

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

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:

MAMMA 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.

PRAYER LUNCHEON MENUS:

June 27: Low country boil, festive cheesecake

Prayer lunch will not meet in July.

Parish Nurse Ministry Opportunities

FAITHHEALTH-GASTON:

Volunteers are needed to make a reassuring phone call, prepare and/or deliver a meal, run an errand to the grocery store or pharmacy, transport someone to a doctor's appointments, and/or make someone's home safer by helping with handyman service. If interested, call Robin Burgess at 704-834-2756.

END OF LIFE WISHES:

Gaston Hospice offers two (2) Advance Directive clinics every month. Healthcare Power of Attorney and Living Will documents are explained, completed, and notarized at no charge. No appointment necessary. They are the 1st Thursdays 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3rd Thursdays 4:00-5:30 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.

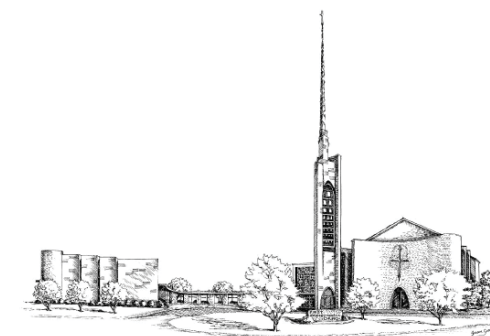
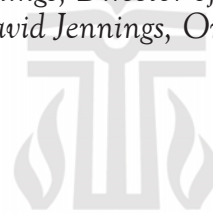
PROFESSIONAL NURSERY CARE is offered for infants and children up to five years old. The nursery is located on the first floor; please see an usher for directions.

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.; Senior Minister
Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation;
Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries;
David Jennings, Organist*



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 24, 2018

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 & SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
**For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God. Let us praise the Lord.**

†HYMN OF PRAISE #41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we need your help. Come quickly! Deliver us from the world's true problems and our complicity in them. Deliver us from the problem of lying, which is called propaganda; the problem of selfishness, which is called self-interest; the problem of greed, which is called profit; the problem of license, disguising itself as liberty; the problem of lust, masquerading as love; and the problem of materialism, the hook which is baited with security. Forgive us Gracious Lord. We ask all of this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ...(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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:16 pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 262

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

"After the Giant Has Fallen"

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

ORGAN OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWMRHONDDA

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

†If you are able, please stand.

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COMBINED WORSHIP ON JULY 1

The July 1 service will be a combined service in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. with communion served by intinction.

SECURITY OFFICER

A uniformed police officer and cruiser will be on the property each Sunday morning before Thrive until after Traditional worship. The officer will be patrolling the parking lot and building and when our Welcoming Team and greeters receive radios (on the way) the officer will also be in radio contact with congregation members stationed near our entrances.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We celebrate God's grace to us by giving to a local charity each July. This year our Christmas in July focus is on *Least of These Carolinas*. This non-profit cares for foster children. Look for the Christmas tree, a visiting speaker, and more details in July.

SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS THE WEEK OF JULY 4

The church office will be open abbreviated hours during the week of July 4: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and closed on Independence Day.

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.

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

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. Thrive
	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. New Member Class
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	6:00 p.m. Session Meeting
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
	5:30 p.m. Missions
	7:00 p.m. Thrive Rehearsal
Wednesday:	Noon Prayer Lunch
Thursday:	Newsletter Deadline