

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy in the style of G.F. Handel"

Frank Kaman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Grady Moseley

We come to worship God our Creator, who holds all things in heaven and on earth together.

Let us worship God!

We come to be healed, affirming that Christ our Redeemer is enough.

Let us worship God!

We come to hear The Holy Spirit, our Sustainer who speaks God's Word to us.

Let us worship God!

Come, let us worship our Triune God.

Together, let us worship God!

†HYMN #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that your triune nature is beyond our comprehension. You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. You are one God who transcends what we can shape and control. We also confess how much this confounds us. We try to place you into boxes that fit our expectations, boiling your presence down to a set of rules to follow instead of a love that transforms us. Forgive us when we don't find comfort in your mystery. Melt us, mold us, fill us, and use us as you fall afresh on us, (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

Jill Kimbirl

ANTHEM

"Do It Again"

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman, Steven Furtick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 16:12-15

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Marvelous Mystery

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†SONG OF RESPONSE

"Holy Spirit"

Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 or by scanning the QR code on the right.



OFFERTORY

"Aria (Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 12 in B minor)"

G.F. Handel

†DOXOLOGY #606

†DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

WE COMMIT TO SHARE GOD'S WORD

†SENDING SONG

"Do It Again"

Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman, Steven Furtick

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

"Hornpipe (Water Music)"

G.F. Handel

†If you are able, please stand.

HOLY SPIRIT

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is un-
done
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Interlude 1

Your Presence Lord

Interlude 2

Your Presence Lord
Your Presence
Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

DO IT AGAIN

Verse 1

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Chorus

Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness
Faithfulness
I'm still in your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

Verse 2

I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

Bridge

I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe
I'll see you do it again
You made a way
Where there was no way
And I believe
I'll see you do it again

Ending

You've never failed me yet
I never will forget
You've never failed me yet
I never will forget

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; Rev. Grady Moseley; Jill Kimbirl; David Jennings; Bethany Jennings; Noah Williams; Thrive Band

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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

CONNECT & GROW THIS WEEK

BIBLE STUDY

- **Men's Fellowship & Breakfast:** *Tuesdays, 8:00 am, PAD.*
- **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.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Faith and Fiction:** *June 7, 5:00 pm, off-site.* The book being discussed is The List by Robert Whitlow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

OFFICER NOMINATING FORMS

The Officer Nominating Committee is now receiving suggestions for new church officers. Please prayerfully consider who might be called to lead our church. Send names to the committee using the Nominations for Church Officers ballot, and place it in the ballot box in the receptionist area. Submit form by Sunday, June 7, 2026. Questions can be addressed to Greg Sellers, Chair of the Nominating Committee at greg@tandem78.com.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME HOME BAGS

June 14 and 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.

GHOST PEPPERS GAME

June 19, 7:00 pm, off site. All are invited to a Ghost Peppers baseball game against the Staten Island Ferry Hawks. Tickets are \$11/person. Children under 3 years are free if seated on parent's or guardian's lap. Please RSVP via QR code or Connection Card so that we can reserve enough tickets for group seating.



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) or scan the QR code to sign up.



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.

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