

Service for the Lord’s Day
September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Meditation in Db” Eric H. Thiman

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Lauren Klepinger

INTROIT “Return to the Lord” Richard Hillert
(Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love)

- † CALL TO WORSHIP
Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.
**The Lord is our strength and might;
God has become our salvation.**
Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.
**This is our God, whom we praise;
the Lord is God’s name.**
God is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**God’s steadfast love stretches from earth
To the heavens. It never ends.**
Let us worship our Lord.
- † HYMN 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (v.1-3) CWM Rhondda
- † CALL TO CONFESSION
We are not here to pass judgment on each other: all of us have sinned and
fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us go before God as we offer
our confession.
- † PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**God our Judge, we admit we have double standards.
We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others.
We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others.
We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others.
Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive,
showing others the same grace and mercy
that you have generously shown to us. Amen**
- † ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins,
but according to God’s own steadfast love for us. As far as the east is from the
west, so far God removes our sins from us.
Thanks be to God! Amen!
- † ACT OF PRAISE 581 “Glory Be to the Father”
- † PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

Proclamation

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life
you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 103:8-13

ANTHEM “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord” Eric H. Thiman
Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord, And drink by faith the blood for you out-
poured. Saved by His body, hallowed by His Blood, With souls refreshed we render
thanks to God. Salvation’s giver, Christ the only Son, By Hid dear cross and blood
the victory won. Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and
Himself the Priest. He feeds the hungry with the Bread of Heaven, and living
streams to those who thirst are given. O Judge of all, our only Saviour Thou, In This
Thy feast of love, be with us now. Amen

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE “Forgiveness is More Than Saying Sorry” Rev. Nick Setzer

† HYMN 518 “Your Only Son” (v.1-3) Lamb of God

Dedication

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Voluntary in D Minor, Opus 6, no.5” John Stanley
Adagio-Andante Largo

† DOXOLOGY 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring
extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole
by your goodness and grace. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION (Come forward through the inner aisle to be served at the table.)
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY “Adagio” (Symphonie III) Charles Marie Widor

† HYMN 375 “Shall We Gather at the River” (v.1-4) Hanson Place

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION “Go Now in Peace” Besig
Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE “Allegro Moderato” W. Warder Harvey
† Stand as you are able

Today we welcome Mr. John Apple as our substitute musician. He is a longtime Charlotte resident and has served as musician in several denominations. A graduate of Westminster Choir College, John is historian for the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and has been active in the preservation of the Carolina Theatre in Charlotte.

Prospective New Members Class will be next Sunday, September 20th immediately following Worship. Talk to Pastor Nick if you are interested in learning more about what membership to the church looks like.

Book club will meet September 29th in the parlor! We are reading “Whistler” by Ann Patchett. All are welcome!! Contact Liz Ann Hill (lizannhill15@gmail.com) with questions.

YOUTH/PARENT KICKOFF! NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20! Youth 6th-12th grade and their parents are invited to KICKOFF our upcoming year by having supper & fellowship together at 6pm in McNeel Hall.

New Ladies Bible Study
All ladies are invited to join a study beginning on Monday, September 21st at 6:00 PM. We will use the study Joshua by Jen Wilkin. Classes will be held on Mondays at 6:00 PM. We will do ten weeks before Christmas, then take a short break and do ten more weeks in the winter and spring. The cost of the book will be about \$25. Please let Angie Pratt know by September 13th if you plan to attend (704-813-9200 or angiepratt@comporium.net). She can order your book or you can order your own on Amazon.

2026 Legacy of Faith Award Luncheon
Congratulations to Marsha and Arthur Black who are our Legacy of Faith Award honorees this year! The luncheon to honor the Legacy of Faith Award recipients will be on October 6th at Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church (1184 N Shiloh Rd) in the Family Life Center from 11am to 1pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00. A Taco Bar with beef and chicken and all the extras, desserts, and drinks are on the menu. Please make plans to celebrate Marsha and Arthur Black as our Legacy of Faith Award honorees. **Let the church office know if you plan to attend by September 30th.**

LAZY 5 RANCH
Sunday, September 27th (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE) 1:15pm Lazy 5 Ranch for all ages. It is a wagon ride safari in Mooresville, NC. Register with Alice **TODAY!**

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Bill Herron (Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom), Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Becca VanVoorhis (Molly Leake & Will McCormick's sister) fell & broke her hip, Jane Ratliff, Kay Nivens (back surgery), John Hiott, Jr. & Bethany James family (passing of her father, Chip Lee)

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Bob Falls, Jane Spratt, Lorraine Stewart & Cathy Kemp

FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of Bill Sandifer by his family.

Our Youth, grades 7-12 meet at Southern Touch Café every Tuesday morning from 7:45-8:30am. Please join us for a devotion, conversation, a breakfast coffee or some food. Nick and/or Alice will take you to school if you do not drive!

Parents, high school & middle school students, mark your calendars now!

Montreat Youth Conference Week 3 July 11-17, 2027
Maryville Middle School Conference July 21-25, 2027

LITTLE DISCIPLES

13th Ruthie Deas
20th Jenny Hill

ACOLYTES

13th Oscar S./James C.
20th Eliana S./Kemp Hall

NURSERY

Susan Hill
Jenny Hill

CROSS BEARER

Tallon Zesiger
Elizabeth Hiott

The Grief Share program here at First Presbyterian starts this Wednesday, September 16th from 6-7:30pm. It will meet every Wednesday.

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	9-13	9:00am Mission Committee 9:00am Family Life Committee 10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship/Communion 2:00pm Church Outing @ Bowater Park
Mon.	9-14	8:00pm AA
Tues.	9-15	7:45am Youth to Southern Touch Café
Wed.	9-16	10:00am Pastor's Bible Study 6:00pm Choir 6:00pm Grief Share 8:00pm AA
Thur.	9-17	5:30pm Grapeful Girls @ Alba Bistro
Sun.	9-20	9:00am Finance Committee 10:00am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm New Members Class 6:00pm Youth/Parent Kickoff for Youth Activities

Did you know there are only 14 Sundays until Christmas? Many of you enjoyed "The Christmas Extravaganza" last year in Charlotte. Dancers, singers and musicians bringing us Christmas melodies. It will be Sunday evening, November 29th at 7pm. Tickets are \$45 each. It is extremely early, but we want great seats! Please contact Alice ASAP if you are interested in going. She will be ordering tickets soon.

The church has only two cemetery plots left for sale at Lakeview Memory Gardens. The Session has authorized the Finance Committee to reduce the price of each plot to \$2,000.00. If you are interested, call Ronnie Bailes or any member of the Finance Committee.

Session Members & Their Committees

Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT	Rick Beard.....Property
Jenny Hill.....Asst. Clerk & Family Life	Pete Carroll....Property
Eddie Lee....Worship & Personnel	Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW
Ronnie Bailes..Finance & Personnel	Sonya Kent....Congregational Care
Melissa Allman....Family Life & Personnel	Jamie Caveny..Family Life
Lynn Leake...Worship	Jay Leake.....Property
Christopher Black..Personnel & Finance	Shawn Jarrett...IT
Debbie Lowe...Congregational Care	Jake Walden...Mission/Evangelism
David Dickson..Mission/Evangelism	Neil McWhorter...Finance
Angie Pratt....Mission/Evangelism	Tom Setzler....Congregational Care

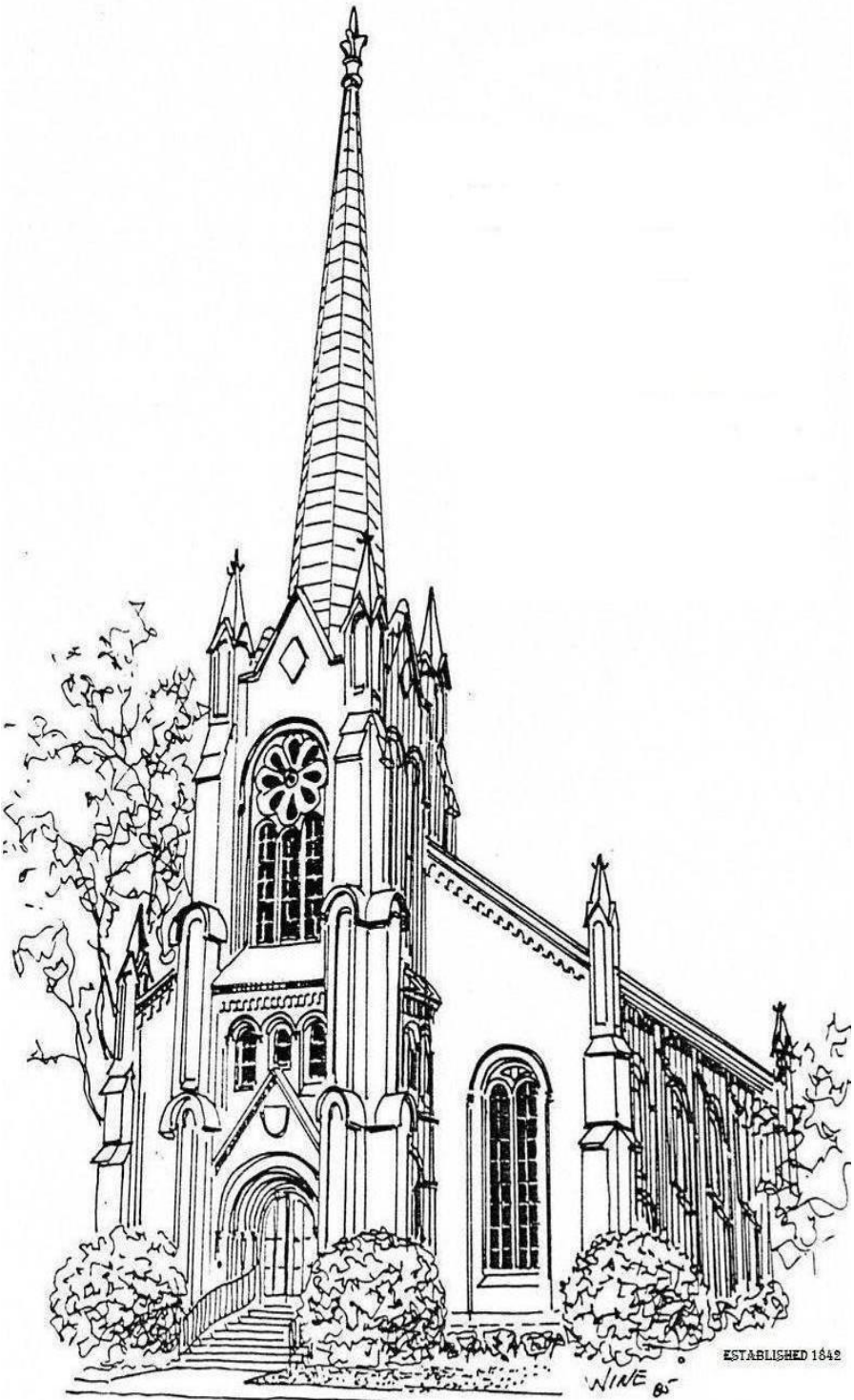
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