



**First
Presbyterian
Church**

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753
Organized 1764

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 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

"Traumerei"

Schumann

THE INTROIT

"The Call"

Vaughan Williams

Joshua Conyers, baritone

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We were glad when they said to us,

People: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

— Psalm 122:1, 118:29

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 229

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

TO GOD BE THE GLORY (485)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory: great things he hath done!

**THE CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Minute for Mission — Pennies for Hunger/Two Cents a Meal

Laurie Scott

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.

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,

O Thou of God to earth come down,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,

Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

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.**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 11

Pew Bible, O.T., p. 731

THE PSALM

66:1-12

Be joyful in God, all you lands;

sing the glory of God's name;

sing the glory of God's praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you,

sings to you, sings out your name."

Come now and see the works of God,

how wonderful God's actions toward all people.

God turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on foot,

and there we rejoiced in God.

In might God rules forever
and keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against God.

**Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of praise to be heard.**

God holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.

**For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

**You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**I cried out with my mouth,
and God's praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
but in truth God has heard me
and attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld steadfast love from me.**

THE EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15
Pew Bible, N.T., p. 212

THE ANTHEM

"Let All Things Now Living"
Sanctuary Choir

Davis

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19
Pew Bible, N.T., p. 80

THE SERMON

"Seasoned Witness"

Steve Scott

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.**

But we see Jesus as Lord.

**As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

**Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God’s good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.
The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.**

– from “A Declaration of Faith,” Presbyterian Church, U.S. (1977)

THE HYMN 413** ***“All Who Love and Serve Your City” CHARLESTOWN

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY *“Ride On, King Jesus!”* Johnson
Joshua Conyers, baritone

***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 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 HYMN 495** ***“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”* Lutkin
Sanctuary Choir

***THE POSTLUDE** *“Psalm 19”* Marcello

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 worshipping 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 16

The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-8

Romans 2:1-11

Wes Pitts Preaching

Sermon: “(Re)Commit: Do Justice”

SEPTEMBER 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:

Jim Tarman, Lamar Austin, Sloan Goforth,
Jason Petree, Bob Spencer, Rada Spencer

USHERS OCTOBER 16:

Roy Morrison, Hewitt Linyard, George Moody,
Nate Neely, Libby Weaver, Lew Wilson

NURSERY TODAY:

Jill Gillis, Kortney Kappel, Audrey Thomas

NURSERY OCTOBER 16:

Janice Searcy, Lauren Oliphant, Don Searcy

THE FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Steve Scott and Wes Pitts, as we observe Pastor Appreciation Month.

WELCOME and thank you to Doris Swaim, pianist, for sharing her musical gift with us in today's worship service. Mrs. Swaim is a Statesville resident and member of Front Street Baptist Church.

. . . and to Joshua Conyers, baritone, who is from Bronx, New York, and attended the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Mr. Conyers has been a member of several opera companies and will be joining the Berenson Young Artist Program at Palm Beach Opera in 2017.

OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS: If you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary for our worship service, November 13 and 20 are available. Please contact the church office or George Moody (704.880.6651).

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.

CLINKERS DINNER is on Thursday, October 20, at Amalfi's Restaurant (1712 Old Wilkesboro Road). Please make your reservation by October 14 with Jane Lentz (by phone at 704.873.0156 or by email at jp Lentz@hotmail.com).

TWO CENTS A MEAL: Next Sunday we ask that you contribute to Presbyterian hunger relief through your regular Two Cents a Meal/Pennies for Hunger offering. We receive this offering the third Sunday of each month.

THE YOUTH CHOIR will sing during worship on Sunday, October 16.

THE SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH will be held next week on 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.

DAVID LAMOTTE IN CONCERT at Taylorsville First Presbyterian (75 2nd Street SW, Taylorsville) on Sunday, October 23, at 4:00 p.m. The concert is free with an offering for P.E.G. Partners taken during the show. Learn more about David LaMotte at www.davidlamotte.com and about P.E.G. Partners at www.pegpartners.org.

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
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	2:00 p.m.	Circle #2
	7:00 p.m.	Advisory Council
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Circle #1
	6:00 p.m.	Endowment Board
Wednesday	9:15 a.m.	Sewing Service Group
	10:00 a.m.	Staff/Prayers
	12:15 p.m.	The Grand Sweep
	4:00 p.m.	Yoga
	4:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir
	4:45 p.m.	Junior Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Congregational Life
	5:45 p.m.	Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	

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Stephen W. Scott	Pastor
Wes Pitts	Director of Christian Education
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