Service for the Lord's Day September 7, 2025 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "In Church"

Tchaikovsky

Jennifer Langford

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Christopher Black

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Angie Pratt

INTROIT

"This is the Day"

Garrett

† CALL TO WORSHIP

There is good and there is wicked in the world.

Lord, help us find the good.

The wicked are perishing. Like chaff, they will not stand before the Lord.

Lord, drive wickedness away with the wind.

The good is like a tree, planted by streams of sweet water.

Lord, let goodness yield its fruit in every season.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

Let us meditate upon God's promises from morning into night.

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† HYMN

"Gather Us In" GATHER US IN (v.1-4)

Jesus calls us to follow him, knowing that the path is difficult and that sin lurks at every turn. Trusting in God's mercy, let us seek forgiveness, that we may follow more nearly in the way of Jesus.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus accompanies us on life's journey, offering abundant mercy and bountiful forgiveness along the way. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

- † RESPONSE 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me"
- † PASSING OF THE PEACE

May 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

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Alice Smith

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES/DIMES FOR HUNGER

Alice Smith

(Ages 3yr old-2nd Grade may go to Little Disciples)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philemon 1:1-21

ANTHEM

"The Gift of Love"

Hopson

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:25-33

MESSAGE

"Discipleship Cost"

Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

pg. 35

† HYMN 761 "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" (v. 1-4) BEECHER

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Lobe Den Herren"

arr. Hobson

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, thank you for these gifts. May they shine Your comfort, hope, and renewal to the places that need it most. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

† HYMN

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"Live Into Hope"

(v.1-4)

TRURO

† 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

"Psalm 19"

Marcello

† Please stand as you are able

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT GUERRY HODNETT ON RECEIVING THE **LEGACY AWARD!!** There will be a luncheon at Horton Lodge Bethelwoods on September 30th at 11am to honor all the recipients around the Presbytery that have been models of a life of faith in action. The cost of lunch is \$14 per person and payable at the door; however, they do need a head count. So, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE if you would like to attend. Lunch reservations are due by Sept. 15th.

New Ladies Bible Study

All ladies are invited to join a study beginning tomorrow, Monday, September 8th at 6:00 PM. We will use the study Revelation by Jen Wilkin. Perhaps no other book in the Bible feels as inaccessible and as intimidating to us as the very last one. The book of Revelation overflows with images and ideas that confound our modern ears. But if all Scripture is God breathed and profitable, we should assume Revelation is as accessible and helpful as any other book of the Bible. Why don't we see it that way? Two thousand years ago, John's Revelation was circulated and read aloud among seven churches in Asia Minor. Those who heard the letter understood it and found encouragement from its message. The same can be true for us today. In this Bible Study, Jen Wilkin will help us discover how the last book in the Bible speaks both a steadying word of assurance and a strong call to endure in every age. Classes will be held on Mondays at 6:00 PM. If enough ladies are interested in a morning class, we will have that class on Tuesday mornings at 10:00. The cost of the book will be about \$25. Please let Angie Pratt know by September 3rd if you plan to attend so she will have materials available for you (704-813-

The children's adventure Bible is being presented to our third grade children this morning: Kemp Hall, Addy Henderson, Oscar Setzer, Aubrey Walden, and Mackenna Zesiger.

9200 or angiepratt@comporium.net).

NEW GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM

GriefShare: We are excited to announce the launch of our Grief Share ministry, which will begin on Wednesday September 17th from 6-7:30pm in the Adult Sunday School room. The group will meet weekly for 10 weeks through Nov. 19. At GriefShare you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind. If you are interested in more information about the GriefShare group, please contact Pastor Nick, Becky Smith, or Becca Ratliff.

Theology 101: Pastor Nick's class on understanding the history, beliefs and differences of Christian denominations will begin on Tuesday Sep. 9th at 4pm. We will be picking up from where we left off at the end of Spring. The study will be on Episcopal and Anglican Churches. Please let Pastor Nick know if you plan to attend.

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, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Floyd Ballard (father of Dain Ballard), Wayne McCormick, Jr.(surgery), Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Randy Street (son in law of Jane Ratliff), Leigh Dayton, Rebecca Byrd, Shane Vickery (friend of Jake Walden) Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Martin Foster, Kayla Brook Ramsey Cook, Kaylan Lamey, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Lillian Carlisle (daughter of Jane Hiott Carlisle), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens) and Bill Herron(Leukemia)

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Barbara & Bob Falls, Jane Spratt and Gayle Sebastian

FLOWERS: The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God in memory of Susan Langford's birthday by her family.

LITTLE DISCIPLES

Sept. 7th Molly Leake Sept. 14th Ruthie Deas

ACOLYTES
Sept. 7th Mackenna Z./Oscar S.
Sept. 14th James Caveny/Oscar S.

NURSERY

Sept. 7th Anna Templeton Sept. 14th Christal Black CROSSBEARER

Eliana Setzer Eliana Setzer

"THE BLEND" SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM EACH SUNDAY
We will have 2 options for the Sunday School hour. The adult class
will continue to meet in the "round table room." New this fall is the
"The Blend." This intergenerational approach with food, coffee,
music and study will take place in the Family Life Center. Come join
your church family on Sunday mornings at 10am!

Experience a memorable evening with friends & family at the 14th Annual Christmas Extravaganza at the Central Piedmont Community Theatre in Charlotte. The performance features dazzling costumes, full orchestra, 100 voice choir, ballet, singers, Rockette Style dancers, ballroom dancers and more. This is a great show! The best seats in the theatre are available now. Alice is taken taking the church bus on Sunday night, November 30th. Tickets are \$45 for Seniors & Students. Contact Alice soon if you want to reserve a ticket.

PATH is in need of all canned goods. Please leave your donations in the hallway inside the parking lot doors in the plastic bins.

ALSO, PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING ALUMINUM CANS

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. 9-7

10:00am Sunday School KICKOFF "The Blend"

11:00am Worship/Dimes for Hunger/3rd Grade Bibles

6:00pm Youth

Mon. 9-8

6:00pm Ladies Bible Study

8:00pm AA

Tues. 9-9 7:45am Youth at Southern Touch 4:00pm Theology 101

Wed. 9-10 2:30pm KFC @ First Pres. 5:00pm Worship Committee

6:00pm Men's Meat'n @ Will Mitchell's Home

6:00pm Choir 8:00pm AA

Thur. 9-11 10:00am Ministerial Assoc. Meeting here at 1st Pres.

Sun. 9-14 8:3am PWCT

9:30am Family Life Committee

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship/Communion

First Pres book club will meet again on October 14th at 6:30 in the parlor. We are currently reading "The Ones We Wait For" by Michael V. Ivanov. Please join us for great discussion and fun!

PATH BUILDING FUNDRAISER

On June 21st after Sunday morning service, we will be selling barbeque, slaw, frozen casseroles, and baked goods. All proceeds will be going to the building fund for PATH. There is an order form in your bulletin with options available. Please fill out the enclosed form to let us know what items you would like to purchase. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

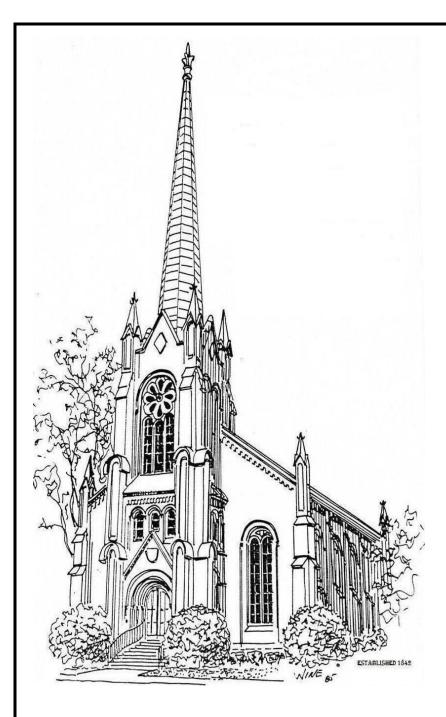
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