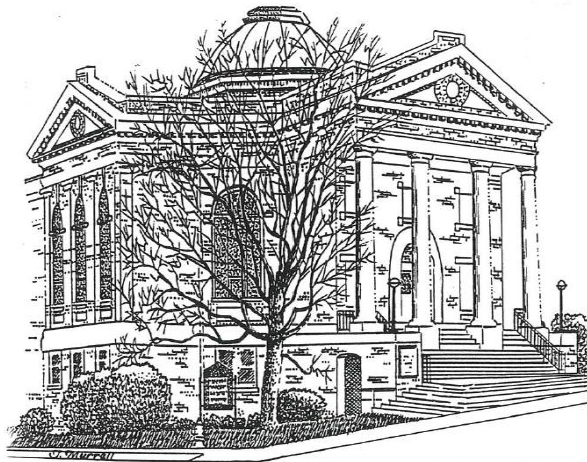


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
September 11, 2022  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND WELCOME

*Sign and pass on the Friendship Register*

PRELUDE

“Prelude”

William Henry Harris

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Russ Carpenter, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Cumming, liturgist

Come together as God's people with signs all about us of God's presence:

**A font reminding us of God's redeeming grace;**

A cross declaring God's sacrificial love;

**A table where the living Christ bids us welcome.**

Come, draw near to God, for God is with us.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, forgive your foolish people. We are skilled in doing evil, but we do not know how to do good. Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.** In the folly of our hearts, we live as though there is no God. Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.** We forget all you have done for us and make false idols to be our gods. Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.** We act faithlessly, violently, and scorn your name. Create in us a clean heart, O God; **put a new and right spirit within us.**  
*Silent Confession and Reflection*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (stanza 4)

EASTER HYMN

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

**THE WORD**

**FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN AND BLESSING OF EDUCATORS**

Insert  
Kim Marshall

**ANTHEM**

“With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name, Make His praise to be glorious.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit, show us the truth that you desire and teach us wisdom in our hearts. Let us hear with joy and gladness the Word that you speak today; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Luke 15: 1-10](#); [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)

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SERMON

“Parked in Dopey”

Rev. George

\*HYMN 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBA

### RESPONDING TO THE 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jim Hesley

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Aria”

Paul Manz

\* Response 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDRETH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

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.** Praise to you, O God...with all creation we sing your praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.** Thank you, O God...great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** Gracious God...Now hear us as we are bold to pray together the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying,

**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.**

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*HYMN 526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again. Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, Deep peace of the shining stars to you. deep peace of the gentle night to you, Moon and stars pour light on you, deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.*

\*POSTLUDE

“The Rejoicing”

Charles Callahan

\*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

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**Thank you** to Stan Scheer, Frank Poolos and Steve Cumming for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Russ Carpenter.

**Ushers for September:** John Howell, captain: Derrick Huneycutt, Ken Knight, Natalie Neiderer, Chris Whitley, David Whitley.

**Outside Ushers for September 11:** Chris Whitley, Jack Morton.

**Elder Greeters** Al Andrew, Ellen Whitley.

**Sound:** Evan Sanges    **Film:** James Cotton    **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

**There is no Children's Church during September.** Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Claude Harwood-surgery, Wayne Palmer-(Atrium Stanly), Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Bethany Woods), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook); 2 brain tumors, starting six weeks radiation in Boston), Carole Yost (home), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler, Elizabeth Wilson, Polly Moose-recovering from hip surgery, Joyce McLeod (ICU Wilkes Medical Center), Ann Snuggs. See newsletter for complete list.

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**Come and CHILL out with us!**

**Everyone is welcome!**

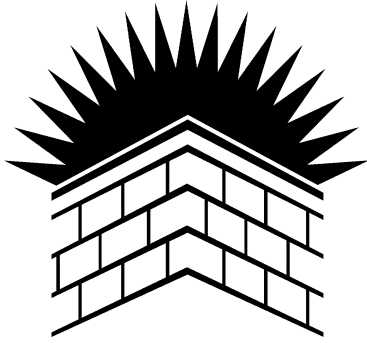
**YMCA Park at the Shelter**

**(Rain Location: FPC gym)**

**Sunday, September 18**

**6:30-8:00 PM**

**If you would like to make some ice cream contact Lee Snuggs 704-512-8163**



*The Christian Education Corner*

If you are not on the SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch.

Here is the link to join


<https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>

SNL kick off! Sept 11 from 6-7:30 in the Pit Stop. Youth will eat then play games in the gym while parents meet and plan for the coming months. Bring your calendars and a covered dish to share.



We will have a communion workshop for children grades K-2 on October 9 after worship. Children will learn more about the Lord's Supper and symbols of this sacrament. Please let Melissa know if you plan to attend.

**Join us for Rally Day on September 11!**  
 as we kick off our new Christian Education year:  
 9:30 am we will have the Mean Mugs coffee truck in the parking lot for you to purchase coffee or tea! Then travel to the Pit Stop for pancakes. At 10 AM we will travel to the gym for information on the coming Christian Education year.  
 Come meet your teachers and participate in our congregational art activity!



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The Monday Night Book Discussion Group is now a part of the Sunday School Sharing Knowledge Through Stories class. We hope you will join us on Rally Day and pick up our first book, Memphis by Tara M. Stringfellow. If you are unable to attend on Rally Day, books will be available in the church office. Our discussion of Memphis will begin September 18. If you have questions, please contact Courtney Niederer (980-622-7435 or [ccniederer@yahoo.com](mailto:ccniederer@yahoo.com)) or Kim Marshall (980-621-6577

or [bookworm284@live.com](mailto:bookworm284@live.com)). Hope to see you there!

**Many Thanks** to the following people for preparing food for the Community Inn this month: Linda Anderson, Andy Cotton, Nancy Joines, Chris Mabry, and Marlene and Nathan Sanges.

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**Zoom Morning Prayer**

**Morning Prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**



zoom

We are a small but dedicated group who pray for the needs of our church and its members as well as our country and world. We invite you to join us. Please email Deb Hahn at [wolf lady520@gmail.com](mailto:wolf lady520@gmail.com) or text her at 704 985-9419 for the URL to our meeting.

We also welcome your requests for prayers of thanks for God's blessings and prayers of concerns or needs. Please send those to the email above or text them to the above telephone number.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY FLOWERS

<b>In memory of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>
Johnny Andrew.....	Al Andrew Family
Betty Long.....	Al Andrew Family
Richard Long.....	Al Andrew Family
Sim and "Skeet" Abbey.....	Rachel Grace Campbell
R.V.(Bun) and Grace Liles.....	Rachel Grace Campbell
Ann Ross Abbey Liles.....	Rachel Grace Campbell
Rev. J. McCarty and Caroline Duckwall.....	Ann Duckwall
James W. and Margaret Wood.....	Ann Duckwall
Everett Killian and Martha Killian.....	Donna Gaither
Frederick King and Martha King.....	Donna Gaither
William Breerwood and Frances Breerwood.....	Robert Gaither
Benjamin Gaither and Bertha Gaither.....	Robert Gaither
Robert and Muriel Burdett.....	Kate Gibson, Meg & Jennifer Mabry
Fran and Leonard Mabry.....	Kate Gibson, Meg & Jennifer Mabry
Bob Palmer.....	Jacob & Jackson Palmer
<b>In honor of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>
Mildred Andrew.....	Al Andrew Family
Gran and Granddaddy Earnhardt.....	Ella, Maddie, Will, & Lanie
Debbe and Tommy Gibson.....	Carter Elizabeth & Emma Catherine Gibson
Chris and Mark Mabry.....	Carter Elizabeth & Emma Catherine Gibson
R.V. (Dick) Liles Jr .....	Rachel Grace Campbell
Margaret and Donnie Campbell.....	Rachel Grace Campbell
Frankie Palmer.....	Jacob & Jackson Palmer



### First Presbyterian Church Lunch Outing to River Wild on Lake Tillery Friday, September 16 at 11:00am

Let's get together for lunch – Dutch Treat! We will meet at the church on Friday, September 16 at 11:00 am to carpool over to River Wild to eat or just meet us there at 11:30. Let us know if you can join us! Jane Snyder 704-438-3358

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### PRIME TIMERS' BOXED LUNCHES

Drive-Thru

Thursday, September 15 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



Menu: Turkey wrap w/lettuce, tomato and mayo, chips, apple and cookie from Glory Beans.  
RSVP deadline is noon on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Laura McLeod at 704-796-0487 (text or call) or Email [mcleod2@windstream.net](mailto:mcleod2@windstream.net) \$5 donation.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, September 11**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*Rally Day*

*Commissioning of Teachers & Leaders in Christian Education*

*Grandparents Day*

8:45 am Diaconate Meeting

9:30 am \*Rally Day (Gym)

11:00 am \*Worship

6:00 pm SNL

### **Monday, September 12**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

### **Wednesday, September 14**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 15**

Noon Prime Timers Drive Thru Luncheon

4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

### **Friday, September 16**

11:00 am FPC lunch outing River Wild-Lake Tillery

### **Sunday, September 18**

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

8:45 am Session Meeting

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

6:30 pm Ice Cream Social-YMCA Park

**\*childcare provided**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

#### **September**

13- Jane Pickler

15- Jim Hesley

16- Kyle Marks

David Morgan

17- Peggy Rogers

18- Nathaniel Eudy

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

#### **September**

12- Heather and Mike Hatley

15- Banks and Susan Garrison

16- Don and Sheryl Stewart

#### **Elders**

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman,  
Mike King, Ken Knight, Kim Marshall, Andy McLeod,  
Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers, Ellen Snyder,  
Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

#### **Deacons**

Emily Andrew, Keith Bryson, Shannon Bullard,  
Michelle Cumming, Wes Eudy, Martha Sue Hall,  
Lillie Hancock, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Myron Lowder,  
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# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Leader: From the moment of our creation God has loved us and called us to be disciples.

Educators: **We thank you, God, for calling us to grow and serve as Christian disciples.**

Leaders: Through the care of families, the love of Christ, and the nurture of the Christian community, we are shaped and strengthened.

Educators: **We thank you, God, for equipping us to grow and serve as Christian disciples.**

Leader: As Christ's disciples, we are sent forth to proclaim our faith.

Educators: **We thank you, God for sending us to serve.**

Leader: Led by those who were called forth to lead and teach and model the faith, we follow their example and witness.

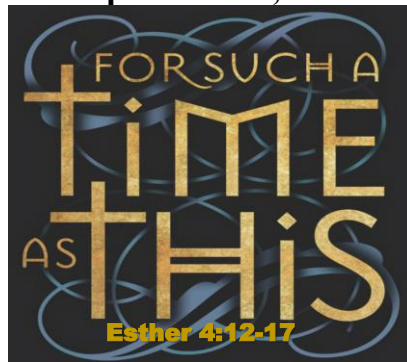
Educators: **We thank you, God, for providing the gifts of leading, teaching, and learning.**

Leader: Teachers and leaders, you have heard God's call. Will you let your light shine before others so they see your good works?

Educators: **With God as our helper, we will.**

ALL: **With God's help we will support and encourage one another. We dedicate ourselves to growing and serving. We thank you, God, for claiming us and blessing us with so many gifts. As we use these gifts, may our service reflect your abiding presence and the light of faith we bear together, in Jesus name we pray. Amen**

September 11, 2022



Consecration Sunday is November 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Stewardship Moment “For Such a Time as This”**

November 6 will be consecration Sunday. This year our stewardship theme is “For Such A Time As This.” It is based on Esther 4:14, as spoken by Mordecai to Esther. The verse reads: “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

Mordecai was urging Esther to act, pointing her to a higher purpose. He was asking her to use her position, even in the face of death, to become God’s instrument of deliverance for the Jews in Persia. She could have done nothing but chooses to step out in faith, put her own interests aside, and accomplish God’s work. We can think of Stewardship as a call to a higher purpose. The treasure, time and talent We give help to make our community a better place by enabling our Church to help others, to do the work that Christ not only wants but expects us to do.

A parenting organization suggests that parents place 936 marbles in a jar, representing the weeks from birth to 18. The idea is that when counting the weeks left with a child (by removing one marble for each week), you stand a better chance of making your weeks count. The stewardship committee would like to turn that exercise around. If we used the marbles to count the times we help others and deposit those in a jar, how many marbles would we have at the end of our lives? Our stewardship pledge helps us to hear God’s Word through Christ and set out to fill that jar as high as possible.

Every Sunday, from September 11 to October 30, there will be a Church leader “painting the stewardship picture” during the Offertory. We will connect how giving of your time and money make a difference in the lives of those we serve.... children, hungry, homeless, elderly, youth, each other, and the Lord. Providing our time, talent, and treasures through pledging to our Church is a way that we can respond

So, please take a marble if you don’t have one or another for someone else and let it serve to remind you of the call to respond to God’s Word and the way that Christ lived. Keep and carry that marble with you....in your pocket or in your purse.... anywhere to remind you that our stewardship call is a response to “such a time as this.”