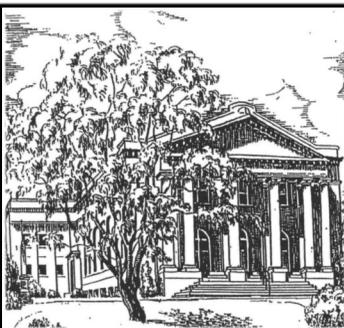
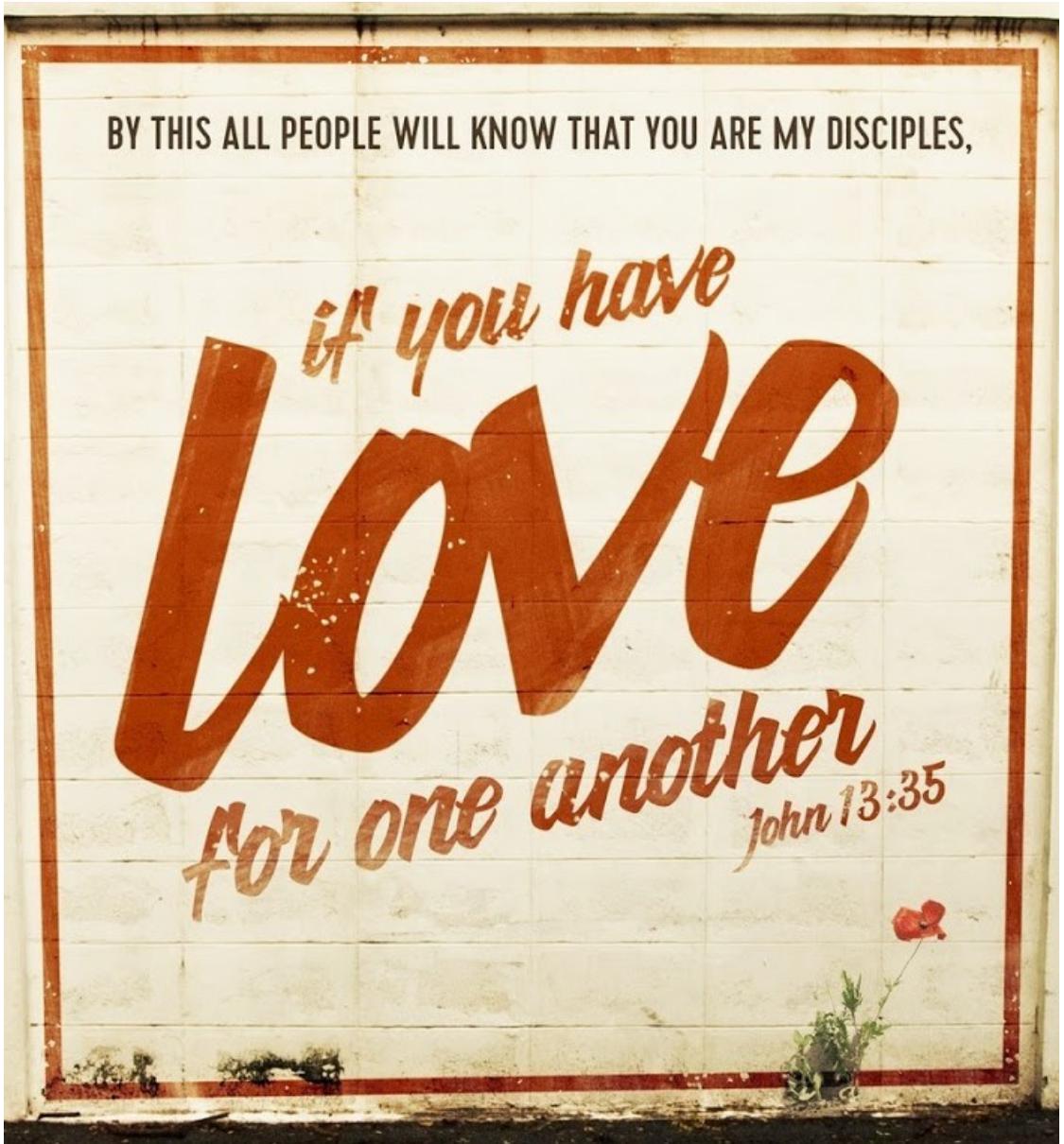


**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 19, 2019**



First Presbyterian Church

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753
Organized 1764

Loving and serving through Jesus Christ

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**.

Written by Katherine HawkerSelf and posted on liturgyoutside.net

Notes on the Bulletin:
(*) Those who are able in the congregation are asked to stand
(**) Ushers will seat late arrivers

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE PRELUDE *"Jubilate Procession"* Bortnianski/McKechnie

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Christ has given us a new commandment, that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us therefore love freely and share in his peace. May the peace of 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 INTROIT PROCESSION

Praetorious

"Jubilate Deo"

Cherub and Junior Choirs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come with what you have.
For you who grieve this day
know that you are invited to bring
the broken pieces of your heart.

People: **Loved by one another,
we discover God's love for us.**

Leader: Come with what you have.
For you who come with gladness
know that your melody will find harmony.

People: **Accepting God's love for us,
we are called to love one another.**

Leader: Come with what you have.
For you weighed down
by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs'
know that here you may lay down
the burdens of guilt and shame.

People: **Loved by one another,
we discover God's love for us.**

Leader: Come with what you have.
For you who have the answers,
know that new questions await you.

People: **Accepting God's love for us,
we are called to love one another.**

Leader: Come with what you have.
For you who come seeking,
know that your questions are safe in the presence
of God.

People: **Loved by one another,
we discover God's love for us.**

****THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376**
“Love Diving, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

This text and tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals. The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune gives us a foretaste of endless song.

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

THE ANTHEM *“The Good Lord Made it All”*
Cherub and Junior Choirs

Carter

THE LITANY OF CONFESSION

**We are called to the simplicity of truth
in the complication of trust.
Of course we fall short,
of course we turn back,
of course you accept us again.
Help us not just to speak the name of our Lord,
but to glorify all of who God is,
the fullness of love.**

Written by Alex Wirth, a PC(USA) pastor who writes lectionary-based liturgy at liturgicaltype.com

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear these words of comfort from John’s Revelation
“All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring. Those who emerge victorious will inherit these things. I will be their God, and they will be my sons and daughters.”
Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 347 v1,4**

DETROIT

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease,
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.*

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.*

“This Little Light of Mine”
4 Year Old Preschool Choir

Traditional

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6
Pew Bible, N.T., p. 259

(following each reading)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

"Joy in the Morning"

Sleeth

Sanctuary Choir

THE GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35
Pew Bible, N.T., p. 108

THE SERMON

Wes Pitts

"New Commandment, New Way of Living"

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another, that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another, that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another, that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind, that we have one God and Father, are filled with, one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; that we together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ, that we together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity, that we together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.

*THE HYMN (see page 7)

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

"We Are One in the Spirit"

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;

From the *Belhar Confession*. *Belhar* was written in the aftermath of apartheid in South Africa by the United Reformed Church in Southern Africa in order to answer the question, "How should the church respond when sin disrupts the church's unity, creates division among the children of God, and constructs unjust systems that steal life from God's creation?" It has been offered to the global Reformed family as a gift, believing that the themes of unity, reconciliation, and justice issue a call from God to the whole church toward holy action, transformation, and life.

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

***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.*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***THE HYMN 438** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* DENNIS

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE *“Twofold Amen”* DRESDEN
Sanctuary Choir

***THE POSTLUDE**

NURSERY MAY 19

Written to express a pastor’s unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord’s Supper.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 26, 2019

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15; John 5:1-9; Revelation 21:10,
21:22-22:5

Ed Boyce Preaching

Sermon: “Cracking the Code: Part 2”

A WARM WELCOME in the name of Jesus Christ is extended to everyone worshipping with us. If you have any questions or if you are interested in becoming a member, 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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Lynn Purdie-Brennan in honor of her two high school graduating seniors - Michael Charles Purdie and David Boyce Purdie, Jr.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Esther Cole

Natalie Rickabaugh

Alec and Erika Sharp

WE SHARE THE HOPE we have in the Risen Christ with the family of Wendell Worthington, whose mother, Robena Cranford, died May 12.

MAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Sanctuary Guild:

Janice Searcy, Harriet Mauze

Opening/Closing the Church:

Tommy Kincaid

USHERS MAY 19

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

NURSERY MAY 19

Beth Davidson, Beth Setzer

LITURGIST MAY 19

Carey Parker

USHERS MAY 26

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

NURSERY MAY 26

Beth Bush, Karen Kauffman

LITURGIST MAY 26

Anne Herschler

CONGRATULATIONS TO Elizabeth and Ryan Ford, who welcomed twin daughters, Parker Madeleine and Emma Josephine. on Monday, May 13. Sally and David Parker are the proud grandparents.

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you to the Cherub, Junior, and Handbell Choirs for their gift of music in worship today. These choirs will resume rehearsals in the fall.
- The Youth Choir will give a concert today at Brookdale Peachtree Living Facility at 3:45-4:30. Youth Choir will meet at FPC at 2:45 to warm-up. Please come and

support the Youth Choir! All are welcome!

- Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 through June 19. No Wednesday rehearsals beginning June 26.

2019 GRADUATES will be honored in the June Fourth Creek Journal. If you or a loved one is graduating in 2019, let the office know so we can celebrate together. Please include the school, degree and/or program in an email to office@fpcstatesville.org.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS for Elder and the Pastor Nominating Committee is Sunday, May 19. The nominating committee will then begin their work of discernment over the names submitted, along with others, and draft a slate of Elders for the class of 2021 and the PNC. If any member of the congregation would like to nominate an individual from the floor, with their permission, they may do so on the day of the congregational vote (currently tbd).

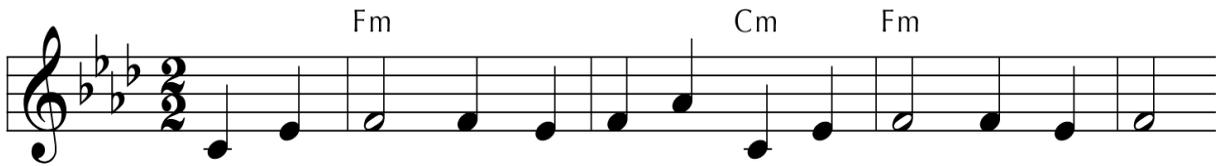
Annual Church Picnic

The Food and Fellowship ministry has planned a fun evening for our annual church picnic. On June 2, 5-8pm, we will be heading to Davesté Vineyards, in Troutman, for a picnic and communion. Communion at the vineyard will be in lieu of traditional Sunday communion that day.

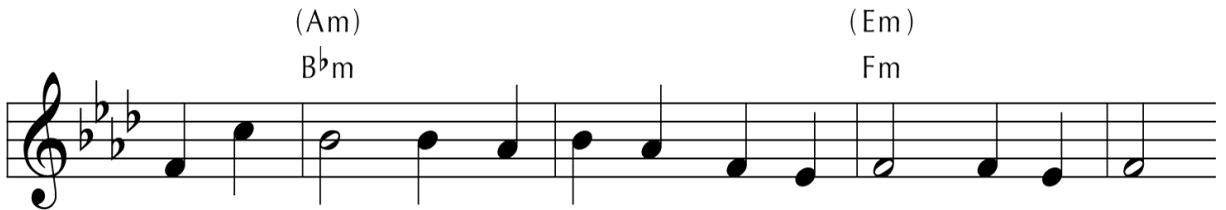
The church will provide meats, bottled water, tea and lemonade. If your last name begins with letters A-M, please plan to bring a side dish. If your last name begins with letters N-Z, please plan to bring a dessert.

There will be table seating in the Pavilion. You may also bring your own chairs for relaxing under the trees.

Shuttle service, leaving at 4:45pm, will be available for those with limited mobility. Please **RSVP by Sunday, May 26, 2019** to the church office or to Ann Speaks at apseaks57@gmail.com. Include your need for shuttle service with your RSVP.



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



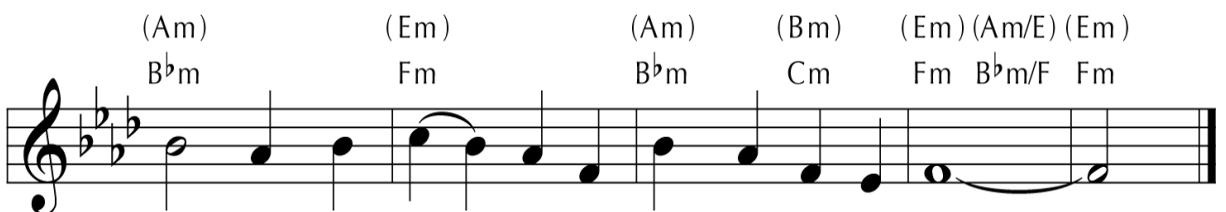
we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
May
19

8:45 am Congregational Conversation
11:00 pm Worship

Monday
May
20

6:30 pm Water Into Wine

Tuesday
May
21

6:30 pm Circle 3

Wednesday
May
22

FCJ Deadline
9:30 am Piecemakers
12:00 pm Staff Meeting/Prayers
6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday
May
26

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

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

Elders

Class of 2019
John Childress
John Gilbert, III
Jane Lentz
Bill Long
Joan Scott
Ann Speaks

Class of 2020
Harriet Gilbert
David Parker
Carole Pickett
Susan Sharp
Jim Tarman
Scott Zanotti

Class of 2021
Natasha Austin
Nate McElwee
Ryan Oliphant
Rhyne Scott
Beth Setzer
Wendell Worthington

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