

Grace and peace!  
Wherever you are on  
your faith  
journey, you are  
welcome here. If you  
are looking for a  
church home, we invite  
you to join us in  
serving and  
worshiping God and  
enjoying fellowship  
together. Please seek  
out, call or email a  
pastor, or speak to the  
elder who stands at the  
front of the sanctuary  
following each  
worship service. She or  
he will arrange for you  
to meet with the  
Session and be  
received into  
membership. All who  
follow Jesus Christ  
may become  
a member.

**Children are welcome  
in all worship services  
here.** We are aware  
that young children  
may find it challenging  
to participate in the  
entire service. So,  
during the 11 a.m. ser-  
vice, children 5 years  
and younger are  
invited to the nursery  
right after "Passing the  
Peace."

*Beginning at 8:30 am child-  
care is available for in-  
fants – 5-year-olds on the  
Children's Hall in Rooms  
101, 102, & 103.*



T Coil  
LOOP  
Technology  
available.



## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 28, 2016  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### Preparation for Worship



"The believer therefore lauds the Creator, the Redeemer, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the bodily presence of a brother. The prisoner, the sick person, the Christian in exile sees in the companionship of a fellow Christian a physical sign of the gracious presence of the triune God. Visitor and visited in loneliness recognize in each other the Christ who is present in the body; they receive and meet each other as one meets the Lord, in reverence, humility, and joy. They receive each other's benedictions as the benediction of the Lord Jesus Christ. But if there is so much blessing and joy even in a single encounter of brother with brother, how inexhaustible are the riches that open up for those who by God's will are privileged to live in the daily fellowship of life with other Christians!"

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

*Claimed by the Triune God, we worship only God and are called by the Holy Spirit to share the boundary-breaking love of Christ in our life together, in the heart of Asheville, and in the whole world.*

## GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

Repton

Robert J. Powell

INTROIT

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

*Come fathers and mothers come,  
sister and brothers come,  
Join us in singing the praises of Zion,  
the praises of Zion.*

*O people don't you feel determined  
to meet within the walls of Zion,  
We'll shout and go round, we'll shout and go round,  
We'll shout and go round, we'll shout and go round  
the walls of Zion, the walls of Zion.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

God invites us to mutual love.  
but to find that mutuality, we must release  
our need for honor,  
our desire for privilege.

**In humility let us seek forgiveness,  
trusting in the promises of God  
in Christ Jesus our lord.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves  
and mock the humble.**

**We choose to believe we are self-sufficient  
rather than trust in your strength.**

**Open us to your spirit,  
that we might serve all people  
without regard to the outcome,  
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.  
We pray in Jesus' name.**

*Silent Confession*

RESPONSE HYMN

Lord, Have Mercy

SPIRE CANTICLE

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(11:00 a.m.) During the singing of the response, children are invited to come forward to the chancel for the Children's Moment.

\* RESPONSE HYMN 750 Goodness is Stronger than Evil GOODNESS IS STRONGER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 a.m.)

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*sung by all:*

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

*(The music is found in #288.)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 112

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 4:7-18

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Ordinary People and the Presence of Christ”

Patrick Johnson

*A Time for Silent Reflection*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 727                      Will You Let Me Be Your Servant                      THE SERVANT SONG  
*verses 1, 2 - All*  
*verse 3 - "Font Side" of the Sanctuary*  
*verse 4 - "Table Side" of the Sanctuary*  
*verses 5, 6 - All*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world  
through this community of ordinary people,  
therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church.**

**Christ is the head of the church,  
therefore we are responsible to Christ  
when we make policy and decisions in the church.**

**Christ is the foundation of the church,  
therefore it will not fall despite our weakness.  
We are confident that the Lord of the church  
will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions,  
help us in our weakness and blindness,  
and use the church to accomplish his purposes.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond saying, **"God of mercy, hear our prayer."**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God gives us more grace than we can ever earn  
and sustains us in ways we cannot imagine.  
**With a spirit of generosity,  
let us freely offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.**

OFFERING

ANTHEM                      Where True Love and Charity Abide                      Sally Drennan Mossing

\* DOXOLOGY 607                      Doxology                      OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

\* HYMN 731                      Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm                      REPTON

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE                                      Fanfare                                      William Mathias

*\* indicates stand as able*

PERSONS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Liturgist: *Michael Poulos, Nancy McNeill*

Musicians: *Jeremy Roberts, organist; Kim Thomas, cantor*

*The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Mandy & Jeremy Roberts by the Flower Guild.*



*Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service  
for a reception to welcome Mandy & Jeremy Roberts.*



### Habitat Sign-ups and Offering

On August 21 we received our annual Habitat Offering to contribute to the cost of the 2016 Presbyterian-Methodist House. You can still use the Habitat envelopes in the pew racks and/or make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church earmarked for Habitat Offering. A sign-up sheet for volunteer opportunities for this house is available on the table in the Wallace Foyer. Please contact Bill Winkler [winklerwm@gmail.com, 828-231-9180] if you have any questions.

### EXHIBIT IN THE GALLERY: THE ART OF THE PEN

Just 2 more Sundays to appreciate the exhibit of Michael Hughey's calligraphy and The St. John's Bible, currently on display in the gallery. If you interested in purchasing an item on display, please contact the artist directly. Price sheets with contact information are available in the gallery. The exhibit will be removed on September 6.

## WAYS TO ENGAGE IN OUR MISSION

**August 28: Faith Development Celebration & Promotion Sunday!** 9:45-10:45am FPCA Youth Living their Faith! (Fellowship Hall) Come hear from our youth about their Summer Youth Events: Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, Montreat Youth Conference, and the WNC Presbytery Delegation to Triennium at Pardue University.

**Sept. 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 2: Being Presbyterian: Foundations of Presbyterian Discipleship** (Room 213) Introductory class for folks visiting FPCA, new members, and anyone desiring to learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian. RSVP to the church office to let us know you can attend.



**SPECIAL OFFER from the FLOWER GUILD:** through the month of September \$50 for both urns. Dedicating flowers is a special way to honor friends and loved ones. Contact Sandy Sellers to reserve a date (274-0874).

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:** At General Assembly in June, PC(USA) joined Pope Francis' call for all Christians to support an ecumenical day of prayer for the Care of Creation, annually. This **September 1<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** is to be included in the PC(USA) Program Calendars and resources are to be made available online on the PC(USA) website. Please take a moment on Thursday, September 1 to thank our Creator for the amazing planet we live on and to ask for guidance and courage to act to protect it.



### **Benefit Concert Thursday, September 1, 7-9 p.m. HERE AT FPCA!**

 The first annual "Sounds for Recovery Benefit Concert," will include live music provided by several local musicians including Malcolm Holcombe, George Terry, Io Trio, and Aaron Price; more! In addition, they will feature the widely acclaimed "Hello My Name Is..." project by Douglas Lail, which is a moving collection of portraits and personal recovery stories. Following the concert, there is a candle light procession to Pack Square Park for a short vigil. The event's net proceeds will benefit three of Buncombe County's treatment court programs: Veteran's Treatment Court, Sobriety Court, and Adult Drug Treatment Court. Online tickets (\$35): [soundsforrecovery.eventbrite.com](http://soundsforrecovery.eventbrite.com). Ticket price includes an event t-shirt to commemorate the evening.

**Christian Discipleship Center Fall Class: Spiritual Aspects of Retirement** Retirement can bring both spiritual difficulties and spiritual opportunities. Particular attention will be paid to Psalms. **Registration Deadline:** Wed. Sept. 7, 2016 – look for more info in the September First Chronicle Newsletter and in the Wallace Foyer. **Instructor:** Mr. Stephen Weissman is a priest in the Episcopal Church. **Time:** 2:00-3:30 pm for 6 Wednesdays **Dates:** Sept. 14 - Oct. 26, 2016 (excluding Sept. 28) **Location:** Trinity Episcopal Church

**Mark your calendars Coffee Talk crew!** Sunday, September 11 will be our official Fall kickoff during Faith Development in the Widman Room. Coffee Talk is open to all FPCA members and visitors, ages 21-40s. Please join us for fellowship and a chance to plan our upcoming Fall season together. Nursery is available and little ones are also always welcome to join us when we meet. If you are a visitor, we would love for you to join us as our church continues to grow! Please contact Marilyn Cortes at [MLindsle@Stetson.edu](mailto:MLindsle@Stetson.edu) if you have any questions. Marilyn Cortes 828-424-0845



**The Presbytery of WNC invites you to Building H.O.P.E. "Doing Together What We Can Not Do Alone"** The Presbytery of Western North Carolina is currently engaging in a capital campaign called "Building H.O.P.E." At its June meeting the session of FPC-A unanimously invited the presbytery to come to our congregation, extending an invitation to our members to consider participating in this significant mission initiative. Please see the display in the Wallace Foyer for more details on how you can participate.



## Community Joys and Concerns

Please join the FPCA Family as we celebrate joys among us and pray for loved ones.

We will print a full list once a month; copies of the August list are available in the narthex.

**Please contact the Pastors (828-222-0113; [careline@fpcasheville.org](mailto:careline@fpcasheville.org)) with prayer requests and updates.**

### *Pray for:*

**EMILY KITE** and her family upon the unexpected death of her father, James Kettlewell, on August 19 in Lakeside, Ohio. The memorial service was yesterday at Christ Presbyterian Church in Canton.

**URSALA & BLAIR HARKNESS** and their families. Ursula's younger brother Fritz Musser had been hiking in the Republic of Georgia for the past two and a half months and was recently murdered in a remote village in that country. Arrangements have been made to return Fritz's body to Chicago where Ursula's parents still live. During this difficult time, Blair and Ursula ask for prayers for their family as well as for the family of the perpetrator who has been reportedly arrested.

**DOUG HUNTLEY** and his family, as Doug's brother Pat has esophageal cancer. Prayers for healing and peace as Pat's family has suffered an unusual number of losses this year and appreciates our church prayers.

**MARY TODD** who had a successful partial knee replacement on Friday. Prayers for healing and recovery.

**LAUREN WOOD** and her family as Lauren's dad Doug has undergone major surgery. He is now recovering at a rehab center near his home at in Columbia, SC.

**SANDY & BILL REID** as Sandy's mother Marjorie Strawn is in LeNoir is in recovery after suffering a stroke. Sandy is there with her mom until she can be placed in a facility here in Asheville. As she works on getting her mom's house ready to sell, Sandy appreciates all of our thoughts and prayers,

**MARY RAINE MOORE** who is recovering from a successful surgery on her vocal chords this past week. She is also making good progress with her foot!

**MIKE & TERRY BEAMER'S** daughter-in-law Allison who has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

**JOHN & MARTHA JACKSON'S** neighbors Ed and Becky Anderson, Jackson, as Ed faces serious health problems.

**TAVIE FLANAGAN** and her family as they grieve the death of Tavie's mother, Octavia Soule, who died on August 2.

**LOUISIANA** Those who have lost so much because of the recent floods in Louisiana. We pray also for the relief workers who are helping in this time of crisis. Donations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance response can be made online (<https://pda.pcusa.org>) or through a check made to FPC-Asheville, earmarked "Gulf Flooding 2016."

**Many of our members who are beginning college classes in various campuses in the coming days.  
Prayer for them as well as their families during this time of transition**

### *We celebrate:*

**PATRICK MCELWAIN** who is being ordained today as the Associate Pastor at Clemmons Presbyterian Church in Clemmons, NC. Cards of congratulations can be sent to 440 Stone Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103



## Hands on Asheville School Supplies Drive

Fill a new backpack with these supplies and bring in to the Foyer by **August 29:**

- New backpack
- 3 composition books
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 4-6 spiral notebooks
- 2 pocket folders
- 3 ring binder (1.5-2inch)
- Ruler
- Box #2 pencils
- package of erasers
- washable markers & crayons



## Open Streets



## ASHEVILLE

## Open Streets Asheville

### Sunday September 18 from 1-5pm

Car free streets, fun for all ages! [openstreetsasheville.com](http://openstreetsasheville.com)

FPCA is on the route for Open Street Asheville! Join us as we partner with the city to celebrate community and fitness in the heart of downtown! This is a fun opportunity for us to share the boundary breaking love of Christ with our neighbors and community.

We will share popcorn in honor of our Saturday Sanctuary ministry, popsicles will be provided with Asheville Youth Mission, and community building fun activities.

### Ways to get involved!

1. Participate in the event: walk, ride bikes, skate board, big wheels, visit over 40 other activities and businesses along the routes.
2. Sign-up for a shift to host a variety of FPCA outdoor activities  
*Lawn Activities: corn hole, 4 square, horse shoes, bubbles, face painting, chalk wall.*  
*Refreshment & Comfort Station: popsicles, popcorn, water, bathrooms.*

FPCA will provide a sandwich Lunch for Setup & Activity Hosts or early afternoon participants.

**Shift Times: ★ Set-up & Activity Hosts: 12:30-2pm ★ Activity Hosts: 1-3pm ★ Activity Hosts: 3-5pm**

Call the church office or EMAIL NANCY MCNEILL to sign up for your shift— we look forward to this opportunity as a downtown church in the heart of Asheville!

**Lexington, Church, and Aston St. will be blocked to traffic beginning at 12:30pm Sunday September 18.**



Our Partners in Ministry at 40 Church



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