

Welcome and Gathering****

Prelude” “Great is the Lord” Michael W. Smith
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship Nancy Browder, Lay Reader
We enter this sanctuary with a purpose:
We come asking for strength, wisdom, and mercy.
We enter this sanctuary with a purpose:
We come into this space and offer our thanksgiving for the care that God has demonstrated.
We enter this sanctuary with a purpose:
To grow in Faith, serve with Hope, share God's Love,***

*Hymn “I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

Unison Prayer of Praise and Pardon and Assurance of Forgiveness
Lord of all wisdom, help us to see that we do not have all the answers. May we crave conversations that promote knowledge and humility. Let us see that we are not more perfect than those with whom we differ. Instead let our holiness be revealed in our prayers of confession and our admissions of the poverty of our spirit. Through your Spirit we pray, Amen.

Choral Response by Desmond Tutu and John Bell #750
The choir will sing the response one time by themselves and then the congregation will sing it with them
Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death; Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us. Repeat line.

Prayer of Illumination and Scripture Lessons Proverbs 14:8-18 and Luke 16:1-9

The Text Illustrated

Special Music “I Will Call upon the Lord” FPC Choir #621

Sermon “Using Money” the Rev. Tempe’ Fussell

*Unison Affirmation of Faith from *The Belhar Confession* (PCUSA) out of South Africa

Together we are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another’s burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that

we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. True faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” #450

Offering our Dollars for Mission and Gifts for FPC
Offertory “As the Deer” #626
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Charge (Elder, Russ Rankin) and Choral Benediction “Alleluia” refrain #240

Postlude “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able, ** Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, ‘the waters,’ Dennis Dalgleish, ‘our lights of worship.’ *** FPC Mission Statement. The congregation is invited to read the print in **bold**. ******If you have new neighbors let Tempe’ know and she will get you a “Welcome Bag” or if you rather, she will pay them a door visit and delivery.**

KEEPING CLOSE

The Rev. Jeff Gillette will be our guest preacher next Sunday. While Tempe' will be away on a short vacation, Jeff will be preaching on the parable of Dives and Lazarus.

SAVE THE DATE :

Saturday, **October 1st at 11:00 am.** Pet Blessing (with All Saints Parish) in our courtyard.

October Sunday School Lessons @ 9am led by Sara Wood and Jane Frankland on "The Apostle's Creed."

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday to: Linda Keenum, *9/19*, Ann Shepherd *9/21*, Susan Blaydes, *9/21*
Happy Anniversary to: Keith/Ann Shepherd, *9/21*

Need added cushioning to your bed? Lionel Caynon has donated a new queen-size bed topper. See Tempe' if interested.

Weekly Offering 9/11	Weekly Needs
\$ 2,957.73	\$ 3,125.15
YTD Totals	YTD Needs
\$109,984.84	\$115,630.55



Due to the generosity of our church family, we raised \$784 at the Hot Dog luncheon to help homeless veterans.

The Presbytery of WNC Disaster Recovery Trip will be October 2-8. Cost for the whole week is \$25 or \$10/night which includes food and shelter. Applications are available online to register. Registration deadline is Monday, Sept. 19. Come help your brothers and sisters in Christ. More information is available in the office.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Sept 18

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (FH) Jeff Gillette, "Conversations on Genesis"
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 3:00 p.m. Arts Council-Piano Duet (Sanctuary)

Monday, Sept 19

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (FH)
 10:00 a.m. Finance Mtg. (M2)

Tuesday, Sept 20

2:00 p.m. Session Mtg (FH)

Wednesday, Sept 21

9:00 a.m. Workday FPC (outside)
 11:30 a.m. PM Lunch (4L Farms & Market)
 4:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Sept 22

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (FH)
 9:45 a.m. CE Mtg (M2)

Friday, Sept 23

12:30 p.m. Bible Study (M2) Melissa McClure

Saturday, Sept 24

No Activities Planned

Sunday, Sept 25

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (FH) Jeff Gillette, "Conversations on Genesis"
 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Save the Date: Jerry and Susan Blaydes are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on **Oct. 2.** Please join them for a light lunch and cake in Tartan Hall after the church service. All food will be provided- **please** no gifts. Just come and share the special day with them.

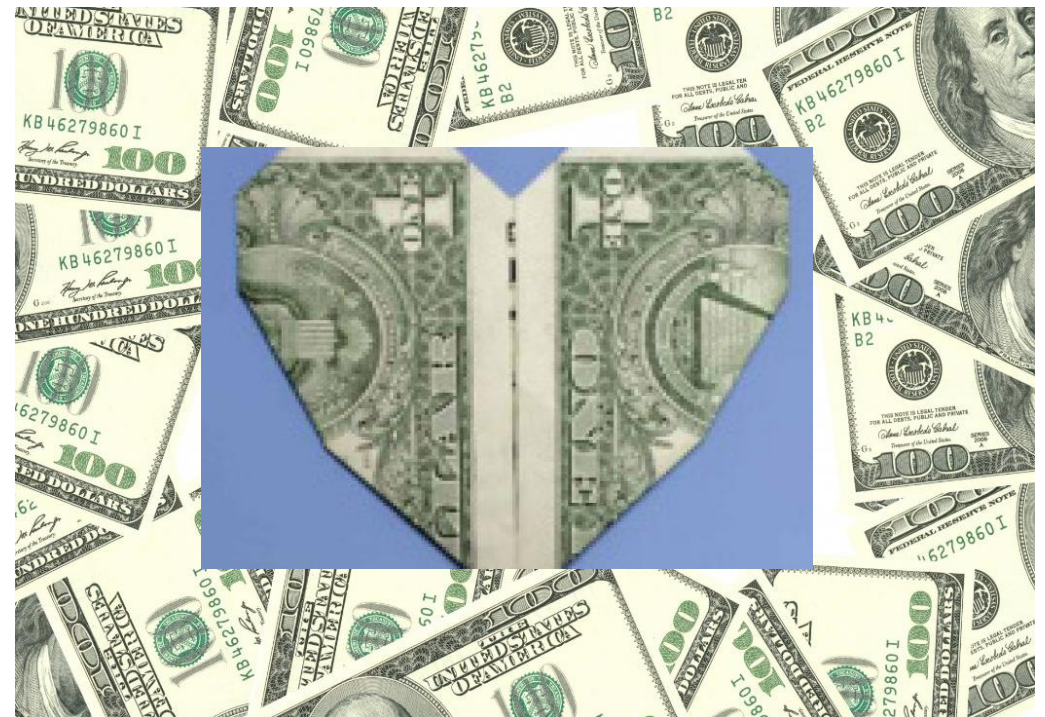
"Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Manna Food Bank distribution program here at Bethel UMC."

In Christ, Maxine Elliott & Bethel UMC

First Presbyterian Church

September 18th, 2022 10:00 a.m.

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*"We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's church.
 We open our doors wide, just as they have opened wide to us.
 If you are passing through, Godspeed.
 If you are looking for a church home, welcome.
 If you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you."*