

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.

Welcome, Gathering, and Announcements Dennis Dalgleish, Lay Reader

Prelude "Nocturne #1 in Eb" John Field
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 95) Dennis Dalgleish
L: O come, let us sing to the Lord!
ALL: Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.
**ALL: Let us sing joyful songs of praise.
Come, let us worship God!**

*Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" (verses 1, 3, and 4) #630

*Call to Confession Dennis Dalgleish
L: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, first silently, then together. (*Silence*)

*Prayer of Confession
ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Dennis Dalgleish
L: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of 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: Psalm 15 Dennis Dalgleish

Special Music, *FPC Choir*: "Consider the Lilies" Williams & Stevens

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Pastor Betsy

Sermon "Laws, Traditions, and Commandments" Pastor Betsy

*Affirmation of Faith *Colossians 1:15-20*
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Offertory "Wings of a Dove" Bob Ferguson
September/October Dollars for Mission will support the Fall trip to Guatemala.

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology Pastor Betsy

Prayers of the People (Responsive)
Gracious God, **Hear our prayer.**

*Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" #525

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of 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.**
(*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 "Take My Life and Let It Be" (verses 1, 2, and 6) #697

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Betsy

Postlude "In the Presence of Your People" #631
Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. **Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, "the waters", Dennis Dalgleish, candle lighting, Jerry Blaydes, sound system. ***FPC Mission Statement. The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

Keeping Close 2024

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Sept 1

9:00 a.m. Sunday School FH
10:00 a.m. Worship—**Sanctuary**/Communion
Rev. Betsy Stow

Monday, Sept 2

Office Closed- Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept 3

2:00 p.m. Mission and Service Mtg. **M2** (new time)

Wednesday, Sept 4

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

Thursday, Sept 5

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga FH
10:00 a.m. PM Mtg **M2**
11:30-1:30 p.m. **Snack Sack Lunch Program**
11:30 a.m. PM Lunch @ **Sunset Restaurant**
1:00 p.m. Worship/Arts Mtg. **M2**

Fri, Sept 6 and Sat, Sept 7

No Activities Planned

Sunday, Sept 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School FH
10:00 a.m. Worship—**Sanctuary**- Rev. Betsy Stow
After Worship – Hotdog Lunch **TH**
3:00 p.m. Arts Council- Piano/Viola Concert-
Sanctuary

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday to: Tom Fagg **9/5**

Happy Anniversary to: Clyde/Sue Genter **9/1**,
Griff/Cecilia Morgan **9/4**

The Men's Group will be serving a hot dog lunch on **Sept. 8 in Tartan Hall** after Worship to raise funds to help **Homeless veterans and veterans in need**. We would like to have the congregation provide desserts.



Lovely Ladies lunch 8/22 @ Cornucopia Restaurant, Cashiers

Presbyterian Men's outing 8/15 @ Lands End Tipton, NC



Weekly Offering 08/25/24 Weekly Needs

\$ 4,507.00 \$ 3,804.00

YTD Totals YTD Needs

\$129,352.29 \$129,336.00

Registration forms are available in the office for the Presbytery WNC Mission Team going Oct 6-11 to Canton, NC
Deadline to register is 9/22/24.

First Presbyterian Church

September 1, 2024 10:00 a.m.

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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



Leaders of Service: Pastor: Rev. Betsy Stow
Music Director: Frank Armato | Lay Reader: Dennis Dalglish