

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. service, 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 infants – 5-year-olds on the Children's Hall in Rooms 101, 102, & 103.*



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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, February 5, 2017  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### Preparation for Worship

"I am a brother to another person through what Jesus Christ did for me and to me; the other person has become a brother to me through what Jesus Christ did for him... The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and his work become the one and only thing that is vital between us. We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly, for eternity."

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

"[A]s members of the Christian community, we are not primarily for each other but for God... We discover each other by following the same vocation and by supporting each other in the same search. Therefore the Christian community is not a closed circle of people embracing each other, but a forward-moving group of companions bound together by the same voice asking for their attention."

~Henri Nouwen, *Reaching Out*

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*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

Rhosymedre  
(or "Lovely")

Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**  
Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,**  
**we have asked for your righteous judgment against others,**  
**but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.**

**We have worshiped you with our lips,**  
**but have dishonored you with our actions.**

**We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world,**  
**yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity**  
**toward others.**

**Our religion has become the source of quarreling**  
**rather than a testimony to your grace.**

**Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity**  
**of heart,**  
**that we may shine forth the light of your salvation,**  
**through Christ our Lord.**

*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 contains the melody for the first line of the response: "In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "come to us; bring us your light." The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ARR. SHARI ANDERSON

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The stare of my life is Jesus.

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.

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:41-47

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

(11:00 a.m.)

PSALM 112

*Cantor introduces refrain; Congregation repeats as directed.*



Hap - py are they who trust in the Lord, who fol - low God's



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SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 12:3-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Deep Relationships”

Patrick Johnson

*A Time for Silent Reflection*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LITANY OF ONE ANOTHER

LITANY RESPONSE: HYMN 205 Ubi Caritas

UBI CARITAS

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Like a spring whose waters never fail,  
God calls us to share what we have received.  
**Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.**

OFFERING

ANTHEM

A New Commandment

Thomas Tallis

A new commandment give I unto you, saith the Lord,  
That ye love together as I have loved you,  
That e'en so ye love one another.  
By this shall everyone know that ye are my disciples,  
If ye have love one to another.

We remember those who participate in worship by listening to recordings of this service and/or by receiving communion at home:

Celia Barfield  
Carl Dobson  
Angela Hardin  
Milly Middleton  
Bette Moore  
Jean Bassett  
John & Barbara Fletcher  
Pat Kendall  
Susan Hudson

We receive communion this morning in the pews. The wafers in the cups are gluten free. As you pass the plates please say, "The bread of life for you" and "the cup of salvation for you" as we serve one another.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Responses: (Hymn 552 & 553)*

**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.**

*Cantor, then all:*

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

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### SENDING

* HYMN 316	Where Charity and Love Prevail	TWENTY-FOURTH
* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
* POSTLUDE	Toccatà in C Major	Domenico Zipoli

*\* indicates stand as able*

PERSONS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Liturgists: Michael Poulos, Rebecca Gurney

Acolytes: Alice Wood & Caroline Wood

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

## FEB. 5 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING LUNCH AFTER 11AM WORSHIP TODAY AT FPCA!



Come enjoy some hearty soup prepared by our Saturday Sanctuary chefs. Share bread and cookies baked by our youth! All donations will benefit our Saturday Sanctuary ministry.

## STUDY

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

**February 5,12 "CORE 3"** (Fellowship Hall)

*February 5: Deep Relationships February 12: Shared Ministry*

The congregation is encouraged to join us for this three week interactive study of the radical hospitality, deep relationships, and shared ministry. We will study Biblical texts the deepen our understanding of each focus area, exploring what it means and how we can practice it in our personal lives, our community, and our ministry together as a congregation. *Teachers: Rev's Patrick Johnson, Michael Poulos, Session Members*

**February 19 Mission Ministry in China** (Room 213)

Come learn about Leslie Doyle's mission experiences volunteering with a Chinese Orphanage Christian Ministry. Her daughter Shelby is also spending two years in china teaching English while engaged in mission ministry. *Teacher: Leslie Doyle*

## CONNECT



**We Compost!** Starting this weekend, the Creation Care Team is encouraging everyone who eats a meal at FPCA to compost the food scraps from their plates. Diners are asked to scrape their plates into a bucket designated for compost next to the dirty dishes window.

The Child Care Center and Saturday Sanctuary cooks have been collecting their food preparation scraps for many months. Now we will be adding prepared food scraps to that mix.

Thanks to the Child Care Center's initiative, Danny's Dumpsters provides two large outside compost bins near the regular dumpsters for storing food scraps until they are picked up.

When you scrape your plate into the new compost bucket, you take an action for creation care in the first 100 days of the new administration.

**Black Mtn. Home for Children, Youth & Families** Join us at 10 a.m. on February 8 for a two-hour

introduction to our ministry and campus. We begin with refreshments and a ministry overview then head out on foot and by bus to see the full campus. Meet staff members, see our facilities, and learn about our programs ending by noon. On this tour you will see how your involvement as a liaison, volunteer, donor and prayer partner to the children is changing lives for the better. There are dates each month through December- check the website or call the office (828-686-3451/[www.blackmountainhome.org](http://www.blackmountainhome.org))



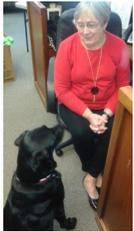
**Meet and Greet for the East Parish:** FPC members that live on the east side of Asheville and Buncombe county are part of the care group called the East Parish. Your deacons are Helga Barden, Cindy Clarke, Alicia Davis, and Barbra Love. You are invited to meet your deacons on **Sunday, February 19** in in the Fellowship Hall. They will greet you with a big smile and light refreshments. Just drop in anytime between 9-11 am to verify your contact information, meet, greet and be merry! Your deacons will be happy to answer any questions you have.



**It is time to make a joyful noise!** We are starting a new musical group: The FPCA Orchestra. The group is open to any adults and middle school or high school youth who play an instrument. A little rusty? No worries! This group will be working on some very accessible hymn accompaniments to help lead our congregational singing. We will play along with the hymns for the first time on Sunday, Feb. 26th at the 11:00 service. **There will be one rehearsal on Sunday, Feb. 19th from 12:15-1:00 pm.** Please contact Jeremy Roberts to get music if you are interested in playing. [jroberts@fpcasheville.org](mailto:jroberts@fpcasheville.org)



**Sunday, February 26** (5-7 PM in the Sanctuary) Come see *Out of Order: A film screening & panel discussion* *Out of Order* is a groundbreaking feature documentary revealing the complex and painful struggles faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) faith leaders as they seek to fulfill their calling to be ordained ministers within the Presbyterian Church (USA). The film seeks to answer the question, "Why seek to lead a church that is slow to welcome you?" While some denominations have opened doors to make ordination possible, many barriers and prejudices around LGBTQ folks still remain in the church and in our culture. *Out of Order* shares important stories of hope and courage, stories that witness to the boundary breaking love of God and open the door to deeper conversation about the meaning of welcome and inclusion.



**We Need YOU! Come help the FPCA staff by serving as a reception desk volunteer.** Our volunteers are the backbone of the office- we rely on you to answer phone calls, work on projects, prepare materials for worship & faith development, and especially to greet visitors and members and provide hospitality. **If you can offer your time on a weekday (9a-1p or 1p-4p), call the office.** There are many perks to this work- not just the satisfaction of knowing you are a major reason FPCA can function, but also playtime with Spike, treats from the kitchen, all the inside info you can handle about the staff, sign up first for activities and the opportunity to read the bulletin before Sunday.

This is a great way to get to know FPCA, so if you are new to us, consider this as a way to get acquainted!

## SOCIAL WITNESS OPPORTUNITIES

**Peace Vigil to support Asheville Muslim friends & community** Tuesday, February 7 (7:00 PM)

*Pack Square* This event is open to everyone and will have speakers of many faiths. The goal is to express to our Muslim friends and community that they are welcome here. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Claiming the Beloved Community: A Conversation with CUC** Tuesday, February 7 (6:30-8:00 PM)

*WNC Baptist Fellowship Church (240 Haywood Street)*

Please join with the Christians For A United Community (CUC) Family for an evening of deep and intentional listening-to each other, and to the Spirit of God. Please bring a dessert to share-dinner will not be served. Christians For A United Community (CUC) is an interdenominational, multi-ethnic organization of churches whose mission is to help our churches and community unite to dismantle the root causes of racism and disparity.

**Moral March on Raleigh** Historic Thousands on Jones Street (HKONJ) People's Assembly

Saturday, February 11 (8:30 AM - noon) Shaw University, Raleigh

The Moral March on Raleigh is part of a love and justice movement began by the NC NAACP civil rights leader Rev. William Barber. On February 11 thousands will gather to rally and march to the doorstep of the State Capitol. For more information about attending as a group, contact Julie Lehman (828-713-5767).

## COMING UP IN FEBRUARY. . .

### Monday, Feb. 6:

4:00 p.m. Worship Committee

### Tuesday, Feb. 7:

5:30 p.m. Session meeting

### Thursday, February 9:

Women's Dinner Out at Cooper River Grill 6:15 p.m.

### Sunday, February 12:

FPCA Night on the Town at Barley's! (5:00 p.m.).

Childcare at FPCA

### Monday, Feb. 13:

1:00 p.m. Marketplace Planning meeting

### Tuesday, Feb. 14:

5:30 p.m. Sat. Sanctuary Steering

### Wednesday, Feb. 15:

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

### Thursday, Feb. 16:

5:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### Sunday, February 26:

5:00 p.m. Out of Order Documentary & Panel Discussion

### Monday, February 27:

10:00 a.m. The Writer in You meets in Marguerite

Morgan Room

### Tuesday, February 28:

6:00 p.m. Women's Studies at Barbra Love's home

Program: Rafael Guastavino

*Save the date: Wednesday, March 1: Dinner & Ash Wednesday Worship Service*

## FPCA Night on the Town!

Sunday, February 12, 5:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Join us to deepen relationships with our church family at Barley's Taproom for food and fun!

Where: The Upper Room at Barley's on Biltmore Avenue

- ☺ Snacks & pizza \$12/person, \$20 couple payable on 2/12
- ☺ Cash bar available for all beverages!
- ☺ Connect with others from FPCA! Shoot some pool! Throw some darts!
- ☺ Child care for infants – 5th graders provided at church. Drop-off starts at 4:45. includes dinner & childcare. Pizza supper will be served to kids.
- ☺ Games & movie for the older ones and play for the littlest.
- ☺ Regular Youth Group for Middle & High Schoolers!

~ Sponsored by FPCA Children's Ministry - All welcome! ~



**RSVP is Very helpful...** Need # Adults & Kids – Call/Email the church office or go to the website. Scholarships always available!

Please use the Care Line phone number **828-222-0113**), email ([careline@fpcasheville.org](mailto:careline@fpcasheville.org)) or pew cards to communicate confidentially with the pastors 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.



Our Partners in Ministry at 40 Church



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