

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship committee is now accepting scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. They are due on May 1 and are available on the church website and at the Reception Desk. Scholarships are for members of FPC Gastonia only.

FAITH AND FICTION

Sunday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Covenant Village, discussing LaRose by Louise Erdrich. Hostesses will be Betsy Burlseon and Mary Anne Brown.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Join the celebration on May 7th at noon. This is the annual end of the year luncheon in which we celebrate the year's activities, honor an Honorary Lifetime Member, and remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant. Tickets are available by calling the Reception Desk and paying the day of the luncheon.

Senior Self-Defense by NC BUDO

Health Education/Prayer Lunch topic on May 12 at noon. Lunch is available for \$6.00 from noon-12:30 p.m. (RSVP by May 10). The program is free and open to the community and will run from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

PRESBYTERY MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA

Help with flood relief May 20-26 in Roceverte, WV. Estimate cost \$200 per person. <https://presbyterywnc.org> or 828.438.4217 to register or for more information.

FPC's BLOOD DRIVE

June 4, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Come give the gift of life if you are eligible.

VACATION BIBLE SPECTACULAR

Theme will be announced soon, but please mark your calendars for June 10-13. Dinner is provided for campers and volunteers. Volunteers are needed. See Jill Kimbirl or Lisa Dent with questions or to offer your time.

ROADRUNNERS

Join the next adventure on June 13, leaving at 9:00 a.m. to visit the Slightly Different Daylily Nursery near Shelby, followed by lunch at Bridges BBQ. Sign up at the Reception Desk for your spot on the bus.

GASTON REGIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP 2018

FPC will be hosting this year's camp from July 16-19, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Early registration is now until May 7th (\$65.00). The price for registration between May 8 and June 18 is \$75.00 and goes up to \$100 per camper after June 18. Auditions for drama parts and solos will be held at FPC on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

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;

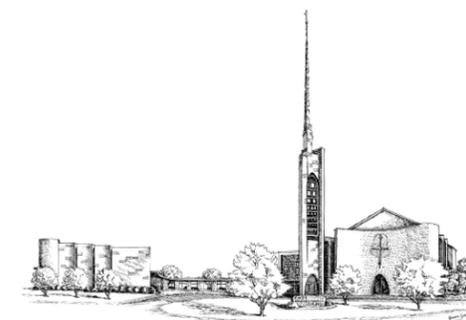
Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation;

Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries;

David Jennings, Organist

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www.fpcgastonia.org/watchlive



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 15, 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter

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. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Charles Grissom

ORGAN PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION
That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright DALE WOOD

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor John H. Stanley

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #234

Come You Faithful Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, You provide for all our needs, yet we dwell on what we lack. You plant us in places where we might bear fruit, but our eyes seek greener grass elsewhere. You lead us beside still waters, but we desire to be where the action is. We resent Your rod and staff, but yet look to You in the valley of the shadow. Father, forgive us. Help us to trust You more, respect You more, and follow You more ardently. Grant that we might live contentedly in the hollow of Your hand. These things we ask in Jesus' name...(silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jill Kimbirl

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 23 pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 501

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 10:1-10 pew Bible, New Testament pg. 103

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.
"A People Known by God!"

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 Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

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

ORGAN OFFERTORY

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross CHRISTOPHER TAMBLING

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #630

Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADERS' HYMN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing WILBUR HELD

†If you are able, please stand.

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PANEL ON RESPONDING TO DISASTERS

Our church is hosting a community-wide forum on disaster preparedness and response on Wednesday, April 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please be here to show your support! A meal will be available in the circle by reservation only 5:30-6:30 p.m. Invite anyone who might be interested. Ask them to RSVP to the Reception Desk.

CPR/AED TRAININGS

Instruction/observation will take about two hours, and is free. If you wish to be certified you can stay longer, and the cost is \$30. A light lunch will be provided.

- Tuesday April 17 at FPC- 11:00 am in the FPC Parlor. RSVP to 704-864-2651 by Monday, April 16 at noon.
- Tuesday April 24 @ FUMC - 1:00 pm location TBD at FUMC RSVP 704-864-4371 by April 20

PWS CONSIGNMENT SALE

This fundraiser to support the PTO of our school will be Friday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 21, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Invite shoppers and friends to help us raise funds for the school.

HEAD OF EBENEZER SCHOOL IN MALAWI TO VISIT

We look forward to hosting Chrissie Mbewe, head of the school we helped found in Malawi, on April 22.

DEMENTIA Live®

Dementia Live:

Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Presented by Bill Osborne, owner of Right at Home, Belmont. Dementia Live is an experiential sensitivity training for care providers, hospitals, community organizations and others who are caring for individuals with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. Participants are outfitted with specialized gear and are given a series of specific tasks to perform in the "Experience Area."



Kay Brown and Dianne Belton, co-chairs of the 2018 Bake Sale want to thank all those who helped make the sale a huge success. They'd like to treat everyone that provided food, volunteered, or made donations to lunch on Tuesday, May 22 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP by May 16 to the Reception Desk.

