

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

### HEALTH EDUCATION AWARENESS LUNCH

*Senior TLC: A Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly* will be Wednesday, June 13, 2018. The program is free and open to the community. Lunch is available for \$6.00. RSVP for the meal by Monday, June 11.

### FPC'S BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated blood and to everyone who helped with registration and providing homemade snacks for our donors.

### VACATION BIBLE SPECTACULAR

Join us for: VBS HERO CENTRAL! Everyone will discover ways to be God's heroes by living out our super Hero Verse: "Do Good!

Seek peace and go after it!" Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible Spectacular! Camp will begin on Sunday, June 10th and continue to Wednesday, June 13th, 5:30—8:15 p.m. Our Vacation Bible Camp runs in the evening to allow working families an opportunity to attend and assist. Dinner is provided for campers and volunteers.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

Join Dr. Frye, Trip Stewart, and several elders for a New Members' Class on Sunday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a brief presentation about the PC(USA), FPC Gastonia, and a chance for you to ask questions. Those who are ready can join at that time, or can join at another time. If you are interested, please call Trip Stewart 704-864-2651 ext. 109 so we can be prepared for you.

### ROADRUNNERS:

**KINGS MOUNTAIN TRIP:** Join the RoadRunners when they travel to Kings Mountain on Friday evening, July 13th to see the play *Liberty Mountain* at the Joy Performance Center. The ticket cost is \$20.00, payable with your reservation. We will stop for dinner at the Cherokee Grill in Kings Mountain—payable on your own—(one block from the performance center) prior to the play by June 20th. Two buses will leave the parking lot at 5:00 p.m.

**MAMA MIA!** On Saturday, August 18, the RoadRunners will travel to Flat Rock to see the popular musical, *Mamma Mia* at the Flat Rock Playhouse. We will stop for lunch at the Café on the Veranda. The total cost for the play and lunch is \$53.50, payable with your reservation. Sign up at the Reception Desk by July 20th to make your reservation. Two buses will leave the parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

### 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. The price for registration between now 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:*

*Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation;  
Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.; Senior Minister  
Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries;  
David Jennings, Organist; Sanctuary Choir;*

### CHORAL ANTHEM TEXT

I am not my own. I am not my own.  
Not in body, not in soul. In life, nor even death.

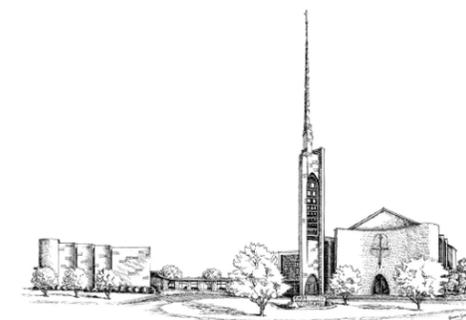
I am not my own.  
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
I am not my own.

I am not my own. I am not my own.  
Not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.

I am not my own.  
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.  
I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together,  
In eternal life He gives me hope.  
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.  
I am not my own. I am not my own.  
I belong to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
I belong to Him! I belong to Him!

In life, in death my only comfort, I belong to Him.  
I will live for Him forever and ever,  
Forever and ever, forevermore!



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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 10, 2018  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
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.

### ORGAN PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
People of God, hope in the Lord,  
**for with the Lord there is steadfast love.**  
Let us worship God.

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN #829

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

## WE APPROACH GOD

### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as your people, but we seek out other saviors. You welcome us into your house, but we bring conflict and division. Forgive us, God of grace. Restore and rebuild us so that we may be ready to live in the eternal home you promise... (a time for 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

#### ANTHEM

*I Am Not My Own*

CRAIG COURTNEY

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 130                      pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 573

#### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1      pew Bible, New Testament pg. 181

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

#### SERMON

Pastor John H. Stanley  
*"We Hope, Focus, and Trust"*

## 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.**

#### NICKEL A MEAL

#### ORGAN OFFERTORY

#### †DOXOLOGY

#### †PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### †HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #250

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

PROMISE

#### †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### †CHORAL AMEN

*The Congregation Shall Remain Standing*

#### †ORGAN POSTLUDE

†If you are able, please stand.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

### TV PROGRAM TO FEATURE GRANDSON OF BILL AND PAT ROBERTS

It has been two years since the mysterious disappearance in Watauga County of Martin Roberts, 19-year-old grandson of Pat and Bill Roberts. He was last seen at the Appalachian Convocation Center. The Boone Police continue to conduct an extensive investigation of the case including partnering with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

On Sunday, June 10, 2018 (9:00 p.m.) the Investigation Discovery Channel will air an episode of "Disappeared" featuring Martin's Case. The Roberts Family appreciates the interest and prayers of many in the congregation who continue to ask about Martin.

"Unfortunately, we have no answers about his whereabouts," states Bill. "We hope this program will reach Martin or others who may have some information that will help us find Martin."

### PC(USA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The biennial General Assembly Meeting of the Presbyterian Church USA will occur in Saint Louis, Missouri from June 15-23. During this week, Roger Rizk will be attending the meeting as one of five elected delegates from our presbytery. All of the business of the General Assembly can be followed in real time on [pc-biz.org](http://pc-biz.org) and any thoughts you may have concerning issues can be forwarded to Roger at [rogerrizk3@aol.com](mailto:rogerrizk3@aol.com). Pray for all the delegates attending the important meeting as well as our denomination.

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

Sunday:	NICKEL-A-MEAL SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Thrive (On the hill) 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 5:30-8:15 p.m. VBS 6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting (PAD)
Monday:	5:30-8:15 P.M. VBS
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30-8:15 P.M. VBS 6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds 6:30 p.m. Thrive Team
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. RoadRunner Trip Noon Prayer Lunch 5:30-8:15 P.M. VBS