

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, January 22, 2017  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### Preparation for Worship

*Psalm 55: 1-8, 12-14, 20-23*

To the leader: with stringed  
instruments. A Maskil of David.

Give ear to my prayer, O God;  
do not hide yourself from my  
supplication.

Attend to me, and answer me;  
I am troubled in my complaint.

I am distraught by the noise  
of the enemy,  
because of the clamour  
of the wicked.

For they bring trouble upon me,  
and in anger they cherish enmity  
against me.

My heart is in anguish within me,  
the terrors of death have fallen upon  
me.

Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me.

And I say, 'O that I had wings like a  
dove!

I would fly away and be at rest;  
truly, I would flee far away;  
I would lodge in the wilderness;

*Selah*

I would hurry to find a shelter  
for myself from the raging wind  
and tempest.'

It is not enemies who taunt me –  
I could bear that;  
it is not adversaries who deal  
insolently with me –  
I could hide from them.

But it is you, my equal,  
my companion, my familiar friend,  
with whom I kept pleasant company;  
we walked in the house of God with  
the throng.

My companion laid hands on a friend  
and violated a covenant with me  
with speech smoother than butter,  
but with a heart set on war;  
with words that were softer than oil,  
but in fact were drawn swords.

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you;  
he will never permit  
the righteous to be moved.

But you, O God, will cast them down  
into the lowest pit;  
the bloodthirsty and treacherous  
shall not live out half their days.  
But I will trust in you.

*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

Adagio from 'Sonata I'

Felix Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

Jay Beech (11:00 a.m.)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
Pray for all the City and the house of prayer,  
"Peace be in your towers, safety everywhere."  
For my friends and loved ones I will say again, "Peace to you until the end."  
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**

\* HYMN 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RAQUEL

Vs. 1 - Cantor  
Vs. 2, 3, 4 - All

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*Silent Confession*

SUNG RESPONSE

In Silence We Wait

Susan Masters

*First time cantor; second time congregation*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the cantor and the second is for the congregation. The lyrics are: "In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you come to us; bring us your light."

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

RESPONSE (The music is found in Refrain of Hymn #377)

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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

(The music is found in hymn #691)

LAND OF REST

**In all the tensions of our lives, between our faith and doubt,  
Let your great Spirit give us hope, sustain us, lead us out.**

**So help us in our unbelief and let our lives be true:  
Feet firmly planted on the earth, our sights set high on you.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 1:26-2:4a

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 142

*Cantor introduces refrain; Congregation repeats as directed.*



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SERMON

“You Have Stept Out of Your Place”

Rev. Susan Denne

*A Time for Silent Reflection*

LITANY OF CONFESSION

O God of Truth, we recognize that violence is a part of our life, and we name this violence as sin. We confess that for a long time we have called this violence by names we could tolerate. We have called physical violence discipline. We have called violence a family fight. We have called isolation a need for privacy.

**Forgive us, God.**

O God of Light, we acknowledge that family violence has been a secret among us for a long time. We have helped to keep this secret. We confess we shut our eyes to the bruises. We have shut our ears to the cries of fear and pain. We name this silence and apathy as sin.

**Forgive us, God.**

O God of Light and Peace, there is darkness in our homes and in our world. We claim our responsibility for allowing darkness to continue. We seek your peace and healing for our homes, for our community and for our world.

**Amen, amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Declaration of Faith PCUSA*)

**Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.**

**The people of God have often misused God's promises  
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.**

**But in Christ the new world has already broken in  
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.**

**But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible  
now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord!**

**He has been Lord from the beginning.**

**He will be Lord at the end.**

**Even now he is Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's, and everything that is in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

**Let us offer ourselves to God this day,  
all that we have and all that we are,  
in praise and love of Christ.**

(Adapted from Rev.  
Carrie Doehring, *Keeping  
the Faith*)

Jane Laping

*Today we celebrate the  
ministry of the Home  
Grown Garden. Since  
2011 the garden has grown  
fresh vegetables for use at  
the Black Mountain Home  
for Children & Youth as  
well as supporting local  
agencies to feed those in  
need. The Garden is re-  
ceiving a grant from our  
Presbytery's Hunger Fund  
through the Nickel-A-Meal  
offering we collect at 11:00  
a.m. worship today.*

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Love one another for love is of God.  
those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.  
Love one another for love is of God.  
Those who live in love, God lives in them.

Those who show love are the children of God;  
Father and mother is God to each of them.

God showed love in the face of the Son;  
Christ lives in us so that we might live through him.

Love has no place for the menace of fear;  
Fear is abandoned where love is found.

Love has its purpose in God's holy will;  
We learn to love from the one who loved us first.

\* DOXOLOGY (11:00 a.m.) *Music found in Hymn 598*

Leader: Sing praises!

**All: Amen, we praise your name, O God!**  
**Amen, we praise your name, O God!**  
**Amen, amen. Amen, amen.**  
**Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (8:45 a.m.)

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

\* HYMN 79                                      Light Dawns on a Weary World                                      TEMPLE OF PEACE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE                                      Nachspiel                                      Anton Bruckner

*\* indicates stand as able*

*The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of our lost loved ones, given by Ann & Jim Hunter.*

PERSONS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Liturgists: *Patrick Johnson, Rebecca Gurney*

Acolytes: *Reese Carlton, Amelia Cate*

Musicians: *Jeremy Roberts - Organist, Kim Thomas - Cantor, Chancel Choir*

## 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, with copies available in the narthex. Please contact Rebecca, Patrick and Michael ([careline@fpcasheville.org](mailto:careline@fpcasheville.org)/828-222-0113) with prayer requests and updates.

Prayers for:

**RIELEY BENNETT** and his family upon the unexpected death of Rieley's brother Robert two weeks ago in Houston. Prayers also for Rieley's mom Martha who is homebound and is taking this loss hard.

**JAIME BRADY's** father, JC, who has been struggling with an aggressive form of cancer for a couple of years. Radiation and chemotherapy have weakened him greatly, and JC recently fell and was hospitalized. Jamie asks for prayers for her family as they all navigate these last days.

**OLIN JARRETT** who is recovering at home from recent heart surgery. The family expresses deep thanks for the prayers received during recovery.

**JOHN FLETCHER** who has finished rehab and has returned home after suffering a stroke in December. Continued prayers for his recovery as well as for Barbara who cares for John at home.

**ALEX MCNEILL**, one of our candidates for ordained ministry, as he prepares to take his ordination exams at the end of this month.

**REBECCA REINHARDT** and her family as Rebecca begins chemo and radiation treatment for an inoperable grade 3 brain tumor. She is receiving treatment at both Duke and Mission hospitals.

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## NEW ART EXHIBIT

Features the work of 2 local organizations: Rise Up! Studio and Open Hearts Art Center.



Rise Up! Studio, a project of the BeLoved Community, is made up of artists struggling against social problems including homelessness, poverty, isolation, and discrimination. Open Hearts Art Center is a nationally accredited, community based arts program, providing unique opportunities for differently abled adults to express themselves.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Christians For a United Community Book Club** (January 22 through June) The book used will be The Third Reconstruction by Dr. William Barber, which focuses on the justice movement in our current times. Meet 1x monthly on the 4th Sunday 2:00-3:30 at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Participants are asked to supply their own copy of the book. Register by email or phone ([cucasheville@bellsouth.net](mailto:cucasheville@bellsouth.net)/ 828-254-4884).



**Become an Ally: Just Economics: People's Voice on Transportation Equality** A campaign originated by and led by people who ride the bus out of necessity, this group has grown and includes riders and allies. On January 29 People's Transit Week will begin in Asheville. On that Sunday there will be an information table in the Wallace Foyer for those who want to learn more about this campaign. For more information about Just Economics, contact Marge Marsh ([margemarsh@gmail.com](mailto:margemarsh@gmail.com)) or Michael Poulos.



## STUDY

**ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT** (9:45 a.m. Sunday morning)

**January 22 Confronting Domestic Violence** (Room 213) Helpmate of Asheville works with our community to eliminate abuse and fear by providing safety, shelter, and support for people who have been victimized by domestic violence. *Teacher: Guests from Helpmate*

**January 29, February 5,12 "CORE 3"** (Fellowship Hall) FPC session has considered three areas of focus for ministry for our FPA congregation. Join us for a three week class exploring these primary focus areas for the coming year. *Teachers: Rev's Patrick Johnson, Michael Poulos, Session Members*

## CONNECT

**Group for loved ones of people with memory loss** gather today 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 112. Those attending the support group are invited to bring a lunch or snack, or pick up coffee after worship and join the group. Earl Thompson and Marge Marsh will convene the meeting.

**NURSERY:** Think of all of the star words that can be lived out by volunteering in our nursery! Cheer, joy, patience, energy, discipleship, love, hospitality, and so many others! Our littlest church members in the nursery need volunteers to rock them, play toys, and read stories. We have a sign up sheet in the hallway outside of the nursery or you can email Marilyn Cortes at [MLindsle@stetson.edu](mailto:MLindsle@stetson.edu) to sign up. We need volunteers for services and faith development!



In response to changing administrative needs, FPCA is searching for a full-time Church Business Administrator to manage the business operations of the church, including finances, facilities, personnel, and information technology. To learn more about this search, go to the Employment Opportunities page of our website, or contact Beth Fluharty, Co-Chair of the search committee, at [elfluharty@gmail.com](mailto:elfluharty@gmail.com).

**Women's Studies** meets Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6pm in the Living Room of Asbury Commons at Givens. All **WOMEN'S T U D I E S** women-members and visitors- are invited to share a potluck meal and fellowship followed by a program presented by On Eagles Wings Ministries. Lisa Bradford will speak on their efforts to prevent females from falling victim to sex trafficking, the offer of assistance to those still trapped, and restoration for those who have survived. It is helpful if you RSVP to Jo Nan Hester ([jhester@fpcasheville.org](mailto:jhester@fpcasheville.org)) or call the church office by Jan. 23.

**Creation Care Team Meets Jan 29** Join the Creation Care Team as we continue our planning and doing for 2017. We will discuss progress on plans for a solar electric vehicle charging station, Earth Day 2017, and a move toward composting food scraps, among other items. The meeting is after the 11:00 AM service in the downstairs conference room.



 **Sign up for Springtime "Dine With Nine"** These small fellowship groups meet monthly to share a meal in each others' homes or in another setting of the group's choice. We'll assign you to a group of approximately nine adults who will meet in March, April, and May on dates that are convenient to the group members. Hosting duties rotate each month, but you do not need to serve as host in order to participate. Please let us know by **February 5** if you'd like to take part. You may sign up by filing out a card on the reception desk or using the form on the website. Questions? Contact Margaret Black 684-4529.

**SAVE THE DATE: FEB. 5 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING LUNCH AFTER 11AM WORSHIP AT FPCA!**

## ORDINARY TIME BANNERS

Ordinary Time (as opposed to sacred time) refers to two specific periods in the Christian calendar in which the occurring Sundays are not directly related to the Christmas or Easter holidays. Rather than referring to something everyday or common, "ordinary," in this sense, comes from the word ordinal (meaning "numbered").

**Colors and Focus:** The color green is most often associated with the two periods of Ordinary Time, and can generally be found in the sanctuary during these portions of the liturgical year. It is usually considered a symbol of the Church's growth and rebirth. Although not the focus of the liturgical calendar, for Christians of all denominations Ordinary Time remains an important part of the ecclesiastical year, one in which they can live in the spirit of life and rebirth and continue in the work of the church.

The Ordinary Time banners hanging next to the chancel area are scenes of mountains and seasonal progressions of the earth depicted with trees and foliage and symbolic of life, growth and rebirth. Thanks to members of the Liturgical Arts Committee for their work in constructing these banners and installing them.

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Please use the Care Line phone number, email or pew cards to communicate confidentially with the pastors if you would like to share concerns or request support. Phone and email messages will reach one of our pastors at any time. If you have scheduled a hospitalization, please let us know as soon as possible.

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