

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.

Welcome, Gathering, and Announcements Melissa McClure, Lay Reader

Prelude "Zadok the Priest" Handel
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship (from Ephesians 4) Melissa McClure

L: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called:

ALL: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

L: There is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

ALL: One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (verses 1, 3, and 4) #263

*Call to Confession Melissa McClure

L: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.
(Silence)

*Prayer of Confession

ALL: Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, we pray. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Melissa McClure

L: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

"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."

Prayer for Illumination

ALL: God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Melissa McClure

Special Music, *FPC Choir*: "As the Wind Song" #292

Second Scripture Reading: John 6:24-35 Pastor Betsy

Sermon "What Are You Craving?" Pastor Betsy

*Affirmation of Faith *Philippians 2:5-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offertory "More Precious Than Silver" Lyn De Shazo
July/August Dollars for Mission will assist the "Snack Sack Lunch" program.

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology Pastor Betsy

Prayers of the People

*Hymn "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" #498

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Dennis Dalglish

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Betsy

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.**

(Prayer continues)

The Lord's Prayer ("debts/debtors")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Hymn: "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1, 2, and 6) #687

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Betsy

Postlude "Cornerstone" Patillo
Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. **Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, "the waters", Dennis Dalglish, candle lighting, Jerry Blaydes, sound system. ***FPC Mission Statement. Call to Worship and Confession Prayers by John Wurster of the *Presbyterian Outlook*. The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

Keeping Close 2024

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Aug 4

9:00 a.m. Sunday School **FH**
 10:00 a.m. Worship—**Sanctuary**/Communion
 Rev. Betsy Stow
 3:00 p.m. Black Mtn Concert **Sanctuary**
 Reception to follow in Tartan Hall

Monday, Aug 5

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**

Tuesday, Aug 6

1:00 p.m. Mission and Service Mtg. **M2**

Wednesday, Aug 7

4:00 p.m. Choir Practice **Sanctuary**

Thursday, Aug 8

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga **FH**
 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Presby WNC Mtg **M2**
 11:30-1:30 p.m. Snack Sack Lunch Program
 11:30 a.m. PM Lunch @ **Subway**
 2:00 p.m. CC&O Mtg. **M2**
 5:00 p.m. set up TH (Brenda Kraft)

Fri, Aug 9

8:00 a.m -5:00 p.m. Craft day TH (Brenda K)
 12:30 p.m. Bible Study **M2**

Sat, Aug 10

8:00 a.m. – **PM Breakfast @ Franklin Cafe**

Sunday, Aug 11

9:00 a.m. Sunday School **FH**
 10:00 a.m. Worship—**Sanctuary**- Rev. Betsy Stow
 3:00 p.m. Arts Council **TH** Barber Shop Ensemble



Our FREE Snack Sack Lunch program will serve at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the kitchen entrance. Volunteers and donations are always appreciated.

Weekly Offering 07/28/23	Weekly Needs
\$ 1398.64	\$ 3,804.00
YTD Totals	YTD Needs
\$114,417.85	\$114,120.00

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday to: Noma Preseau **8/4**, Jerry Blaydes **8/9**, Kathryn Bielawa **8/10**

*Please join us for our annual **Black Mtn Home Concert** in our Sanctuary at 3:00p.m. today. A cookie/finger food reception will be in Tartan Hall after the performance.*



The Arts Council is sponsoring a Barbershop Ensemble in Tartan Hall, Sunday, August 11 at 3 p.m.



Yard Day, July 30
Thanks for all of the hard work!

First Presbyterian Church

August 4, 2024 10:00 a.m.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

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growing in Faith, serving with Hope, sharing God's Love***



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