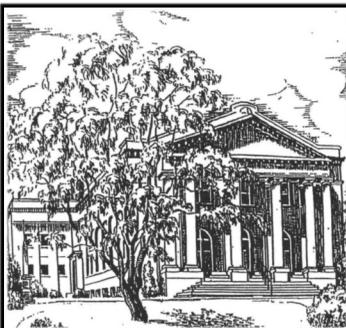


**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 23, 2019**



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**.

Adapted from Psalms 42 and 43

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

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 *"Trumpet Tune in D-Major"*

Johnson

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May you know the peace of Christ in the midst of suffering. May you feel the hope of the Holy Spirit in the midst of sorrow. And may you touch the love of God in the midst of pain. Feel God's love blowing through your life, as you turn to one another and pass the peace of Christ. 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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

People: **O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me to the throne of your grace.**

Leader: Hope in God; for I shall again praise the Lord, my help and my God.

People: **Then I will go to the altar of God and praise you with the harp, O Lord, my God. Let us worship God so that we might love and serve through Jesus Christ!**

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 276

FAITHFULNESS

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" vv1-2

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the ages, in our busy lives, we do not always make time to love, to pray, or to sing your praises. We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control: buffeted by the winds of change, rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships, burned by the fires of doubt. Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, "Why have you forgotten me?" Help us trust your presence, even when we feel utterly alone, trapped in our dark night of the soul. With the promise of Christ as our hope, lead us from our own wilderness wanderings into the well-tended garden of your love.

THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The steadfast love of God is with us, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

People: **Whether you turn away or doubt, whether you follow timidly or joyfully, you are loved and forgiven by Jesus.**

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 276v3

FAITHFULNESS

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy Faithfull, Lord, unto me!*

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:1-7

(following each reading)

Pew Bible, O.T., p. 326

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

from ELIJAH by Mendelssohn

"Ye People, Rend Your Hearts" & "If With All Your Hearts"

Tyler Stevenson, tenor, Sanctuary Choir

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 68

THE SERMON

"People of the Tombs"

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; 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.

Psalms 42, Galatians 3

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.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

***THE HYMN 132**

ST. PETER

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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 *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* arr. Bock

***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 377 vv1-2&4**

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Sanctuary Choir

***THE POSTLUDE**

"Trumpet Tune"

Purcell

NEXT SUNDAY, June 30, 2019

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Luke 9:51-62; 2 Kings 2:1-14

Ed Boyce Preaching

Sermon: "A Chariot of Fire Makes A Great Whip"

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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Esther Cole

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

are given to the glory of God and in memory of our grandparents John and Anne Bell Scott and Ross and Estelle McElwee by the Nathan McElwee family and Anne McElwee Herschler.

JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES

Sanctuary Guild:

Kathy Carpenter, Joy Morrison,
Susan Hollingsworth

Opening/Closing the Church:

John Downs

USHERS JUNE 23

Roy Morrison, Hewitt Linyard, George Moody, Nate Neely, Libby Weaver, Lew Wilson, William Bush

NURSERY JUNE 23

Jill Gillis, Audrey Thomas, Laura Hanson

LITURGIST JUNE 23

Sherry Harris

USHERS JUNE 30

Brian Long, Carol Martin, Richard King, Carey Parker, Rodger Speaks, Julian West, Caroline Cothren

NURSERY JUNE 30

Janice Searcy, Lauren Oliphant

LITURGIST JUNE 30

Vivian Goforth

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Montreat Worship and Music Conference, Week II begins today with eighteen Children, Youth and Chaperones attending!
- The Closing Concert will be on Friday, June 28 at 7:30 in Montreat at Anderson Auditorium. A van will be available, at no cost, to take a group. Call the church office by Wednesday, June 26 to reserve your seat. The van will depart the church parking lot at 3:15. Dinner, on your own, will be at 5:00 in Black Mountain. Return to the church by 11:00 p.m.
- Thank you to Tyler Stevenson for his gift of music and worship today. He is a student at Mitchell Community College, studying voice with Kathleen Smith and is a regular member of the Sanctuary Choir.

CONTACT CATE TUCK at 678-232-5075 or tinsley.catherine@yahoo.com if you have not received directory photo proofs from Amy Murphy, if you would like to submit a photo or if your contact information has changed.

THE LIVING IN FAITH CLASS will have a picnic at the home of Sarah and Rudy Davis on June 30.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following today's morning worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders for the Class of 2022, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) and an additional member of the Endowment Board. See pages 7-9 for the candidates that are put forth by the nominating committee.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY has 3 more Saturdays scheduled for us to finish building the last house on Partnership Way. If you haven't had a chance to volunteer and meet the homeowners, now is the time. Sign up outside the church office.



Join Us For A
Floating Baby Shower
celebrating

Liz Whittington

&

Wes Pitts

June 23rd

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

122 N. Mulberry Street
Statesville, North Carolina

Registered: www.amazon.com/baby

BACK 2 SCHOOL bash19

The Back to School Bash serves Statesville, Troutman and North Iredell students to provide basic needs for lower

income families. On Saturday, August 3, students (K-12) will be welcomed at Statesville High School to receive new shoes, school supplies and on-site health services and resources. Visit www.B2SBISS.com for more information or to volunteer.

The Bash will:

- Serve children in 23 schools
- Distribute new shoes and school supplies to approximately 1200 students
- Provide health services and resources to approximately 300 students
- Offer lunch to each family in attendance
- Provide free books and community resources.

First Presbyterian is collecting new shoes for students. Please consider taking a tag from the barrel outside the church office and buy new shoes in the size indicated. Return your purchase to the barrel by Sunday, July 28, so we may deliver them to the children.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Today Following Worship

Beginning below, you will find biographical information from the candidates for the Endowment Board, the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) and the Elders for the Class of 2022 Session.

Candidate for the Endowment Board

Edmond Pendrich was born in Scotland. After working as a manager for a British Chemical company, he came to America in 1979 with his wife Margaret and their daughters, Fiona and Alison, to run the American subsidiary of this company. After retiring, he and Margaret found their way to Statesville in 2001 and they bought The Kerr House B and B.

Soon after, they joined First Presbyterian Church. Both Edmond and Margaret were brought up and active in The Scottish Presbyterian Church so First Presbyterian Church felt like home. Edmond has previously served 1 year as a member and 3 years as chairman of the Endowment Board and is pleased to be asked to serve another term.

Candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)



Joy Morrison retired from education after a combined 30+ years with Iredell-Statesville Schools and Davie County Schools serving as a teacher and later a school administrator. Upon retirement, Joy began volunteering at Iredell Christian Ministries, where she was later named and still serves as Executive Director. Joy is married to Roy Morrison, who grew up in First Presbyterian, and brought his Southern Baptist bride, (who really should have been a PC(USA) member all along), to FPC 35 years ago. Their daughter, Rev. Kate Morrison, is the pastor of John Calvin Presbyterian in Salisbury, NC.

During her time at FPC, Joy has served as a children's Sunday School teacher, VBS co-director, choir member, elder, and as a member of the COM for the Salem Presbytery. She has also had the honor of being one of the teachers of the Living In Faith Sunday School class for the past 25+ years. "Our Living in Faith members teach me what it really means to be a Christian. They love everybody unconditionally and accept everybody, flaws and all."

"My theology is pretty simple and is steeped in the lifetime and lessons of Jesus' ministry... LOVE everybody, treat people as you would like to be treated, and celebrate the value in each and every person you meet. We are all beautiful messes, but we are ALL God's children."



W. Carey Parker was born and raised in Statesville, North Carolina. His parents are David and Sally Parker. He is married to Annie Miklos Parker and they have two children, Mary Evelyn and Willa Louise. Carey works as an attorney in Statesville with Parker Law Offices. Carey was born into FPC Statesville where he was also baptized, attended preschool, confirmed, and involved with Youth Group. While Carey has never transferred his membership from First Presbyterian – Statesville; he has attended and been active in other Presbyterian churches in Charlotte and Durham, NC. Since moving back to Statesville in 2014, Carey has assisted with Youth Group, taught the Youth Sunday School class, helped organize Family Camp

at Camp Grier and was on the Mission Study Team.

"As a Christian I believe in one triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that through Jesus Christ all sins are forgiven. I believe that the Bible is inspired by God, written by man, and given to Christians to read, study and learn, and that through the lessons of the Bible I am instructed to act as Jesus would act, with love and compassion toward my fellow man."



Jonna Sears and her family transferred membership to First Presbyterian from Forest Park Presbyterian 34 years ago. During this time, she has served FPC as an Elder, on the Long Range Planning Committee, the Vision Task Force, and three DCE search committees. She and her husband, Dick, have been Youth Advisors and Sunday School teachers, active in Vacation Bible School, and various Mission Trips. Most recently, she served as member and co-chair of the "FPC-Our Story" team. She has served on numerous committees: Christian Education, Worship, Mission, Personnel and Music. She is also a member of the Chancel Choir and Hand Bell Choir. She has three

married children and seven fantastic grandchildren: Ashby, Abbi, Aubrey, Cole, Drew, David and Smith.

"I have a deep love for my Savior, Jesus Christ; my family, my country, and my church. I am honored to be nominated to serve on the PNC and represent the members of First Presbyterian."

Carol Martin was born in Kannapolis, NC. Her maternal grandfather was a Presbyterian minister, so she was raised in the Presbyterian church. Her family moved to Greensboro where she joined Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. She graduated from St. Andrews Presbyterian College, where she met her husband Roy. She moved to Annapolis, MD to teach and to get a Master's Degree, later teaching in Greensboro, where her first son was born, and then to Ohio, where her second son was born. She has also been a member of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday School to 2-year-olds through adults, was President of Women of the Church, a deacon, and an elder in charge of Christian Education.

When she retired, she moved back to NC and joined FPC in 2008. She attends the Christians in Contemporary Culture Sunday School, Clinkers, Owls, Circle, Worship Ministry, Handbell Choir, and regularly is present for Sunday worship.

"I believe that God created everything and that we are all His children, no one race, sex, or nationality more important than another. I believe that He sent his only Son, Jesus, to show us how to live and how to treat others. I believe that the Holy Spirit is with us to help us live a Christ-like life. Finally, I believe that God asks us to give Him our time, talents, tithes, and praise. I think that we are all blessed to have found a church like First Presbyterian. In the past we have attempted to be a church that Jesus would approve, and I think that we have the capacity to continue to be so in the future."



David L Jones has been a lifelong member of FPC. David has served the church as a Deacon, Elder, Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Leader. He has taken great pleasure from serving on numerous committees within the church, such as the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Mission Study Team, Community Outreach Committee, and Endowment Committee. David is married to Rebecca Jones and has three sons, Lucas, Matthew, and Michael.

"I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. I look forward to serving the members of our Church in the search for a pastor."



Jim Tarman and his wife, Jane, joined FPC when they moved back to Statesville in 1981, and raised their four children in this church. Jim has served as an Elder, Deacon, Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher, usher coordinator, and on numerous committees. He is currently on the Session and is the chairman of the Worship Ministry. Recently, he also served on the Transition Team. He has provided music for Camp Grier family retreats and other church events for many years. In 2014, he retired after working for 42 years for AT&T.

"I trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, sent by God. I believe that we are the hands of God in this world and that our actions can make a real difference in the church and in the lives of others. I am honored to

be nominated for the PNC. "



Rhyne Scott has been a lifelong member of FPC Statesville, serving in as youth advisor, summer VBS teacher, church treasurer, deacon, elder and Clerk of Session. He has participated in summer mission trips, Habitat builds and serving on the Board of Kings Grant, an outreach project of the church. He and his wife, Gin, were married at FPC (and their daughter, Abby was just married here as well). The church has always been a hub in their family and where they have raised their children, Ben Abby and Luke, in the life of the church. I look forward to serving on Pastor Nominating Committee as the Church prepares to go into the next chapter

in its 265 year history.

Candidates for the Elder, Class of 2022



Lamar Austin has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. He and his wife, Kim, we married at FPC in September 1999. Lamar has served on Session three times, two full terms and one as a replacement. He and Kim served as youth advisors for 10 years. Lamar is also a member of the Young Men’s Bible Class, serving as President for two years. He is currently serving on the Presbyterian Youth Council for Salem Presbytery. He is also currently on the Board of Directors for Our Towns Habitat.

Robert Dearman is a son of First Presbyterian Church, having been born into this church and baptized here in 1952. As the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Dearman, Jr., Robert attended First Presbyterian until graduating from college in 1976 and moving to Charlotte to begin his career. He became a member of First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and was active in the Sanctuary Choir and numerous activities including the uptown soup kitchen, Room in the Inn and the singles ministry.

Upon returning to Statesville in 2011, Robert rejoined FPC and has been active in the Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir and the Young Men’s Bible Class. He has spent many hours updating the music library, assisting in Communion preparation, volunteering for Sanctuary Guild and helping improve the physical appearance of the church building and grounds.

Robert is married to Greg Richmond and they reside in Robert’s childhood home on Hedrick Drive in Statesville. He is currently employed in the Patient Access Department at Davis Regional Medical Center.

“I believe in the triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created all things, has infinite knowledge and is all-powerful and omnipotent. I believe we are called to glorify God, have fellowship with him, and share the good news of God’s love in others. I believe that Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, is Lord of all and the only way to salvation. I believe that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness, and that it is by God’s grace and the conviction of the Holy Spirit that we repent of our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. I believe that we are called to uphold the church as established by Jesus Christ, and to be a personal witness and disciple for Him. Finally, I believe the Christian life is defined by God’s grace made visible in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.



Janet Caudle Frazier moved back “home” eighteen years ago with her husband, John, after deciding they needed to be closer to our families after many years away from NC. Their boys (Jarrett and Kendall) had been attending FPC during the summers at Camp Grandma for several years, so FPC was where they wanted to be. Her family has been active in several activities in the church throughout the years. Janet is in the Sanctuary Choir and the Handbell choir and enjoys making a joyful noise to the Lord with a fantastic group of fellow singers and ringers. She had the pleasure of attending a week during the past two summers at the Montreat Music Conference. She grew up in a small country Presbyterian Church where she had a very active youth group and wonderful mentors.

“My faith is very important to me and I try to live the promise we make at baptism to support our children and help them learn and live the way of the church.”



Anne McElwee Herschler grew up in Statesville with First Presbyterian as a big part of her life. She was baptized, confirmed and married at FPC. She was raised by loving parents who were very involved at FPC and in the community with two sisters and a brother (Nate McElwee). She left Statesville and graduated from St. Mary's Junior College and Atlanta School of Design. She spent most of her career as Vice President of Printer's Alley, a small chain of retail fabric and home furnishing stores in NC and VA. She was married for 27 years to Fred Herschler who died in 2013. She retired in 2017 and, realizing one of her life-long dreams, moved back home in August 2018.

She rejoined First Presbyterian in June 2018 and is on the Congregational Care Committee, serves as an Usher, is on the Bereavement Reception/Food Committee, is updating member information in the church database, REALM, and serves on the Our Story Committee under the Mission Study Group. She attends Christians in Contemporary Culture Sunday School Class.

"My faith is based on the love of God and his son Jesus Christ and was nurtured by my parents, my family and this church, both it's members and ministers. I saw examples of living a Christian life here and at home that set the direction of my life."



Brian Long has been a member of First Presbyterian Church of Statesville since he moved here in 2009, but he has been attending since the early 2000's when he met his wife Katie who is a lifelong member of the Church. They were married in the Church in 2004 and now have two daughters, Olivia and Caroline, who have both been baptized in the Church. Brian has been actively involved since joining and has served on the Session Nominating Committee, Vision Task Force, FPC Golf Tournament Committee and most recently the Mission Study Team.



Trish Wilson has been a member of FPC for nine years. After moving to Catawba in 2008, she and Lew began visiting churches in the area. The first time they visited FPC they knew they had found their church home. They are the proud parents of two sons and grandparents of four terrific grandsons. She is a graduate of Appalachian State and retired from Wells Fargo. She currently serves on the Food and Fellowship committee, the Endowment Board, the Kings Grant Board, a circle member, and attend Christians in Contemporary Culture Sunday School Class. She has previously served on the Mission Committee, Congregational Care Committee, and the Mission Study team. She is honored to be nominated to serve First Presbyterian Church as an elder and looks forward to serving during such an exciting time in the

life of the church.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday
June
23

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:00pm Congregational Meeting

Wednesday
June
26

9:30 am Piecemakers
10:00 am Staff Meeting/Prayers

Sunday
June
30

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship



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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

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all to worship and serve the Lord. We honor and celebrate human and theological diversity and unity through Jesus Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation and economic circumstance to participate in the life and mission of our church.

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