

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Rise in body or in spirit... (as indicated below.)*

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 412, v. 3)

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBERG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come here drawn by the power of God's love.

All: **We have come to hear the Good News.**

One: And to find and celebrate new life.

All: **We have come remembering the words of Jesus, "Peace I give to you."**

One: We are thankful for the words of Jesus and remember how he said,

All: **"Do not let your hearts be troubled, and neither let them be afraid."**

One: This is the peace we live in and the promise we celebrate here in this time of worship.

*OPENING PRAYER WITH 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.

*OPENING HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us. We place our trust in things that are fleeting, rather than in you and the sure promises you offer. We focus on the things that are before us, getting bogged down in the mundane and the trials of the moment. We fail to remember to set our sights on you. Forgive our doubt, our lack of hope, our fear. Restore our hope in those things unseen by our eyes. Revitalize our faith. Renew our hearts that we might worship you fully. Redeem us so we can be a sign of your love to others who doubt. We pray in Jesus' name,

Silent Prayer - *(How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself?)*

AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Jesus Christ, God has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our shame is removed, and we are made new. Friends, believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise be to God!

*RESPONSE (Hymnal 581)

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kara Wheeler

(Children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children's Church with Ms. Kara.)

ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY/R. Vaughan Williams

Come down O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthy passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming. And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long shall far outpass the power of human telling. For none can guess its grace, till he becomes the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4

(Pew Bible p.178)

THE SERMON

Heirs of the Promise

Dr. Lee Zehmer

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

What is God saying to you through Scripture, sermon and song?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE – *The Apostles' Creed (Contemporary)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please touch the plate as it is passed to offer your time, talents, and tithes to God.

OFFERTORY

Father, I Adore You

Fred Bock

*RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, your call to us is so very clear. You have invited us to bring our gifts, our resources and our love to you to serve on Christ's behalf. We give you thanks for all your gifts to us, and may our lives with you be a journey of hope and promise into the future. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

COMMISSIONING OF DR MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: You are not going to the Dominican Republic by accident.

Participants: God is sending us there.

Congregation: The Christ who dwells in you wants to do something through you in the lives of those you serve.

Pastor: Believe this. And go with our blessing to walk in the way of Jesus.

Participants: We will bring our faith as well as our strength and trust God to do amazing things in us and through us.

Congregation: May God keep you safe and multiply your work in ways that will astound you.

*CLOSING HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 295, v. 1)

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Walther

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Ken and Marsha Roberts and in celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary.

Guests...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God's love for you today.

Please sign the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you with more information about FPC.

Nursery Care Today: Joanne Edwards

Nursery Care/Children's Church June 28: Janelle Chubb, Nan Katherine Gallis

Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: Sheryl Smith, Jonathan Nichols

Elder/Deacon on Duty June 28: Scott Harris, Allen Katz

Monitor/Greeter Today: John Blackwelder **June 28:** Bob Ballard

Acolytes Today: Amelia Skinner, Ellis Williams

Acolytes June 28: Ben Williams, Charlie Cycak

Remember the following in prayer: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Rev. Barry Lambert, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Manfred Liewald, Donna Martin, Allen Tice, Patti Cloninger, Jean Horton

Summer Sermon Series on Galatians: Today is the fourth Sunday of Pastor Lee's six-week series on Paul's letter to the Galatians. Each week, he will highlight a theme from each chapter. Rev. Gordon Raynal will be preaching on June 28, while pastors Kara and Lee are in the Dominican Republic with the youth. The series will be completed on July 12. Make Galatians a summer scripture reading focus!

Dominican Republic Mission Team: Please pray for our team the week of June 27 - July 3. YOUTH: Riley Elston, Libba Faircloth, Lee Goodner, Evan Hicklin, Joseph Hunsucker, Carl Janicke, Henry Janicke, Mary Alice Owen, McCord Redmond, Banks Shannon, and Reeves Williams. ADULTS: Matt Goodner, Dixon Murdoch, Michele Murdoch, Elizabeth Owen, Kara Wheeler, and Lee Zehmer.

Help for HOPE: For June, we are collecting peanut butter and boxes of crackers. Any brand of peanut butter, crunchy or smooth, and boxed crackers (Ritz, saltines, graham's.) Please leave donations in the Narthex TODAY.

Church Picnic on Sunday, July 5th! All are invited to our annual July 4th Picnic! Fried chicken will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Bring a side or dessert to share. To help us prepare, please RSVP to Jonna in the Church Office at jeichorn@fpcrockhill.org OR you can place a blue pew communication card in the offering plate. **RSVP by Sunday, June 28!**

250 Gifts for Our Nation's 250th Birthday!! We are collecting 250 items to help three agencies in our community: Her Place - Shelter for Women and Children, Rock Hill Veterans Association Clinic, and Northside School. See their needs lists in the Narthex, newsletter, and E-Blast. This project will run the month of June and culminate at our Church Picnic on Sunday, July 5. Bring your items to the Narthex and place in the appropriate boxes.

Riverwalk Academy of Rock Hill is building a library for their Kindergarten - 5th grade students. Picture books, beginning chapter books, engaging non-fiction books, culturally relevant books and STEM books are needed. Bring your NEW book donations to the box in the Narthex by Sunday, August 2. Reach out to Diane Bailey at cockymom1234@gmail.com with questions.

Home Communion: On Communion Sundays, we will be serving anyone who wishes to have communion brought to them at home if they are unable to attend worship. Please call the Church Office at 803-328-2467 to be added to the home communion list OR to add someone to the list! We need a few more Elders to help with the serving. Contact Bob Ballard to join the serving team.

Montreat Weekend is October 16-18! Registration is open. A room in the Inn is \$100/night and \$140/night if you need 2 rooms for your family. Six apartments available at \$140/night if arriving on Thursday. Register with Kara.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 21

9:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship and Baptism

Tuesday, June 23

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Thursday, June 25

10:30 am Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
2:00 pm Yarns of Love
4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Saturday, June 27

Mission Team leaves for the Dominican Republic

Sunday, June 28

9:15 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship

Save the Date!

August 2: Blessing of the Backpacks in 11:00 am worship
August 16: Rally Day Breakfast/Fall Kick-Off -10:00 am
August 23: Rise Against Hunger Food Packing - 3:00 pm

Members of the Session

Susan Roberson, Clerk

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Jimmy Campbell
Scott Harris
Elizabeth Owen
Susan Roberson

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Ann Hunsucker
Chip Hutchison
Julia Nichols
Sheryl Smith

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Bo Redmond
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Rob Joiner

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Deacons of the Month for June

Jennifer Abernathy, Beth Janicke, Betsy Forrest

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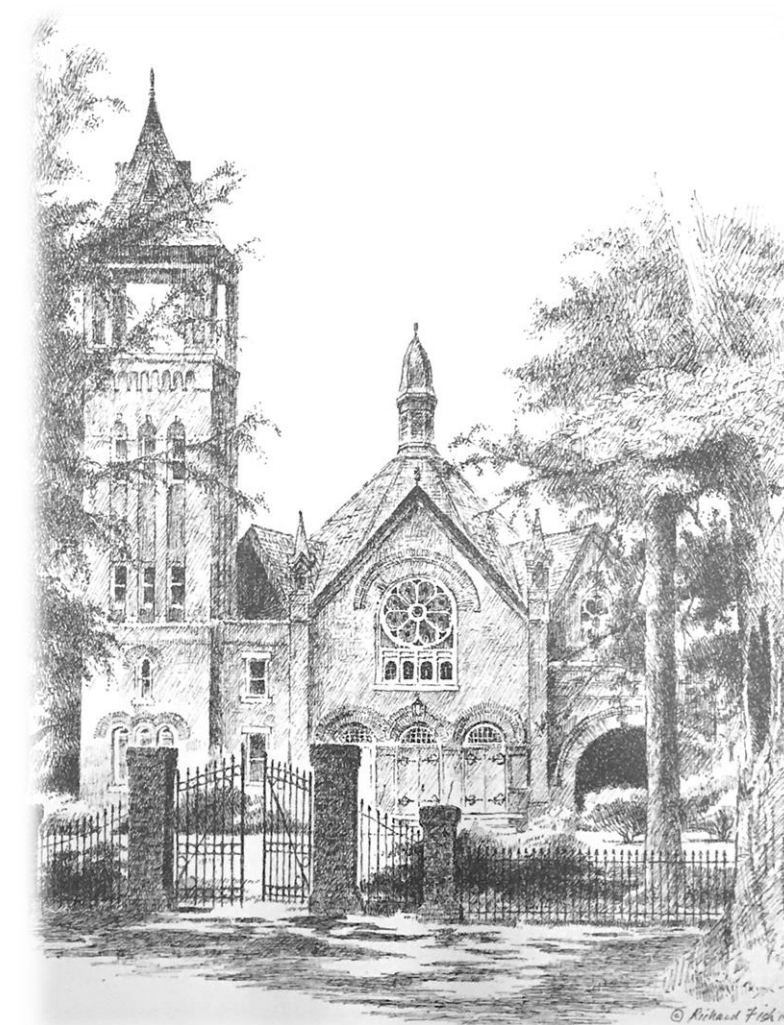
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed



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June 21, 2026
10:00 am

We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

- Worship* the living God with joy and thanksgiving
- Teach* the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ
- Serve* others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Fellowship* with one another to energize our life together as a congregation
- Nurture and Embrace* all of God's children.

- Dr. A. Lee Zehmer – Senior Pastor
- Rev. Kara Wheeler – Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
- Dr. Donald M. Rogers – Director of Music
- M. L. Marley – Organist
- Angela Harris – Director of Cherub Choir
- Ashley Platts – Director of Handbell Choirs

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