

GATHERING

Praise the Lord, for it is your new mercy that woke me this morning. I praise you as I see your wonderful works through the window of day. I praise you as I feel the movement of your mysterious works in me. May this new day be a song to my Creator, who is willing to befriend me in renewed grace. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

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PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

D. Cherwien

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of God.

Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

*** HYMN 396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God who formed us and knows us, forgive us. Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols. Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves. Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we attempt to attain your way in our own understanding. Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives. 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:13-18 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 230

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Welcome to God's Love

M. Miller

*Fam'lies of all shapes and kinds, love the only tie that binds this gathering of open minds, welcome to God's love.
Ev'ry person has a place in this holy, sacred space, earth's entire human race. Welcome! Come and feel God's love!
No proof required of your worth, a gift to you before your birth from God, who made the heav'ns and earth. We'll
love each other and take care of ev'ry need encountered there, within God's heart there is room to spare. Welcome to
God's love! Come, and live God's love!*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Scott Stuart

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

* HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 18:13-27 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

OT pg. 65

SERMON

Ordained Relationships: Moses and Jethro

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (11 A.M.)

Ubi Caritas

V. Johnson

Deborah DesForges, conductor

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

* 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 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Festive Scherzo

M. Archer

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Geoff Spiegel

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

SUMMER CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Tom Chamberlain; SANCTUARY USHERS: 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 honor of Fred & Lisa Lundy's 24th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Dan & Donna Sutton and their family upon the passing of Dan's mother, Belle Sutton, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 18, 2024.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Benjamin Otis Franklin, III, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 22, 2024.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Christopher, Katherine, Jonathan, and Julia Pedrick upon the passing of their mother, Marjorie Pedrick, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 23, 2024.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to her family upon the passing of Margaret Weech, who joined the Church Triumphant on May 25, 2024.



2024-2025

PLEDGE UPDATE

AS OF 5/29/2024



\$850,000

pledge goal



108

pledges



\$577,000

in pledged funds

Thank you! Every gift makes a difference.

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Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396




1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE CHURCH

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 18:13-27 (NRSV)

¹³The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. ¹⁴When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" ¹⁵Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. ¹⁶When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." ¹⁷Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. ¹⁹Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; ²⁰teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. ²¹You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²²Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. ²³If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace." ²⁴So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. ²⁵Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. ²⁶And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves. ²⁷Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went off to his own country.

This is the Word of the Lord.

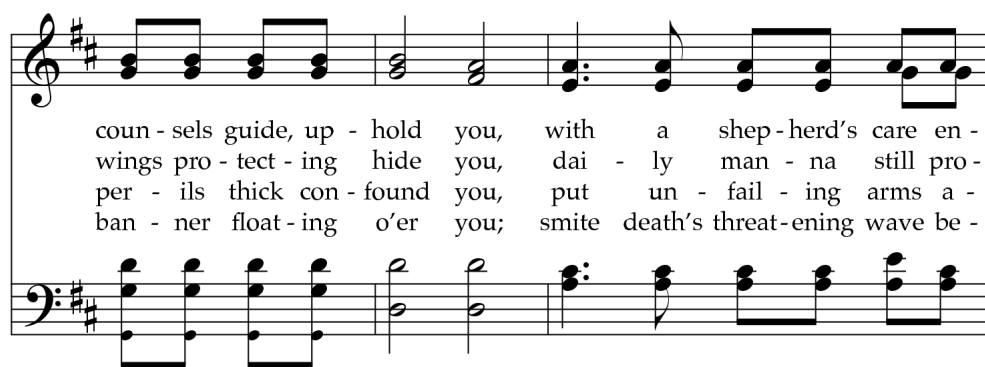
Thanks be to God.

SENDING

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
round you:
fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

GLORIFY GOD

Summer Choir will sing June 9, 16, 23, & 30. Guest conductors 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.

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 2	2 Corinthians 11	Ross Teigen
June 9	2 Corinthians 12	Rick Palmer

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.

Chocolate Lovers' PW Circle invites all women of the church to join its year-end excursion to Camp Montgomery on Wednesday, June 5, when our circle gathers at 1:30 p.m. on the rocking chair porch for a couple of hours to review the year's Bible study and eat some ice cream. You do not have to be a member of any circle to enjoy this time of fellowship with us. RSVP to the church office (352) 378-1527 by June 2.

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

In-Person Attendance 5/26/24	138
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$35,061
Received Week of 5/26/24	\$4,292
Weekly Offering	\$3,287
Designated Offerings	\$949
Other Revenue	\$56
Preschool	--
<u>FPC Fiscal Year: July 2023-June 2024</u>	
YTD Budget Requirements	\$1,682,908
YTD Received	\$1,587,384
YTD Expenses	\$1,510,140

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