



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753
Organized 1764

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016

Eleven o'clock

On entering the sanctuary, let us be reverent in silence, fervent in prayer, hearty in praise, and expectant of God's presence.

THE PRELUDE

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of Abraham and Sarah, of apostles and prophets,
in every age has called people
to work, to proclaim justice, to do mercy,
and to call others to participate in the kingdom of God.
We give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

People: We are a chosen people.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

People: We are a royal priesthood.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

People: We are the household of God.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

People: We are a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

People: We are a colony of heaven.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

People: We are the body of Christ.

Leader: Give thanks to God . . .

People: . . . for the church of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Give thanks to God.

People: And trust God's Holy Spirit.

– (based on “A Litany of the Names of the Church,” from *The Worshipbook*)

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461

“God Is Here!”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Almighty God: you love us, but we have not loved you; you call,
but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped up in our concerns. We have gone along with evil,
with prejudice, warfare, and greed. God our Father, help us**

to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

TOULON (457)

***Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.***

****THE CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

Please sign and pass the register and, noting one another's names, return it.

THE CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

The Congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward.

***This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.***

Children younger than kindergarten age may go to the nursery.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

(following the reading)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 62:1-5
Pew Bible, O.T., p. 692

THE ANTHEM

“*Ave Verum*”
Sanctuary Choir

Mozart

*Ave verum Corpus natum
De Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum
Fluxit aqua et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
Mortis in examine.*

Hail, true body,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Truly suffered, sacrificed
On the Cross for humanity,
Whose pierced side
Flowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
In the trial of death.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 2:1-11
Pew Bible, N.T., p. 93

THE SERMON

“Saving the Best for Last”

Sam Marshall

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Nicene Creed (ecumenical version)

***THE HYMN 442, verses 1-2**

“*The Church’s One Foundation*”

AURELIA

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH (592)

*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 INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All (singing) *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.
Hosanna in the highest.***

(The prayer continues ...)

... Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.***

(The prayer continues and concludes with ...)

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

THE COMMUNION

Cups in the trays contain red wine or white grape juice. Worshipers may partake of the cup as they receive it or hold it to partake with the minister after everyone has been served.

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*singing*)

Choir: *Bless the Lord, O my soul,*
All: ***And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!***
Choir: *Bless the Lord, O my soul,*
All: ***And forget not all God's benefits.***

– Psalm 103:1-2

THE PRAYER

*THE HYMN 442, verses 4-5

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
Sanctuary Choir

Rutter

*THE POSTLUDE

Notes on the Bulletin:

(*) Those who are able in the congregation are asked to stand
(**) Ushers will seat late arrivers

A WARM WELCOME in the name of Jesus Christ is extended to everyone worshiping with us. If you have any questions about our church or if you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please speak to a minister or one of the elders. You may join the Presbyterian Church by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer of your letter from another church.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 9

The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lamentations 1:1-7

Luke 17:5-10

Rob Evans Preaching

Sermon: “Exercising the Faith We Already Have”

The Reverend Dr. Robert C. Evans III, now retired, most recently served as pastor of Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Lewisville.

OCTOBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Elders on Call: Joy Morrison, Joan Scott
Sanctuary Guild: Jane Pardue, Lynda Sloan
Opening/Closing the Church: Rhyne Scott

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Mattie Meech Home
Bob Spencer Home
Mary Helen Walker Iredell Memorial Hospital
Evelyn Sahhar The Heritage at Lowman, 227 Bethel
2101 Dutch Fork Road
White Rock, SC 29177
Dennis Woodall Brookdale Peachtree
2806 Peachtree Road, 28625

USHERS TODAY: Dennis Setzer, Matt Carbone, Dick Sears,
Judy Watts, Wendell Worthington

USHERS OCTOBER 9: Jim Tarman, Lamar Austin, Sloan Goforth,
Jason Petree, Bob Spencer, Rada Spencer

NURSERY TODAY: Teresa Kutteh, Beth Setzer, Rachel Setzer

NURSERY OCTOBER 9: Jill Gillis, Kortney Kappel, Audrey Thomas

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jo Rives' ninety sixth birthday by Sally and David Parker and Shirley Reid; and in celebration of their sixth wedding anniversary by Liz Whittington and Wes Pitts.

WELCOME and thank you to Emily Shuttenburg, guest pianist for today's worship service. Emily is instructor of piano at Mitchell Community College and Community Choral Director.

OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS: If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary for our worship service, the following dates are available: October 16 and 23, and most Sundays in November. Please contact the church office or George Moody (704.880.6651).

WATER INTO WINE continues 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, October 3, at Wine Maestro. Join Wes Pitts, Carrilea Potter (Associate Pastor, Broad Street UMC), and Justin Cox (Student Minister, First Baptist) for theological conversations over beer, wine, or soda.

THE GRAND SWEEP Bible study meets each Wednesday, 12:15-12:45, in the Fellowship Room. You may order a copy of the book through Wes Pitts for \$15.

YOGA STRETCH CLASS with Yoga Loft instructor Wednesdays, 4:00-4:15 p.m., in Fourth Creek Meeting Hall. Bring a mat, water bottle and \$7. Everyone is welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH, will be held the **third** Sunday, October 16, after worship. Menu is baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and yummy homemade desserts. Cost is \$8/person, family maximum \$25. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

AN UPDATED PRINTED DIRECTORY is being compiled. Please contact the church office by phone (704.873.7244) or email (office@fpcstatesville.org) to update your contact information.

THE CHURCH AT WORK: STUDY, SHARE, SERVE

Today:	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:40 a.m.	Session
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Water into Wine
Tuesday	12:30 p.m.	O.W.L.S.
	5:30 p.m.	Christian Education
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Staff
	12:15 p.m.	The Grand Sweep
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

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