

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

RISE AGAINST HUNGER (FORMERLY STOP HUNGER NOW)

We will package thousands of meals to be used in famine and disaster regions during this event on Sunday, October 15, noon-2:00 p.m. There will be jobs for everyone from the oldest to the youngest. We need people to measure ingredients, to pack boxes, to seal packages, runners, bag fillers and more. Sign up to serve online (www.fpcgastonia.org) and be sure to complete the required waiver linked to the signup.



4+4+4 = 4 WEDNESDAYS+4 GREAT MEALS+4 DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Mark your calendars for the remaining events on October 18, November 1 & 15 for a 5:30-6:15 p.m. meal followed by a speaker series 6:15-7:15 p.m. October 18: Meal - Chef Jim Cookson and Team; Speaker -Dr. Paul Galbreath, Professor of Theology at Union Seminary in Charlotte. Reservations are recommended but not required.

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. New Young Adult Class (Session Room)
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 p.m. Mid-High Youth (PAD)
5:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Monday: 10:00 a.m. Circle 1 (Parlor)
10:30 a.m. Circle 2 (Covenant Village)
2:00 p.m. Circle 3 (Covenant Village)
6:00 p.m. Officer Training (Seekers Classroom)
6:30 p.m. Circle 6 (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Circle 5 (Buckles home)

Tuesday: Add Day Staff Retreat (Off campus)
11:30 a.m. (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Thrive Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast (PAD)
10:00 a.m. Sewing Ministry
11:00 a.m. Flu Clinic (Atrium near Elevator)
Noon Prayer Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (Session Room)
5:30 p.m. First Kids (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. Wee Sing (Room #208)
5:35 p.m. Handbells (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. Bibles & Biscuits
8:30 a.m. Yoga (Narthex)

Friday: 5:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline

Saturday: Habitat workdays continue at 223 Tanner St.

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;*

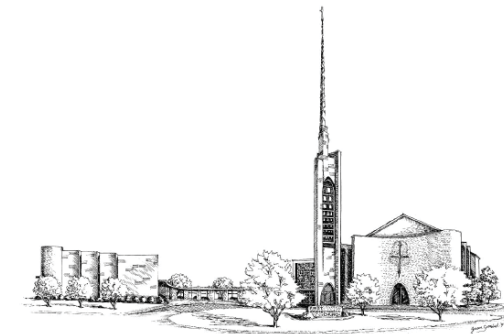
*The Chancel flowers are presented to the Glory of God
in honor of Celia and John Frye.
by Virginia H. Zeigler*

ANTHEM

*Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart.
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance now and always.
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word.
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

All FPC worship services are streamed live on our website.

www.fpcgastonia.org/watchlive



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 8, 2017
The 27th 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
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

MINUTE FOR MISSION Tyler Bullock

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Charles Gallman

PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION
Simple Gifts RUSSELL SCHULZ-WIDMA

CALL TO WORSHIP
Sing to the Lord a new song for He has done marvelous things!
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to His people.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; Serve the Lord with gladness.
Break forth into joyful song and sing praises. Let us worship God!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #415
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy RESTORATION

WE APPROACH GOD

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, we affirm your goodness and that we are created as your gifted people to share these gifts. We admit that we often depend on others for the safety and nurture of others, rather than be responsible ourselves. We confess our lack of initiative to heal the sick, because we fear disease; to house the homeless, because we fear vulnerability; to feed the hungry, because we fear eating together; to clothe the naked, because we may see ourselves; and, pasture others because they may graze on our lawn. Forgive us as a kind parent, O God, for not taking our baptismal vows seriously to nurture all your children, to bring the good news to all places, to share in ministry with adults and children alike. Give us the mind of Christ. Be merciful unto us as a mother with open arms, for our not seeing and being your family here on earth. Give us strength, courage and open hands to welcome all your children, as we make this prayer in Jesus' name...(silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

John Lennig (Jack) Frye, IV, receives the Sacrament of Baptism, son of Megan O'Herron and John Lennig Frye, III. Elder Mary Frye Erwin will offer prayer.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

K. LANGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 634

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

pew Bible, New Testament pg. 24

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

"What of Our Vineyard?"

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

Praeludium in D minor

J.S. BACH

†DOXOLOGY

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL AMEN

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

Awake The Trumpet's Lofty Sound

GF HANDEL

†If you are able, please stand.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

FALL PICNIC

Plan to come for a Fall Fun Carnival Picnic on the church grounds Sunday, October 29, 4-7:00 p.m. Sign up at the Reception Desk. BBQ plates are \$6 each and a children's menu is also being created.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GAP BUILD

Our Habitat house build will continue throughout the fall at 223 Tanner St. Volunteers are welcome each Saturday and needed on some workdays. Bill Glover (cell 704-650-5892) can give specifics about when volunteers are most needed.

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Due to the growing numbers of young adults at we have added a new Sunday School class to our ministry for people ages 22-35-ish. Whether you are single or married, with or without children, this class is open for our younger generation of adults. Gather at 10:00am in the Session Room (adjacent to the Sanctuary) for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study. To be added to the class email list or to learn more, please contact Sarah Sumner at sfrabon@gmail.com. Coffee cups welcome! Note: nursery care and age-appropriate classes for children are available while the young adult class meets.

FIRST KIDZ

Wednesday Nights have resumed for the fall, beginning with dinner at 5:30 and programming 6:00-7:00 p.m.

WEE SING

A new music class for babies and their caregivers! Come sing, dance, listen, move and play simple instruments. The group meets on Wednesdays beginning September 13, 5:30-6:00 p.m. in room #206 (across the hall from Josie Miller's office). For more information or to sign up, please contact Jill Kimbirl at jkimbirl@fpcgastonia.org.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MONTHLY GATHERING

Young women, ages 22-35ish, are finding new ways to gather together at FPC! Married or single, with or without children, a ministry has been created to meet you where you are, just as you are! Join the fellowship on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. This month the group will gather on October 17 in the private room at The Round Bistro. Our study this year will be taught by our associate pastor, Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore. The study, *Woman Overwhelmed: A Bible Study of the Life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus*. To be added to the email list or to receive more information, please contact Carolina Hobson at caroline.k.hobson@gmail.com.

PARKING LOT UPDATE

The parking lot will be continue to be paved in sections. The front entrances are now accessible! The back parking lot between the Columbarium and the Scout Hut is being done now.