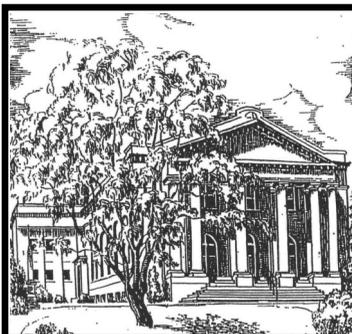


**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 17, 2018**



**First Presbyterian Church**

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753  
Organized 1764

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

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

Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

### Notes on the Bulletin:

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

**THE PRELUDE**      *"Variations on MORECAMBE"*      Boeringer

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Leader:** As we have been welcomed by God with the peace of Christ, let us welcome one another.

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

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

#### THE PRELUDE *(continued)*

#### \*\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth - for God keeps faith forever!

**People:** **God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.**

**Leader:** God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

**People:** **God lifts up those who are bowed down. God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

**Leader:** People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help -

**All:** **for God keeps faith forever! Halleluiah!**

#### \*\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Standing on the Promises"*

SEE PAGES 6-7  
PROMISES

#### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### THE CALL TO CONFESSION

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Leader:** When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

**People:** **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

**Leader:** When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation:

**People:** **Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

**Leader:** When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

**People:** **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

**Leader:** Forgive us of our sin and remember that God's

mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Hear our time of silent prayers...

## THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Thanks be to God.**

### \*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### THE CONVERSATION WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

*(following each reading)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 12:28-34  
Pew Bible, N.T., p. 49

#### THE PSALM READING

Psalm 146  
Pew Bible, O.T., pp. 581-582

#### THE ANTHEM

Sanctuary Choir

*"Canon of Praise"*

Sleeth

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6  
Pew Bible, O.T., pp. 163-164

#### THE SERMON

"Lean Back and Kick Forward"

Ed Boyce

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" From a Lutheran service of 1528.

The Congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward. Children younger than kindergarten age may go to the nursery following the children's sermon.

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the western churches.

**he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" but more often appears with the present text.

The Pennies for Hunger offering is being received today. The collection is sent to Salem Presbytery where it is then divided and returned to local food ministries.

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

**\*THE HYMN 326**

MORECAMBE

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS 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 OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

arr. Boeringer

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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***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**

**\*THE HYMN 369**

I'M GONNA LIVE

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

Rutter

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

arr. Michel

**NEXT SUNDAY, June 24, 2018**

*The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11; Psalm 9:9-20;

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Ed Boyce Preaching

**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.

### **JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Sanctuary Guild:**

Susie Haynes, Joy Morrison

#### **Opening/Closing the Church:**

Nate McElwee

### **USHERS TODAY**

Dennis Setzer, Judy Watts, Dick Sears,

▶ Matt Carbone, Gina Terry, Wendell

Worthington, Andrew Setzer

### **USHERS JUNE 24**

Matt Austin, Nate McElwee,

Donnie Haynes, Clay Speaks,

Richard Hanson, Thomas Tuck,

Lilli Beaty

### **NURSERY TODAY**

Janice Searcy, Lauren Oliphant

### **NURSERY JUNE 24**

Sherry George (and girls),

Melinda Childress

**ART NOTE:** "Maddy on bench swing grande," © Mr Printables

**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** today are given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of FPC Fathers.

### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Esther Cole

Iredell Memorial Hospital

Stamey Holland

Iredell Memorial Hospital

### **ELDERS ON CALL**

June 17-23

John Childress, Joan Scott

June 24-30

Carole Pickett, Sloan Goforth

**WE SHARE** the hope we have in the Risen Christ with the family of Julia G. Morrison, who died Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

*Julia G. Morrison*

*December 22, 1930*

*June 12, 2018*

*"I am the resurrection and the life"*

### **MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

**CONFERENCE** Week II (June 24-29) begins next Sunday. FPC will be sending 18 singers and 2 chaperones! The glorious Final Concert will be Friday, June 29 at 7:00p.m. in Anderson Auditorium. Wear cool, comfortable clothes and walking shoes and arrive early to find a good seat by the creek side for natural A/C! Each choir, handbell choir, and instrumental ensemble will perform.

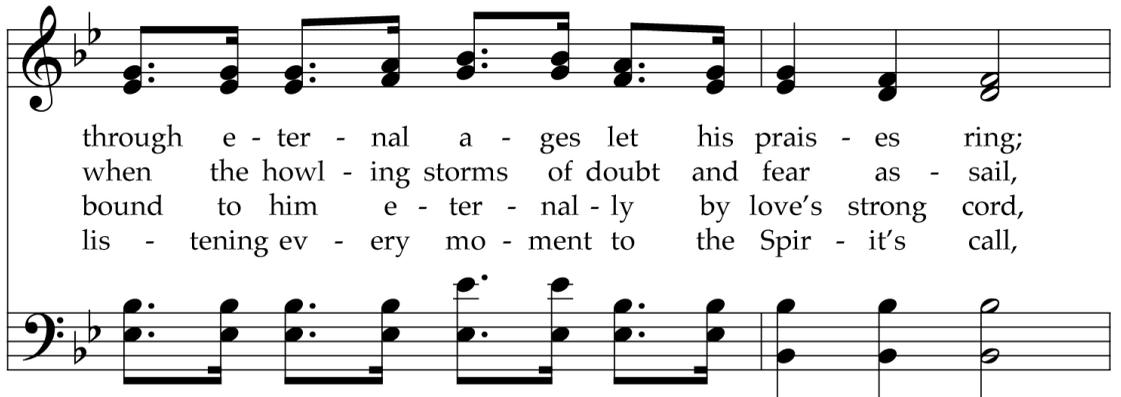
**THE SANCTUARY CHOIR** will be having a covered dish fellowship this Wednesday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Spouses, children, and friends are invited. The Sanctuary Choir will take a summer break from Wednesday rehearsals and will resume on Wednesday, August 15.

**WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD** as we give thanks for the ministry of Wes Pitts. Wes will be recognized by the Presbyterian Church for his work with the "Water into Wine" program at this week's meeting of the PCUSA's General Assembly in St. Louis. Wes will be recognized for Ecumenical and Interreligious Service to our community and God's kingdom. This recognition highlights significant service to the causes of Christian unity and interreligious relations. Wes, along with Carrilea Hall and Justin Cox are the driving force behind "Water into Wine." Congratulations, Wes!

# 838 Standing on the Promises



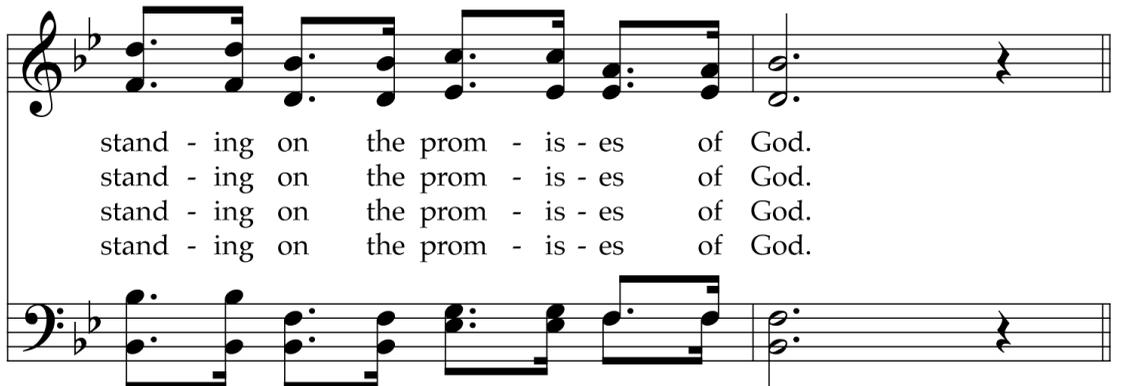
1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,



through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,



glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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# THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Sunday**  
**June**  
**17**

9:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**Father's Day**  
Sunday School  
Worship  
Financial Peace University

**Tuesday**  
**June**  
**19**

6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

FPC Softball  
Circle 3

**Wednesday**  
**June**  
**20**

10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting  
The Gospels  
Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday**  
**June**  
**21**

6:30 p.m.

Clinkers

**Sunday**  
**June**  
**24**

9:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday School  
Worship  
Financial Peace University



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Ed Boyce	Interim Pastor and Head of Staff
Wes Pitts	Director of Christian Education
Melody Morrison Beaty	Director of Music
Neal Hayes	Organist

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