

# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Gastonia, North Carolina



Durer, Albrecht. "All Saints Painting." 1511. Oil, Panel.  
Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

*When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.*

*Romans 6:3-5*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
November 4, 2018 – All Saint's Sunday  
The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

*We Gather in God's Presence*

CARILLON PEAL

Please enter to worship in a spirit of reverence.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

*Elegy*

George Thalben-Ball

*Almighty God, you knit together your children in one communion and in fellowship with your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Give us grace to follow your blessed saints in all humility and Godly living that we may receive those indescribable joys that you have prepared for those who love you. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

*And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.*

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

*It will be said on that day*

*Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.*

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

(Isaiah 25:6-9)

HYMN OF PRAISE #326

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

*We Approach God*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Collectively)

Gracious God, Hearer of the prayers of the broken, listen to us in the places of our distress and set us free. We acknowledge how frightened we are of death, our limits, and our own frailty. There are places where we do not follow you in courage, because of that fear. There are places where we choose the course of least resistance, because of that fear. There are places where we use age and our being too young or too old as an excuse, but it does not excuse our inactivity. There are places we use the limits of our knowing and understanding as a deterrent to boldly following, but your Kingdom will not be deterred. There are places our faithfulness is deflected by opinion and the expedience of our day, but you remind us that the way of your saints is the way of the cross. Father, forgive us and set us free. Grant that we might serve you courageously and boldly with sure trust in the name of your Son, Jesus, in whom we offer this prayer.(silent confession)...Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI 581  
“Glory Be to the Father”

GREATOREX

*We Listen to God's Word*

ANTHEM  
“He Leadeth Me”

GILBERT MARTIN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

pew Bible, Old Testament pg. 652

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Revelation 21:1-6

Matthew 14:22-33

pew Bible, New Testament pg. 259

pew Bible, New Testament pg. 16

SERMON

“Why Did You Doubt?”

Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr.

## *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 THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

God of all ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice,  
loved mercy and walked humbly with our God.

For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place,  
who in life and in death have witnessed to your truth.

*We praise you, O God.*

Gracious God, by your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ,  
and with all who are baptized in his name,  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.

*O Lord, for all your servants who have faithfully served you,  
witnessed bravely and died in faith, and who are still shining lights in the world,  
we give our thanks.*

Today, we remember those in our church family who have died this past year;  
they have come to the joy of Heaven and entered into Life eternal.

### MEMORIAL TOLL

William Preston Adams  
Marian Hughes Call  
Diane Davie Davis  
John Elton Hunsucker  
Mary Willcox Lewis

Grace Luella Luptak  
Helen Ragan Mando  
David Scot Pierce  
William Gordon Quarles  
William Frederick Robertson

Margaret Dunn Upchurch  
Daniel James Walton  
Virginia Huffstetler Zeigler

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd

Gilbert Martin

### *The Lord's Supper*

## THE INVITATION

## THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You are the creator of heaven, the earth, and the sea. You hear the cries of the widowed, the poor, and the hungry and provide them with compassion, sustenance, and grace. You welcome the saints into your eternal realm, and for us they become beacons of hope and reminders of your promise of eternal life. So, with that community of faith from every place and time - with saints and sinners, with apostles and angels, with those who know how deeply you love us. We forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, strong and gentle. As they await their renewal heaven and earth glorify you. Hosanna in the highest! Ble of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes to call us from death. Hosanna in the highest!*

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: The One who was ready to step forward and reach out, embracing the world with his healing touch. In this way he showed your abiding presence and favor. Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

*In Christ, the shroud of death has been destroyed. In Christ, all creation is given new life. In Christ, we will be God's people forever when He returns.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Set us apart, by your grace, as those called to be disciples. Let your Spirit shine in us, so that others will know your glory. Unite us at your table of grace with the dear ones who have gone on before us, as we enjoy a foretaste of your Kingdom now. Look with blessing upon your people, and give us your peace. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever, as we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us...

## 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

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*We Bear God's Word into the World*

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

†CHORAL AMEN

The Congregation is asked to remain standing

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

*SINE NOMINE*

Charles Callahan

*The Chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God  
and in memory of all members of our community of faith  
who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are presented to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Jean Marie Torrence by her family.  
(A service to celebrate her life and bear witness to the resurrection will be held at 2:00 p.m. today in the Sanctuary.)*

†If you are able, please stand.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

### KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS WORSHIP AND LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 11, is our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans special worship service with bagpipes and a celebration of heritage. Rev. Larry Bates will be our guest preacher. Everyone is encouraged to stay for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide ham and drinks; please bring a side item or dessert to share. This is an impressive display and meaningful time of worship. Invite your friends and neighbors to experience the pageantry.

### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS AND PROGRAMS

Join us on Wednesdays, Nov. 7 and 14 for a meal and program starting at 5:30 p.m. On November 7th we welcome Dr. Tim Verhey who will help us ponder the impact and our response to recent hurricane flooding at Saint Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC. Our meal will be provided by the RoadRunners (chicken parmesan and tossed salad). On November 14th our children have a special production to share with the congregation! Don't miss *100% Chance of Rain*, a fun telling of the story of Noah.

### HURRICANE RESPONSE

The Deacons and Missions Ministry are working together to coordinate our response to Hurricane Florence. We are delivering items to the East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, coordinating through Rev. Nancy Gladden in Wallace, NC. Drop off cash and gift cards in the offering plate or at the church office. Other items can be dropped by the Reception Desk, Lauren's office, or in the atrium by the Fellowship Hall. In addition to cash and gift cards to Walmart, Food Lion, or Piggly Wiggly, we are collecting coats, hoodies, hats, gloves, socks, underwear, diapers, and the following nonperishable food items: peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, canned meat, rice, pasta, breakfast cereals, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese. We will receive items now through November 16. Thank you for your love and concern for those impacted!

### CROCKPOT MEAL ORDERS

This round of crock pot meals will feature soups. Get your easy-to-prepare meals and support the missions of the Presbyterian Women! Order forms are now available at the Receptionist Desk. Orders will be taken October 28 - November 6, with meal pickup on November 16.

### FAITH AND FICTION

Faith and Fiction will meet on Sunday, November 4, at Covenant Village in the Card Room at 5:00 p.m. We will be discussing *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware. Hostesses are Beth Bolin & Dotty Blake.

### YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

This group of women (ages 22-35-ish) meets the third Tuesday of each month at Grape and Barley at 7:00 p.m. Join us at our next gathering! Questions: [caroline.k.hobson@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.k.hobson@gmail.com).

### YOUNG MEN'S GROUP

Our young men are starting a monthly meeting built around faith and fellowship. Please contact Davidson Hobson for more info. All are welcome! [dhobson@gastoday.org](mailto:dhobson@gastoday.org).

### YOGA: NOVEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 13

Classes will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Pick Mondays (\$30), Thursdays (\$30), or both (\$60). Register with Donna Kerns at the Reception Desk. She can also provide more information. Payment is due by the first class of the session.

### UPCOMING ROADRUNNER TRIP

Plan to attend "Masters of Soul" (a celebration of the legendary songs and performers that defined Motown and Soul music) Thursday, November 15, 8:00 p.m. at the Clover School District Auditorium. Tickets are \$15. Call the Reception Desk or email [dkerns@fpcgastonia.org](mailto:dkerns@fpcgastonia.org) to sign up.

### FPC TO HOST THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We will worship with our sisters and brothers in Christ here at FPC on Sunday, November 18, 5:00 p.m. Children and families are welcome! A joint choir will enhance worship! Rev. Carolyn D. Bratton of St. Stephens AME Zion Church will preach. Invite your friends and neighbors!

## WELCOME

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.

## NURSERY CARE

Professional nursery care is offered for infants and children up to four years old. The nursery is located on the first floor; please see an usher for directions.

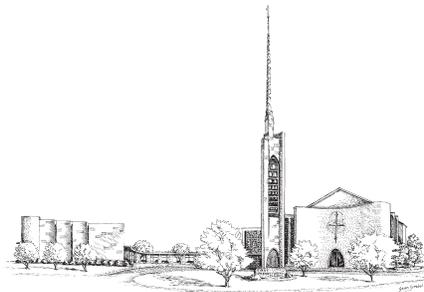
## WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

The first Sunday of each month, children will remain in worship.

*Leading worship today are  
Rev. Dr. John L. Frye, Jr., Senior Minister;  
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore, Associate Minister;  
Bethany Jennings, Director of Music Ministries,  
David Jennings, Organist*

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