

Worship of the Living God

Prelude Gail Drinkard; handbells
America, the Beautiful

Welcome Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Hymn 338 MATERNA
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Confession of Sin Dr. Randy Kirby
Holy, Lord, you are the God of glory.
We confess that we often forget
that your holiness is dangerous.
We take our failings for granted,
make excuses for the sins we commit,
and expect you to overlook the harm we cause
while still demanding justice from others.
We do not deserve your mercy.
Forgive us, and return us to a right relationship with you.
You made us for your glory
to live as saints in your world.
Fill us with your Spirit that we can fulfill our calling
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Musical Response 581 GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father

Children’s Message Elizabeth Snelbaker

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-11; 17-21

Scripture: Luke 20:20-26

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*
**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.**

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Sanctuary Choir
O Sing, My Soul, Your Maker’s Praise

Doxology 606 OLD 100th
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow


Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 81 AUSTRIAN HYMN
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Benediction

Postlude *The Rejoicing* John Stafford; organ
from “*Music for the Royal Fireworks*”

Text “Give” to
704-286-1055



**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their dear friend,
Judge Larry G. Ford, by Bob and Sara Cook.**

**A big thank you to all the volunteers who made
Vacation Bible School a success!**

Joys and Concerns this week:
Gail Bankett, David Hall, Marvin Pinson (Teen Aron’s grandfather), Acey
Worthy, Jim Sink, Wanda Huntley

Glenna Todd and family, on the death of her husband, John Todd, on
June 28

Continuing Concerns:
Mike Doran, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead’s father), Diana Potts

Church Life

Parents: Our children are such precious gifts from the Lord. To ensure their
safety, please accompany your child when they go to the restroom during
worship services or move through the church building. We want our
church to be a safe place for our children, but remember, our doors do
allow people to come and go.

New Worship Schedule
Our life together as a congregation is marked by the weekly rhythm of
Sunday worship. Worship is at the center of all we do as a church. The
pandemic caused us to shift how, where, and when we worship. Exiting
the pandemic and preparing for the fall has provided a unique opportunity
for our leaders to discern a new and improved Sunday worship schedule.
In June, at the recommendation of the Worship Committee, Session
unanimously approved the following long term Sunday morning worship
schedule, starting August 1.

8:30 – Contemporary Worship in Lewis Hall
9:45 – Sunday School
11:00 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This change will make for more vital, robust, and sustainable worship
moving forward. A two-service schedule will make for fuller services.
Fuller services will increase connection among congregants and
demonstrate the vitality of our congregation to visitors. Leaders and
ministers will now be fully present for the entirety of both services, making
them feel more robust. Finally, this schedule will enable ample time for
fellowship before and after the Sunday School hour.

This new schedule will greatly bless the ministry and mission of our church
in the days to come. Session thanks you for your flexibility throughout the
pandemic and looks forward to a new season of sustainability and vitality
in our weekly worship rhythm.

In Christ’s Service,
The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Worship Resources for Sunday, Children’s bulletin link: [July 4](#)

Adult Sunday Schools Return to Campus

As we begin to gather again, this is a great time to visit a Sunday school class. While some of our classes will restart in the fall, others will be meeting during the summer. Stop by and check them out.

- **Everyman’s** - July 4 & 11 is open to everyone. Join them to hear Dr. Barry Sang present: *Digging in the Bible, A Very Brief Introduction to Biblical Archaeology by a Novice*, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30
- **New Horizon’s** - couples and singles, explores how being Christian connects with contemporary topics using a variety of resources
- **Rumple Women’s Class**- utilizes a scripture-based curriculum
- **Discovery**- couples and singles, exploring contemporary life through the lens of Christianity using a variety of resources

Summer Meals Program!

This year FPC will host the Summer Meals Program for children and youth, ages 3-18, **Monday-Thursday, through July 29**. Volunteers are needed to escort the kids to and from the food truck. The families will wait in their cars and leave after picking up their meals. Volunteers need to be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 and are done by 12:00. [Sign up online now to help!](#)

Giving Update

As of May 31, 2021
YTD Budgeted Giving \$420,260.00
YTD Giving \$401,392.70
Short \$18,867.30
We are behind by 4.5% YTD. We thank you for your continued generosity, and we ask that you consider helping us catch up in order to faithfully fulfill the mission and ministry with which God has entrusted us.

Upcoming Events

July 4	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:30	Adult Sunday School
	10:30	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Livestreamed to YouTube & Facebook
July 5		Office Closed
July 6	11:00	Staff
	11:15	Summer Meals Program
July 7	11:15	Summer Meals Program
	7:00	Choir
	7:30	Between the World and Me Study
July 8	11:15	Summer Meals Program
	7:00	LCW Rehearsal

Each Sunday at 10:30 in the Sanctuary,
we livestream to Facebook and YouTube.

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