

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY EVENTS:

Blood Drive: Thank you to everyone who donated blood or helped with the blood drive!

Join Tai Chi classes every Friday in June at FUMC, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$5 per class. Email alyssa@fumcgastonia.org with questions.

Healing Hearts Support Group for widows/widowers: Discussion with Eddie Ingram, Pastoral Psychotherapist. Contact Parish Nurse Lisa Marisiddaiah for more information: 704-864-2651 or nurse@fpcgastonia.org.

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Thrive (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Young Adult Small Group (Parlor)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 a.m. VBS Volunteer Session (Parlor)

Monday: 5:30 p.m. VBS

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Session Room)
4:30 p.m. Communications (Library)
5:30 p.m. Membership Development (Library)
5:30 p.m. VBS
6:15 p.m. Worship and Music (Session Room)

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. RoadRunner Ministry Meeting (Library)
Noon Prayer Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. VBS

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. VBS

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

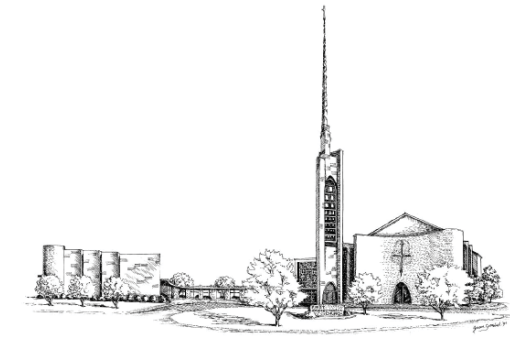
Worship activity boards and age-appropriate books related to the scripture lesson are available in the Narthex near the entrance to the Sanctuary. We also have Children's Church every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of each month. Children's Church is a worship experience designed especially for children (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.

Leading worship today are:

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

All FPC worship services are streamed live on our website.

www.fpcgastonia.org/watchlive



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 18, 2017
Second 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
Pastor John H. Stanley

ORGAN PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

This Is My Father's World MICHAEL BURKHARDT

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 #370

This is My Father's World TERRA BEATA

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we listen to every sound but Your voice. We place so many priorities before You. Daily we forget that You are the One teaching us to love and commanding us to love. You call us to reflect Your grace and mercy in all that we do, but we are reluctant stewards of Your love as parents, children, brothers, sisters, neighbors, and friends. We allow the daily burdens of life to hold our witness to Your love hostage. Forgive us, Dear Father. Help us, hold us, and mend our ways. Grant that we might risk the return home. Grant that we might welcome all our prodigals home. Hear our prayer 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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:11-32 pew Bible, New Testament pg. 34

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

When the Father Waits

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

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

OFFERTORY

Interlude

JH KNECHT

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MALITA

†LIGHT OF CHRIST BORNE INTO THE WORLD

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude in F

JOHANN KREBS

†If you are able, please stand.

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VACATION BIBLE CAMP:

Plan to attend or assist with Bible Camp (VBS) on the evenings of June 19-22. Invite friends and neighbors. Register with Director of Children's Ministries Jill Kimbirl or on our church website. This year's theme is *Water All Around the World*, a look at how important it is for people to have access to clean water and the important role water plays in our lives and in the scriptures. More information can be found at www.fpcgastonia.org/children.htm.

Water bottles are needed for a VBS project. Please drop them off at Jill's office.

VBS volunteers are encouraged to come get a preview and jump start on the theme in the Parlor following 11:00 worship on Sunday, June 18. This will last about 45 minutes.

ROADRUNNERS

Join a trip to Boone on Thursday, July 13. You will enjoy an old time jamboree featuring *Strictly Strings* with Rodney Sutton, freestyle clogger. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. The group will enjoy lunch at the Daniel Boone Inn (on your own) before the 2:00 p.m. matinee performance lasting approximately 1.5 hours. The suggested donation for the concert is \$10, collected at the venue. Sign up at the Reception Desk for the trip by Thursday, July 6.

FAITH AND FICTION:

This group will break for the summer and meet again on September 3. Add *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner to your summer reading list in preparation.

VOLUNTEER AT SHERWOOD SCHOOL:

Help as a reading or lunch buddy, an academic helper or clerical assistant to the teachers at Sherwood School. Times can be adapted to your schedule and training will occur at the school. Men and women are needed. Please contact Gloria Hickson at 704-865-6109 if you feel this is something you would be willing to do. You may change a child's life just by caring. You can train this summer to be ready to start this fall.