride On, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry!
O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered
garments strewed.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death
and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky look
down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.

*Bow your meek head to portal pain,
then take O Christ your power and reign! Rise up and reign!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-44 pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 82

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

"Silent Hosannas, Shouting Rocks, Weeping Jesus"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

BRASS OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

A LITANY FOR PASSION SUNDAY

Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Please remain seated until after the Ministers depart

†BRASS POSTLUDE

Music for Brass

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Thrive, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with The Carolina Brass
- 12:15 p.m. Children's Egg Hunt, Meet in Memorial Gallery

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch at Holy Trinity Lutheran
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore, Preacher
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Alive Meal, Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. 7 Stations of the Cross, Meet in the Fellowship Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 11:30 a.m. Drop-in Communion, Gather in the Session
thru Room, Groups will be escorted into the
1:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Drop-in Communion, Gather in the Session
thru Room, Groups will be escorted into the
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service, Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service, Columbarium
- 9:00 a.m. THRIVE, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Festive Easter Worship, Sanctuary

Opportunities for service, study & Fellowship

WELCOME

Today we welcome our Interim Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Cindy Benz, and her husband, Steve. Dr. Benz will participate in worship Easter Day, April 21, and will preach her first sermon on Sunday, April 28.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Please contribute non-perishable food items now through Easter Day, April 21 as we minister to alleviate hunger in our Community. Food may be dropped off at the Receptionist desk area. All food contributions will fill the shelves at S.O.C.K.S.

FAMILY PROMISE!

- April 28 - May 5
- Sign up via our website at FPCgastonia.org or at the Reception desk. Volunteers are needed during this busy time. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

FAITH & FICTION

Will meet on Sunday, May 5, at Covenant Village at 5:00 p.m.. We will be discussing "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Hostesses will be Betsy Burleson and Mary Ann Brown.