

Welcome and Gathering****

Prelude "How Majestic is Thy Name" Michael W. Smith
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship Jim McInnes, Lay Reader
O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing, and give praise to God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.
By the strength of the Lord we:
grow in Faith, serve with Hope, share God's Love, ***

*Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #435

Unison Prayer of Praise and Pardon and Assurance of Forgiveness
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Congregational Choral Response by Desmond Tutu and John Bell #750
Frank will play through one time before congregation sings
**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 Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and Luke 16:19-31

The Text Illustrated Melissa McClure

Special Music "He" Lynn Cress, soloist and FPC Choir Richards & Mullan

Sermon "Is Your Estate Plan Up to Date?" the Rev. Jeff Gillette, Guest Preacher

*Unison Affirmation of Faith from *A Declaration of Faith*
God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility.

We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being and, intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

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 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" #828

Offering our Dollars for Mission and Gifts for FPC

Offertory "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller & Jackson

*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" #240

Postlude "You Shall Go Out with Joy" #80
Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able, ** Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, 'the waters,' Dennis Dagleish, '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 is our guest preacher this Sunday while Tempe' is away on vacation. Jeff brings with him a background of many skills including theology research and experience as an attorney. He and his wife live on a local farmstead that has been in Sharon's family for generations.

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: Brenda Kraft, **9/28**

Happy Anniversary to: Dave/Doreen Freeman, **9/26**,
Pete/Sue Joiner, **9/29**, Clay/Ashley Vinson, **10/1**

Weekly Offering 9/18	Weekly Needs
\$ TBD	\$ 3,125.15
YTD Totals	YTD Needs
\$ TBD	\$118,755.70

Just a reminder:

Please plan to come to Tartan Hall following the service on Oct. 2. Jerry and Susan Blaydes will have a light lunch and cake for you----our treat!

Dear Church Family,

Your care, concern, encouragement, and prayers have been awesome. Thank you for your cards, calls, and gifts. What a blessing you have been!

Love, Mary Layne

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Sept 25

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

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, Sept 26

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (FH)

Tuesday, Sept 27

11:00 a.m. Lovely Ladies lunch at Fromage, Clayton, GA. (meet at FPC parking lot @ 11am)

Wednesday, Sept 28

11:30 a.m. PM Lunch (Jaxon's DT)

4:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Sept 29

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class (FH)

10:00 a.m. Nominating Committee (M2)

10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Planning (FH)

Friday, Sept 30

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

Saturday, Oct 1

11:00 a.m. Pet Blessing (FPC Courtyard)

Sunday, Oct 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School (FH) Sara Wood & Jane Frankland, "The Apostle's Creed."

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Blaydes 50th Anniversary Lunch (TH)

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the lovely luncheon and all the expressions of love you have shown me. Thanks for the gifts made to Black Mtn. Home for Children and Families. Nothing could have pleased me more. Thanks for allowing me to serve this congregation for 9 years. Most of all, thanks for simply being who you are, the most loving and supportive church I know. May God bless each of you.

Love, Anne

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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."*