

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER FALL COFFEE GATHERING

Each Sunday from 10:15 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. in the Memorial Gallery

FAITH AND FICTION

Join this discussion group on Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m. at Covenant Village. The meeting location for October only is B Building, third floor living room. The book is *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Hostesses will be Teresa Morris and Pat Sudderth.

FLU SHOT CLINICS

Wednesday, October 10, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at FPC
Health Fair/Flu Shots at FUMC, Thursday, October 18, 10 a.m. - noon.
Wednesday, November 7, FUMC, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 14, FPC, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

HEALTH EDUCATION LUNCHEON/PRAYER LUNCHEON

October 10 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This week's topic will be: Seniors and Technology led by Alyssa Morris. The public is invited. Those who are not regular Prayer Luncheon attendees are asked to RSVP to the Reception Desk by the end of the day tomorrow (Monday, 10/8).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND SPEAKER

Wednesday, October 10: Meal 5:30-6:15 p.m. provided by the TEDTalks Small Group, Program 6:15-7:00 p.m. Special Guest: Dr. Peter Hobbie, retired professor of church history and doctrine at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.
Topic: "A Christian Attitude Toward Immigration"
Menu: Santa Fe chili, salad, corn bread, and dessert. (Cost is \$6)
Your RSVP will help us be properly prepared. Call the Reception Desk or email Donna Kerns (dkerns@fpcgastonia.org).

TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL

Get ready for "fall fun at the farm" on Sunday, October 21, 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Bit of Hope Ranch. RSVP by Oct. 18 at the Reception Desk or online at www.fpcgastonia.org. Tickets are \$8.00 per person/\$20.00 per family. Please bring a sports chair.

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

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Thrive
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship; Communion Sunday
5:00 p.m. Faith & Fiction
5:30 p.m. Youth

Monday: Circle Meetings (Circles 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6)
6:00 p.m. Officer Training

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:30 a.m. Circle 4
6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Ministry

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sewing
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Flu Clinic
Noon Health Luncheon
5 p.m. Personnel
5:30 p.m. Meal with Dr. Hobbie

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. Yoga
10:00 a.m. Prayer Beads
7:00 p.m. Thrive Rehearsal

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Acolyte Training

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;
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore, Associate Minister;
Pastor John H. Stanley, Minister of Visitation;
Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries;
David Jennings, Organist;
Sanctuary Choir*

All FPC worship services are streamed live on our website.

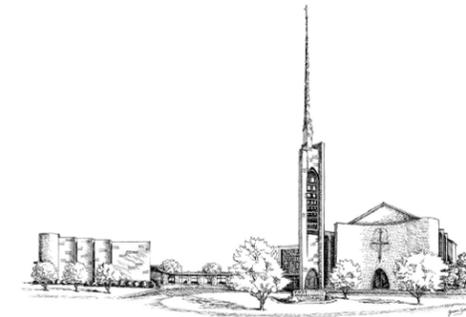
www.fpcgastonia.org/watchlive

ACOLYTE TRAINING

for 3rd - 5th graders is scheduled Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Sunday, October 14th 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please choose one date and RSVP that you will be coming (jkimbirl@fpcgastonia.org). Our Acolytes assist the ministers at the Traditional 11:00 a. m. worship service but may also assist during the Thrive service on specific Sundays. Come see how your child can help serve during worship.

FPC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKE-UP DAY

Our make-up day is Monday, October 29, 2:00-7:30 p.m. Call the Reception Desk to schedule your time slot or register online (online registration available Monday through Friday only to allow for in-person registration at church). To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter **nc133** in the Church Code field and enter **fpcg** in the Church Password field. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots.



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 7, 2018
World Communion 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
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Hayley and Lee Nester

ORGAN PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION
In Faith I Quiet Wait J.S. BACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations;
Before the mountains were formed or the earth and all that is in it; from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You have claimed your people through the Word that was with you from the beginning; through your Spirit moving around them, like the whisper of your breath over the face of the deep.

Through bread and wine we are nourished by your love that will not let us go. Let us worship God!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Merciful God, forgive us in our turning away from You. Forgive us for our putting You on hold during our busy work week, while we live our lives without You. Forgive us when we make You a Sunday God, instead of the Lord of our Lives. In the places we say that we don't have time for You, remind us that we seem to make time for more work, more play, more projects, and more worry. We remember how to call out Your name when we're in trouble, but expect immediate and painless solutions. We neglect encouraging others. Dear Lord, forgive us and make us whole. Help us remember this day whom we serve. Help us remember that we cannot feed Your sheep, unless we are first nourished by You. Help us love You more, trust You more, honor You more, and serve You more, as we make our prayer in Jesus name...(silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI #581

GREATOREX

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

O Come Let Us Sing

CINDY BERRY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 5:6-15 pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 853

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 10:13-27 pew Bible, New Testament pg. 46

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

"Stewardship 3: A Vision for Generous Obedience"

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORGAN OFFERTORY

ALLEGRO

ADOLPHE ADAM

†DOXOLOGY

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SURSUM CORDA

The LORD be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the LORD.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

You turned to your right, and there was nothing there; you went forward and backward, and there was only nothing;... (Pastor continues in prayer)...So, with those who raise their questions to you, with those who struggle with your answers, we lift our voices to you, singing your praises:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of mystery and hope. All creation honors your name. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who calls us to faithful living. Hosanna in the highest!

...(Pastor continues prayer)... As we proclaim his death and resurrection, as we break the bread and fill the cup, we would live out that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died; Christ has been raised; Christ will come again in glory.

...(Pastor continues prayer)...And when the age to come has arrived, when our lives are gathered up in your mercy and we are at one with our sisters and brothers from every time and place around your feast, we will join our hearts and voices for you, singing through all eternity of your love, God in Community, Holy in One, as we pray the prayer our Lord taught us saying:

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go forth as God's people to serve those around us.

We will honor each person as if they were our family.

Go forth as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We will share the gifts of grace and hope with everyone we meet.

Go forth as those strengthened by the Spirit.

We will stand with others searching for God's justice in their lives.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

†CHARGE AND BENECTION

†CHORAL AMEN

The congregation is asked to remain standing.

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

At The Name Of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow MICHAEL BEDFORD

†If you are able, please stand.