

Service for the Lord's Day • June 9, 2024

Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

God of the morning, awaken us to know that to be resurrected with Jesus means to die with Christ first. May we recognize you in every moment so that whatever we do, we do for your glory, through Jesus Christ, our way, truth, and life. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Prelude O Light of Life! M. Wilberg

Delaney Geiser, soprano

O Light of Life! O pure Light Divine! Thou art in us; our ember is Thine. Kindle our faith, give hope when we fear, deepen our love – Thy Fire appear! Light of our souls, Thou spark at our birth – grow bright in us, shine in all the earth! O Light of Life! O true Light of Peace! Storms will arise, let Thy light increase. Pierce through dark clouds, give pause to the proud; let Thy shafts fall, lift humble heads bowed. Answer our pleas, melt hearts in Thy flame. Make us as one – as one in Thy name. O Light of Life! O sweet Life of Grace! Thou bidst us come, we follow apace. On through the night, walk with us we pray. Lead us to dawn, Thy merciful way. O Light of Life! O dear Light of Love! Come, wash us clean, send forth Thy white Dove. Fill us with Fire, enlighten our eyes; help us to love – 'tis price of the prize. Then let us come, enrobe us in white. Cleaving to Thee, light unto Thy Light. Light unto Light, O Light of Life! Amen.

* Call to Worship

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised.

* Hymn 401 Here in This Place GATHER US IN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ACT OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 113 (NRSV)

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This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In your eyes I see peace, in your song I hear hope, in your heart I feel love. We are more than neighbors, we are family. Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world: ev'ry nation, ev'ry race, all are held in His embrace. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

(Afterward, children will return to sit with their families.)

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-45 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 57

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Ordained Relationships: Mary and Elizabeth

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

* Affirmation of Faith

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; on 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.

DEDICATION OF MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE CONFEREES AND CHAPERONES (see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (11 A.M.) Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. D. Rotermund

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in His bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them. Praise the Lord in joyful numbers; your Protector never slumbers. At the will of your Defender ev'ry foe-man must surrender. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

* Doxology Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)

(Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* Hymn 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

* BENEDICTION

* Postlude Be Thou My Vision E. Satie;

Here in This Place Gather Us In Dm the new light is stream-ing; now is the 1 Here in this place dark-ness 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the 3 Here we will take 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en, G van - ished 'a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory, bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing; Gm Gm DmC D D brought here to the light this day. you in of called light to the whole hu - man race. to call a - new be the to salt for earth. us the king - dom, and now now is is the day. gath-er Gath-er the lost and for - sak - en; us in, us in, the Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er the the wine of com-pas-sion; give us Give us to drink eat the Gath-er and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in in and us D G D Α blind and the lame; we shall a-wak-en; call to us now, and proud and the strong; meek and so low - ly; give us a heart, so bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er, C GmDm C \Box GmD sound we shall a - rise at the of our name. give us the cour-age to en - ter song. lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 113 (NRSV)

¹Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord. ²Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. ³From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. ⁴The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. ⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, ⁶who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? ⁷He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, ⁸to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. ⁹He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-45 (NRSV)

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983 MUSIC: Welsh melody Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4



LEAD US HOMEWARD 2024



Please keep our children, youth, and adults in your prayers as they depart for Montreat on Saturday, June 15 for what is always a life-changing week.

Alison Barat · Norah Barat · Grace Berger · Marin Best · Kaylee Bleeker · Troy Bleeker Carmen Carr · Jenny Chamberlain · Rachel Coffey · Alex Conerly · Zack Conerly Deborah DesForges · Breezy Dowling · Greg Dowling · Margaret Dowling · Oliver Dowling Karen Eskew-Wylie · Mimi Gray · Janine Hubbell · Carol Israel · Evelyn Lewis · Kate Lundy Eli Moore · Andrew Netardus · Laura Netardus · Aurora Neuhaus · Ginger Neuhaus Andrew Osmun · Martha Osmun · Jon Pedrick · Julia Pedrick

Rivers Rentz · Robin Rentz · Jim Roland · Susan Roland · Mitch Rorick · Beverly Shaw Emma Summers · Maylean Sylvester · Carol Turner · Alexis Vellis · Kate Vellis · Ocean Wacha Sam Wacha · Ben Williams · Elizabeth Osmun Williams · Beth Wood

DEDICATION OF MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE CONFERES AND CHAPERONES

Pastor: The mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church takes place in many settings: here in this Sanctuary, in our Sunday School classes, around tables in Gordon Hall, housing our neighbors in Family Promise, in Nicaragua, with College Students, and at the Montreat Conference Center in the mountains of North Carolina. Today we dedicate the members of our congregation who will be participants in the Montreat Worship and Music conference. We rejoice in those who are making this commitment to grow in their Christian faith, and we dedicate them to the Lord for this endeavor. Will you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, covenant together as the people of God, to continue to support the ministry of the Montreat Worship and Music Conference with your prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: As leaders of our children and youth, placing your trust in God, will you endeavor to be an example to them, as you carry out this ministry on behalf of all of us? And will you support and encourage each one, as they grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Chaperones: I will, with God's help!

Pastor: As conferees in the classes and activities, the choirs and services of worship, the times for fun and games, will you show by your lives that "the glory of God is a person fully alive"?

Conferees: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Let us covenant together.

All: In the presence of God and of each other, we promise to pray for our Montreators, that in their singing and praying together, they will be inspired to continue their growth as the people of God so that all who see them "will know they are Christians by their love."

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are dedicated to His service through the ministry of worship and music here at First Presbyterian Church.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to the following individuals who have contributed over \$13,587 and many hours this past year through Sweetie Pies, Homecoming Parade parking, Downtown Art Festival parking, the Montreat Christmas table, and Noteworthy Sponsor:

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Beth Wood

THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE HEART OF GOD FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

SCHOLARSHIPS

To some Montreat may be a little town in between Asheville and Greensboro that doesn't show up on a map, but to First Presbyterian it is an inspiration and a place to grow in faith. Montreat provides wonderful opportunities for everyone to feel closer to God from drumming to choir to the daily worship services. Montreat is truly a mountain top experience. One of the joys of Montreat is that our children and youth join with adults of all ages from our church and share these experiences together. And so, we are pleased to award these scholarships to the following youth:

The Marshall M. and Paula P. Criser Scholar

Breezy Dowling

The Barbara Fearney Scholar
Ginger Neuhaus

The Ted Fearney Scholar
Oliver Dowling

The Carol Israel Scholar
Norah Barat

The David and Phyllis Little Scholar
Zack Conerly

The Arnold Penland Scholar Kate Lundy

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick Collaborative Pianist: Dr. Tiffany Fung

SUMMER CHOIR

BELLTREE: Andrew Netardus

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; SANCTUARY USHERS: Faith Garrett, Jonathon Haney, Jack Harling, Katherine

Skipper

A/V TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, Dink Henderson, John Rayl

The Flowers in worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Chuck Geiger and in honor of Barbee Geiger to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2024, by Margaret, Howard, and John Lingg, and Eleanor Samuels.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Addie Greer's 9th birthday from her family.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)



PLEDGE UPDATE

AS OF 6/6/2024

It is our hope that everyone in our congregation will pledge this year.



\$658,000 in pledged funds



119 pledges



\$850,000 pledge goal

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Sexton - Margaret Hill

GLORIFY GOD

Summer Choir will sing June 16, 23, & 30. Guest conductors in June include Mark Coffey, Deborah DesForges, and Russell Robinson. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:40 a.m. in the sanctuary immediately preceding worship. It is not necessary for members of the summer choir to be present every summer Sunday. The anthems are selected to match the abilities of those in attendance. Join us! For more information, contact Mitch Rorick.

The church office will be closed on Fridays during the summer, starting June 7 and going through August 9. Thank you for your understanding.

Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

Nursery Care (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204.

Children's Worship Guides are located in the narthex, and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return the bags to the baskets after the service.

Summer College Trajectory: Stay connected for the summer. Trajectory meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Gordon Hall. Join us and bring a friend for fun, fellowship, and time in the Word. This summer we are reading *Welcome to Adulting* by Jonathan Pokluda.

Multiply Sunday Class: Meet in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we study the book of 1 Samuel.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

June 9 2 Corinthians 12 Rick Palmer

June 16 2 Corinthians 13 Don McGarity

& Summary

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Andy Adams-Smith, Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, and Elizabeth Miller. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

Noteworthy Sponsors: On June 15, children, youth, and adults from our church will travel to Montreat, North Carolina for the 2024 Worship and Music Conference. Please become a Noteworthy Sponsor. Place a check in the offering plate with the memo, "Montreat Noteworthy Sponsor," or mail a check to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Do you enjoy eating cookies after worship? Do you enjoy baking cookies? If your answer is "yes," please join the team of cookie makers (or buyers) providing for sweets and fellowship after worship. Your cookies can be baked or bought in advance and held in the church freezers or brought to church by 10:30 on Sunday morning. If you would like to join in, let the church office know dates and dozens you'll provide. Most Sundays we offer 3-4 batches of 4 dozen cookies. Thanks! The team of 3-4th grade girls is eager to serve the cookies after worship.

Church Wide Movie Night: Everyone is invited to Gordon Hall on Wednesday, June 12 from 6-8 p.m. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and toppings. Last names A-M, please bring a side for 10-12 people; last names N-Z please bring a dessert. RSVP to Jenny Chamberlain at communications@1stpc.org.

FPC Weekly Figures

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In-Person Attendance 6/2/24		154
Weekly Budget Requirement		\$35,061
Received Week of 6/2/24		\$87,940
Weekly Offering	\$19,993	
Designated Offerings	\$64,710	
Other Revenue	\$1,442	
Preschool	\$1,795	
FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024		
YTD Budget Requirements		\$1,717,968
YTD Received		\$1,680,404
YTD Expenses		\$1,546,793

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