

**THIS WEEK AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, May 21

- 8:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Café (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Growth for all Ages (Various)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. Church Picnic (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 22

- 7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Tuesday, May 23

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
- 5:15 p.m. Worship & Music (Library)

Wednesday, May 24

- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 126)

Thursday, May 25

- 11:30 a.m. Monthly Luncheon (Westminster Canterbury)

Friday, May 26

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for May: Elizabeth Clarkson 384-3182 and Stannard Preston 851-2414.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God, by Kathleen Lifsey in celebration of all the children and youth of FPC and the community.

The Memorial Gifts Committee has received the following contribution:

In Memory of Betsy Harvey
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Whitten

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Today is Joel Haywood's last Sunday with us at FPC as our Interim Organist/Choir Director. Please extend your thanks to him for his dedication to our church and music program for the past seven months!

SERVICE & OUTREACH

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT: The Rivermont Area received a wonderful matching gift that will help feed the hungry in our community. All money received May 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017, will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. If you feel led to make a contribution, please submit your donation to Lori Wright in the church business office. Please be sure to write RAEFP in the memo line.

Malawi logistics and informational meeting Wednesday, May 30, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Join the group if you're at all interested and want to jump in on this wonderful mission opportunity with our 35-year-old international ministry program in Malawi, Africa.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SILVER PIG IS HAS ARRIVED... All are welcome to come together downstairs in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate summer! Lunch is catered by Silver Pig; great BBQ and all the fixin's. Come enjoy finger lickin' food and fantastic fellowship! Don't worry if you didn't sign up, there is plenty for everyone.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Graduating College Students:

Emily Alford	Carson Creasy	Holmes Laughon
Madeleine McDonald	Jack McGuinn	John Osinga
Walker Paxton	Liza Pittard	Matt Pittard
Mark Thomas	Sarah Thomas	Kelsey Thompson

Graduating High School Youth:

Ben Ailsworth	Tom Baker	Grayson Carrington
Emily Foster	Oliver Gilbert	Allie Kittrell
Brooke McCall	Keller Royer*	Henry Story
Lizzie Tugman	Ian Winstead	

Montreat Youth Conference Participants:

Dr. Tom Carrico	Spencer Carwile	Kathleen Lifsey
Kirby Morris	Sydney Morris	Clu Pettyjohn
McKenna Pettyjohn	Grayson Pierpoint	Harrison Wiger*

**member of another congregation, but has been active in our youth group activities for many years*

Snack Donations Welcomed for VBS: Specific items for snacks are needed for children attending VBS. For details, please contact Kathleen Lifsey at 384-6231 or by e-mail at kathleen@fpcl.org.

Just a reminder:

From May 28 to September 3, Spiritual Growth classes for all ages will not be offered on Sunday mornings. We will offer a combined Worship Workshop and Gateways to Worship experience for children three-years-old through first grade during worship.

Mark your calendar:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH KICKOFF
Spark Sunday! September 10, 2017

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Congregation, *Ministers*
Peter A. Thompson, *Pastor*
Joel Haywood, *Interim Organist/Choir Director*
Kathleen Lifsey, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*
Lerisa Rosser and Payton Adams, *Nursery*
Lori Wright, *Business Director*
Crystal Dickerson, *Office Administrator*
Marie Daughtrey, *Weekday School Director*

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Youth Sunday

May 21, 2017

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Canon in D J. Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

*(8:45) Hymn #473 For the Beauty of the Earth

(11:00) Choral Introit: For the Beauty of the Earth C. Kocher
Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, believe in the good news and say it with me . . .

All: In Jesus Christ we ARE forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579

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.

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

(11:00) Children's Moment
WORSHIP WORKSHOP and GATEWAYS TO WORSHIP
meet following the Children's Moment.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-8, Contemporary English Version

Reflections Ian Winstead, Sydney Morris

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-8, New Revised Standard Version

Reflections Allie Kittrell, Tom Baker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #282 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*Affirmation of Faith Our Song of Hope

God saves the world through Jesus.

Those who call on that name will have life.

**Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say, "Lord"
to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith,
even to the farthest stars and planets of all creation.**

**The boundaries of God's love are not known;
the Spirit works at the ends of the world
before the church has there spoken a word.**

**God will renew the world through Jesus,
who will put all unrighteousness out,
purify the works of human hands,
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.**

Christ will wipe away every tear;

death shall be no more.

**There will be a new heaven and a new earth,
and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

Commissioning

Graduating High School Youth
Montreat Youth Conference Participants

Prayers of the People Blessings Laura Story

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace.
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep.
We pray for healing, prosperity.

We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while, You hear each spoken need,
yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.

'Cause what if your blessings come through rain drops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights
are what it takes to know You're near?
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear.
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near.
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love.
As if every promise from Your word is not enough.
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea,
and long that we'd have faith to believe.

When friends betray us,
when darkness seems to win,
we know that pain reminds this heart
that this is not,
this is not our home.
It's not our home.

What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life
is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
What if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights,
are Your mercies in disguise?

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem It Is Well With My Soul M. Hayes

*Doxology Hymn #592

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

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #339 Be Thou My Vision

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Middle School Youth

Hunter Cleland	Kirsten Foster	Henry Gilbert
Will Kittrell	Elizabeth Kittrell	Leland Landes
Ben Mays	Kasey Morris	Hollins Pierpoint
Helen Sommardahl	Audrey Thompson	

High School Youth

Tom Baker	Eva Barauskas	Spencer Carwile
Megan Foster	Annie Gilbert	Oliver Gilbert
Anna Claire Kittrell	Allie Kittrell	Kirby Morris
Sydney Morris	Clu Pettyjohn	McKenna Pettyjohn
Mac Pierpoint	Grayson Pierpoint	Katie Sommardahl
Ian Winstead	Will Winstead	

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We're glad you are here! We ask that you sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the Welcome and Announcements to note your presence.

Church Membership: If you have any questions, or would like more information about becoming a member of FPC, please contact Peter Thompson (Pastor) at peter@fpcl.org or (434) 384-6231.

Infants & Children: All Children of God are always welcome at FPC!

- **Nursery** is available for infants and toddlers downstairs on the Ground Floor. Staff and volunteers will be there to greet you and help you in any way needed.
- **Spiritual Growth Worship Cart** can be found in the Narthex just before you enter the Sanctuary. It has books, tools to help memorization, puzzles, and other educational items available to any and all children during Worship!
- We offer two different educational opportunities for children during our program year to learn about worship elements, become familiar with Bible stories and characters, and develop spiritually in an engaging, age-appropriate way. **All children are brought back to the Narthex following Worship, unless otherwise noted.**
 - **Worship Workshop** is for 3- and 4-year-olds and meets in Room 9 on the Ground Floor. **Gateways to Worship** is for Kindergartners and 1st graders and meets in the Library on the Main Level.

Hearing impaired? Sensitive vision? In the Narthex, we have hearing devices, as well as large-print bulletins and hymnals, available. Any usher will be happy to assist you.

Offering Envelopes are available in the pew racks. Cash offerings will be recorded on your church contribution statement if you provide your name and address. Please indicate if your offering is for the general fund or for some other special offering.