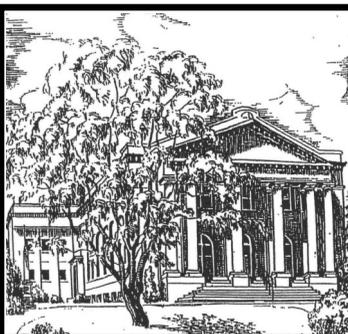


THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 15, 2018



First Presbyterian Church

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753
Organized 1764

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Sobaje

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: Jesus said: "Abide in me as I abide in you.

People: **Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine,**

Leader: Neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

People: **Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."**

Leader: Let us join our hearts and minds in worship.

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 482

LOBE DEN HERREN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

(479)

"Ho, All Who Thirst."
JACOB'S WELL

All

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and
all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink!

Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and
from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring!

Leader or All

1 Why for - sake the Lord, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,
choos - ing bro - ken cups that can - not be filled?

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

Notes on the Bulletin:

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

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, you promise to provide us with more than simple survival. When we seek to satisfy our hungers, we discover you offer a greater sustenance than humans could envision. In love, you give us so much, in unlimited supply. Too often, we spend these on the superficial. We trade our plenty for the trivial and petty. We seek the short-lived jolt. We follow our longings for instant gratification that are no different from our fickle society. We chase pleasure and passion while neglecting joy and love. We prefer the superficial instead of the depth. God of grace and mercy, we are hungry, and we ask that you satisfy our thirst. Forgive our fearfulness. Help us never to rely upon the delusions of control and satisfaction, which separate us from you. Forgive us for not trusting in your grace, abundance, and the covenant that you have renewed with every generation. In Jesus Christ, may we learn to love you more than we love ourselves. Hear our silent confessions.

THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and to emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.

People: **We turn our hearts to God. By grace our hungers are satisfied, our thirsts are sated; through Jesus we are made whole; by the Holy Spirit we are led forth as God's people. Amen.**

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(479)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six staves of music. The first five staves are for the main response, and the sixth staff is for a concluding phrase. The lyrics are: "Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink! Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring! 2 For the Lamb will be our shep - herd and will guide us to the well-springs of the wa - ter of life." The word "Lament" is written in small text at the end of the sixth staff.

"Ho, All Who Thirst."
JACOB'S WELL

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.

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 GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

(following each reading)

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM READING

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Pew Bible, O.T., p. 581

THE SOLO

"Amazing Grace"

Beck

Jerry Keys, tenor

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

THE SERMON

"A Hope for Home"

Amy Freeze

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

*THE HYMN 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

– from The Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Written in the midst of the Civil Rights movement, the confession highlights reconciliation through Jesus Christ as its theme.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 22, 2018

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 7:1-14A; Psalm 89:20-37;
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Wes Pitts 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.

JULY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sanctuary Guild:

Sherry George and Jane Cartner

Opening/Closing the Church:

Donnie Haynes

USHERS TODAY

◀ Jim Pickett, Beth Davidson,
Scott Zanotti, Reggie Brown,
Steve Hartzog, David Rothwell,
Aiden Zanotti

USHERS JULY 22

Don Searcy, Ryan Oliphant,
Katie Long, Calvin Alexander,
Will Long, Jeremy Kauffman,
Isaac Kauffman

NURSERY TODAY

Beth Bush, Karen Kauffman

NURSERY JULY 22

Lynn Brennan, Liz Petree,
Gina Terry

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of Susie and Sloan Goforth's anniversary by Julian and Jill West.

ARTWORK: "Cypresses," Vincent van Gogh, 1889. This art was selected to reflect: "Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress, and instead of the nettle shall come up the myrtle..." **Isaiah 55:13**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Stamey Holland

Iredell Memorial Hospital

ELDERS ON CALL

July 15-21

Scott Zanotti, Toni Conger

July 22-29

Jane Lentz, David Parker

July 30-Aug 4

Susan Sharp, Bill Long

WE WELCOME Amy Freeze who will be sharing God's message this morning. Amy Freeze began working with Our Towns Habitat as the Manager of Community and Faith Partnerships in April 2017. Amy is a native of China Grove, North Carolina and a graduate of Catawba College and Duke Divinity School. Amy was ordained an elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church in 2008 and has been blessed to serve as an Associate Pastor at First UMC Newton, as Pastor at Broad Street UMC Mooresville and as Pastor at Christ UMC Drexel.

In each of these ministry settings, Amy focused heavily on serving vulnerable populations in the communities to which she was appointed. Feeling called to serve those in need and feeling called to serve the church, this new role at Our Towns Habitat is a natural fit.

5TH STREET CHRISTMAS IN JULY

BE A SUPERHERO FOR 5th STREET!!!



Join us!

Sunday, July 15

Statesville Civic Center

Noon until 1:30 p.m.

Summertime Christmas lunch

Auction with something for everyone

Best bake sale ever

Photos with your favorite Superhero!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 22-25

5:30 - 7:45pm



"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." - Isaiah 43:2

Serving children age 4 through 5th Grade!
Nursery Available by Request

Sunday July 22

VBS Kick-Off

Monday July 23

Find **Adventure** on the River! - Jesus Calls the Disciples (Matthew 4:18-25)

Tuesday July 24

Find **Joy** on the River! - Jesus Walks with Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Wednesday July 25

Find **Peace** on the River! - Jesus Makes a Promise (Matthew 28:16-20)

We need volunteers to help with things such as decorating, providing and serving dinner, character acting, leading groups, and teaching lessons. About 20-25 volunteers are needed to produce a VBS for 50 kids. Please volunteer...

Contact Wes or John Childress for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
July	11:00 a.m.	Worship
15	5:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University

Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
July	12:00 p.m.	The Gospels
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	5:45 p.m.	Vacation Bible School



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