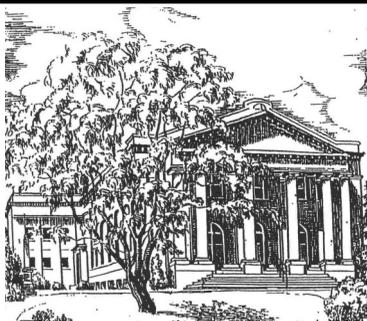


**THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**



First Presbyterian Church

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753
Organized 1764

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

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE PRELUDE *"Adagio from Sonata No. 1"* Mendelssohn

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: Each day is a gift from God, each moment is that opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.

People: **Each day is a reminder of the new covenant: not written on stone tablets easily broken but engraved on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Leader: Each day we draw closer to God: who has forgotten more than we ever learn; who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.

People: **We wish to see Jesus today and every day. Let us praise God.**

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 491

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

CARLISLE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

PSALM 51

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

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1 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
2 ♯ Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence; ♯



ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
cast me not a - way from your pres - ence; ♯



ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
cast me not a - way from your pres - ence ♯ and



new a right spir - it with - in me.
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Notes on the Bulletin:

(*) Those who are able in the congregation are asked to stand

(**) Ushers will seat late arrivers

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, we confess that we love our lives as they are. We struggle with even the idea of change. We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Teach us by the Holy Spirit to let go of our agendas and assumptions. Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power. Give us the strength and courage to try new things. Gentle God encourage us and even push us to let go of ourselves, so we can fully embrace you, for we wish to see Jesus. We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus.

Adapted from a prayer written by Amy Loving

THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Listen up! Hear this good news. Our Lord walked these roads and faced temptation. Jesus understands our quandaries and temptations.

People: Remember that Jesus always listens, forgives and calls us to new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our confession is heard, and our sins and shortcomings are already forgotten. Amen!
Amen!

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

PSALM 51

3 Re-store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion; re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it.

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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 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 PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Refrain 1

Greek Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.
English Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Refrain 1

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain 1

Leader: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

People: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Refrain 1

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Refrain 2

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re-new a right spir-it with - in me.

Refrain 2

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

People: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain 2

THE ANTHEM *"Grant Peace, We Pray"* Mendelssohn/Schalk
Sanctuary Choir

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, In our time peace, oh send us!
For there is none on earth but Thee, None other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.*

THE GOSPEL READING John 12:20-33
(following each reading) Pew Bible, N.T., pp. 106-107

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON Ed Boyce
"Arms Outstretched and Limitless"

***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; 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.

***THE HYMN 302** *"I Danced in the Morning"* SIMPLE GIFTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S 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 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. Cooman

***THE DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH (592)

***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.***

Medieval Antiphon,
recast by Martin Luther

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.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***THE HYMN 367**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

CHEREPONI

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"May the Peace of the Lord Christ Go with You"

Sutcliffe

*May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
where ever He may send you.*

*May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.*

*May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders
He has shown you.*

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

***THE POSTLUDE**

"Presto"

Moller

NEXT SUNDAY, September 30, 2018

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20

Ed Boyce Preaching: "God's Dream and Our Hope"

A WARM WELCOME in the name of Jesus Christ is extended to everyone worshiping 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.

SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Sanctuary Guild:

Susan Hollingsworth, Anne Herschler,
Paulette Keys

Opening/Closing the Church:

John Downs

Ushers Sept 23

Dennis Setzer, Judy Watts
Dick Sears, Matt Carbone,
Lew Wilson, Trish Wilson,
Andrew Setzer

Ushers Sept 30

Matt Austin, Nate McElwee,
Richard Hanson, Donnie Haynes,
Clay Speaks, Thomas Tuck,
Lilli Beaty

Nursery Sept 23

Lynn Brennan, Liz Petree,
Gina Terry

Nursery Sept 30

Susan Deal, Christian Zanotti

Liturgist Sept 23

Anne Herschler

Liturgist Sept 30

Liz Whittington

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Scott Bush by his family.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Esther Cole
Home
Connie Linyard
Home
Mattie Meech
Home
Annette Roark
Home

ART: 'Gentiles Ask to See Jesus' by James Tissot, 1894.

"Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'" (John 12:20-21, NRSV)

SYMPATHY we share the hope we have in the Risen Christ with the Hayes family in the death of William "Ken" Hayes, Jr., brother of Harriet Mauzé, on September 16 in Louisiana. A Celebration of Life Service was held at First UMC in Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 19, 2018.

Mission Golf Outing

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Statesville Country Club

635 Deauville Statesville, NC 28625

1 pm Captain's Choice Shotgun Start

Lunch, Sign-in Start @ Noon



Date change to:
October 5, 2018

**RAIN DATE
DUE TO HURRICANE FLORENCE**

**GOLFERS BRING EXTRA CASH FOR RAFFLES AND MORE
- PRIZES VALUED AT NEARLY \$3,000 -
(FLOR DE AMERICA CIGARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON COURSE)**

The Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church Statesville is sponsoring a Captain's Choice golf tournament to help support our community neighbors. Help your neighbors by playing and/or sponsoring a hole:

Benefactor Organizations from all net proceeds:

5 th Street Ministries	Iredell Christian Ministries
Boys & Girls Club	Power Cross Ministries
Habitat for Humanity	Yokefellow Ministries
Elder Center	Salvation Army
Hospice	SCAN – Stop Child Abuse
Children's Hope Alliance	Now

**\$60 / Player
4 Person Teams**

Cost Includes:
Green Fees, Cart, Lunch & Roaming Drinks
Hole-in-one chance for car

Prizes

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Cash
- Closest to Pins (par 3s)
- Raffles (tickets)

Hole Sponsorship:
Gold - \$250/hole
Silver - \$150/hole

Make checks to: FPC Statesville

Call to confirm/reserve a team: John Downs 704-517-4294, Dick Sears 704-562-0845, Brian Long 704 928-7227, Lamar Austin 704-883-6773, Matt Austin 704-657-4466 or John Childress 704-775-3876

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday September 23	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Youth Choir Youth Dinner Youth Group
Monday September 24	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Support Ministry Session
Tuesday September 25	3:00 p.m.	Fifth Street Ministries
Wednesday September 26	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	The Piecemakers Staff Meeting The Gospels Cherub Choir Junior Choir Handbell Choir Sanctuary Choir
Sunday September 30	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Youth Choir Youth Dinner Youth Group

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



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