

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 21, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

## WE GATHER FOR GOD'S WORD

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Please use this time to silently prepare for worship.*

### PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

A.D. Miller

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up the name of the Lord;

Rejoice, for God hears our prayers!

Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!

We will not be silent. We will not hold our tongues.

O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

Let everyone who has breath praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

Jill Kimbirl

### †HYMN #805

"Come Sing to God"

ELLACOMBE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford

## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are present in every moment of our lives, sustaining us and offering us guidance and protection. In our arrogance, we forget about you when times are good. We ignore your grace in our lives, attributing our success to our own works. Forgive us when we lean on you only to receive blessing and favor. Help us to have a humble heart that recognizes your presence in our lives every day, so that we might be able to share our whole lives with you, (silent confession) amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Be at peace with God and one another, for in Christ, we are all forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

†GLORIA PATRI #581

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Taneti

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 30:1-5; 42:1-6a

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Peaks and Valleys

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN #661

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

SPARROW

### BLESSING AND SENDING FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Charles Gallman

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT FOR REV. COMMERFORD

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT FOR THE CONGREGATION

As Rev. Commerford serves as a Commissioner to the General Assembly, will we support him in this ministry, encourage him in this responsibility, and receive with openness what he learns and shares upon his return?

We will.

Do we commit to pray for him throughout this service to the wider church, asking God to grant him wisdom, humility, courage, and discernment as he seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

We do.

LAYING OF HANDS AND PRAYER

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #307 (verse 1 only)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

## †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; For You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## 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.

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Tithes and offerings may be presented online at [www.fpcgastonia.org/giving](http://www.fpcgastonia.org/giving) or by scanning the QR code on the right.



## OFFERTORY

"Allegro"

Adolphe Adam

## †DOXOLOGY #606

## †DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

### WE COMMIT TO SHARE GOD'S WORD

## †HYMN #626

"As the Deer"

AS THE DEER

## †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## †POSTLUDE

"Worship the Lord In the Beauty Of Holiness"

Christopher Tambling

†If you are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME HOME BAGS

*June 28, immediately following the 10:00 am worship service in the Memorial Gallery. We want to welcome home our college students with goody bags to show our love and care for them. Please be sure to stop by and collect yours. Let us know how we can assist you this summer.*

### VOLUNTEER AT VBS JULY 27-30, 9 AM-NOON

Join us for a week that shapes young lives and strengthens our church community. VBS volunteers help create a safe, joyful space where faith comes alive. There is a role for you. Contact Mary Taneti ([mtaneti@fpcgastonia.org](mailto:mtaneti@fpcgastonia.org)) or scan the QR code to sign up.



### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 4

The church building will be inaccessible due to carpet cleaning. Staff will work remotely but will be available by email Monday, June 29 - Thursday, July 2. The office will be closed on July 4 to celebrate Independence Day. Normal operating hours resume on Monday, July 6.

### Summer Worship Schedule May 31 Through August 9

9:00 am

#### Sunday School

Connections, Henderlites, and Seekers will meet this summer.

**Second Sunday Breakfast and Study** takes place at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall on June 14, July 12, and August 9 in lieu of Sunday School.

10:00 am

#### Combined Worship Service

Combined summer services will be in the Sanctuary. The July 5 worship service will be in the Fellowship Hall. Following the Combined service on June 21 and July 19, there will be a reception with lemonade and cookies in the Memorial Gallery.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS, VISIT

**[FPCGASTONIA.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.fpcgastonia.org/events)**



## WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! Whether you are a first-time visitor, a lifelong member, or anywhere between, we pray that you experience God's love found in Jesus Christ through our worship this morning.

## CONNECTION CARDS

Please fill out a Connection Card located in front of your pew. We will reach out to you as promptly as possible if you have a prayer request, would like to sign up for an event, or need a pastor to reach out to you.

## NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, you may contact the Church Office or check the appropriate box on your Connection Card.

## NURSERY CARE

Professional nursery care is offered for infants and children up to four years old. The nursery is located on the first floor; please see an usher for directions.

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford; Jill Kimbirl; Mary Taneti; Bethany Jennings; David Jennings

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

#### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Support Reading Soul Mates June and July! In June, we are recruiting volunteer reading mentors for local second graders reading below grade level. In July, we will collect new hardcover books (see list below) to help students build their own home libraries. Help a child turn the page through mentorship, encouragement, and the joy of reading.

- **BUFFALO FLUFFALO** by Bess Kalb
- **CLICK, CLACK MOO COWS THAT TYPE** by Doreen Cronin
- **I CAN READ WITH MY EYES SHUT** by Dr. Seuss
- **MAYBE** by Kobi Yamada
- **PETE THE CAT I LOVE MY WHITE SOCKS** by Eric Litwin, Kimberly Dean, James Dean
- **THE RAINBOW FISH** by Marcus Pfister
- **THE THANK YOU BOOK** by Mo Willems

### CONNECT & GROW THIS WEEK

#### BIBLE STUDY

**Women's Summer Bible Study: The Book of Esther.** *2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Confirmation Room.* Runs June 10-September 2. All are welcome.