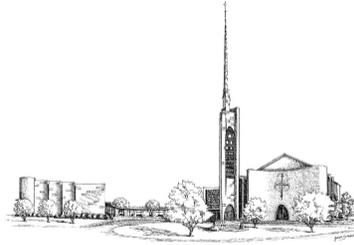


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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 20, 2021

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Words for Silent Meditation before Worship

“Fear is the enemy of love. Fear steals things like love and joy. Jesus said, “Be not afraid”.

~Nadia Bolz Weber~

WE COME TOGETHER

CARILLON PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

ORGAN PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

“Prelude on LOBE DEB HERREN”

Karen Keene

CALL TO WORSHIP

The winds and the waves are no match for our God.

Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.

In the midst of the storms of our lives,

let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.

†PRAISE HYMN #8

“To God Be The Glory”

Crosby/Doane

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

SHARED PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves, we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives. When all around us has given way to chaos, ground us in your presence. When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired, refresh us by your mercy. Help us to see that you are in the boat with us, even when we are certain that it is sinking. Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord, and make us agents of your reign...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†GLORIA PATRI #581

GREATOREX

WE EMBRACE GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ella Beaty Trogdon receives the sacrament of baptism. She is the daughter of Mallory and William Trogdon. Elder, Tim Efird offers prayer.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 38:1-11

ANTHEM

“Baptized In Water”

M. Saward

*Baptized in water
Sealed by the Spirit
Cleansed by the blood
Of Christ our King
Heirs of salvation
Trusting His promise
Faithfully now
God's praise we sing*

*Baptized in water
Sealed by the Spirit
Dead in the tomb
With Christ our King
One with His rising
Freed and forgiven
Thankfully now
God's praise we sing*

*Baptized in water
Sealed by the Spirit
Marked with the sign
Of Christ our King
Born of one Father
We are His children
Joyfully now
God's praise we sing*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

“What Can Life Be Like - *After the Storm?*”

Pastor John H. Stanley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Fred Lyon

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

(Tithes and offerings may be presented at www.fpcgastonia.org/giving.)

OFFERTORY

†DOXOLOGY #607

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

†HYMN #35

"Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

†BLESSING

†ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Tocatta on LOBE DEN HERREN"

Karen Keene

†If you are able, please stand.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Fred Lyon,
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore,
Pastor John H. Stanley,
David Jennings, Matt Smith, Holly Shropshire

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Verse 1

To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Verse 2

Great things He has taught us
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see.

Chorus

Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory great things He has done

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Verse 1

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health
and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple
draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Verse 2

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his
wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not
seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in
what he ordaineth?

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCING REV. DANIEL J. COMMERFORD

At our Congregational Meeting on April 18, we elected to call Rev. Daniel J. (Dan) Commerford as our new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. Dan comes to us from First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta, Florida, where he has served for the past five years. Dan's first day will be Monday, July 5, 2021. To learn more about Dan and his family, please visit www.fpcgastonia.org/pastoral-search!

SUNDAY SCHOOL VIDEO LESSON

Please join us online as Claude Hathcock presents this week's Sunday School video lesson titled, "Healed by Faith." The video lesson premiered at 9:00 a.m. and is available on-demand following the initial broadcast. You can find this video, along with our pastoral and staff videos, at www.fpcgastonia.org/videos.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. FRED LYON

Please join us for a reception in celebration of Interim Senior Pastor, Rev. Fred Lyon, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 27, in the front circle drive. Let us give God the glory for Fred's faithful and inspiring leadership among us for the last year!

YOUTH POP UP EVENT - KAYAK TRIP

All youth are invited to join us on Sunday, June 27, as we kayak part of the Catawba River with the Catawba Riverkeepers! We will leave from the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. and should return to the church around 5 p.m. The cost is \$15/youth (please bring cash or a check to the church by the day of the event). Be sure to wear clothes that can get wet and shoes with a heel strap, and bring a water bottle! Visit www.fpcgastonia.org/youth to reserve your spot!

WILD AND WACKY WEDNESDAY - DARBY ACRES FARM

Join us for our second Wild and Wacky Wednesday on June 30 at Darby Acres Farm! This trip is for children who are preschool aged to those who have completed 5th grade. We will meet at the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. and drive to the farm for our 2:00 p.m. tour. Please be sure to indicate on the sign up if your child would like to do the pony ride while we're there! We'll be back to the church around 3:45 p.m. The cost is \$5/person and the deadline to register is June 21. Register online at www.fpcgastonia.org/children or contact Susannah Bryant for more information!

JULY 4TH OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On Sunday, July 4, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. for one worship service in the parking lot outside the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a lawn chair and come dressed casually. Parking will be available in the back parking lot.

SECOND SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL BREAKFASTS

We hope you enjoyed our first intergenerational breakfast last Sunday! Be sure to join us on July 11 for our next opportunity to gather together! Adults, youth, and children will meet in the Fellowship Hall Portico where we will share a COVID-safe breakfast, fellowship, and participate in a lesson led by church staff. We look forward to seeing you then!

REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS NOW OPEN!

First Presbyterian Church invites all children (Nursery - 5th Grade) to an island adventure - the Quest for God's Great Light at Discovery on Adventure Island Vacation Bible School! This adventure includes exciting music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know and share the light God shines in the world.

Vacation Bible School will run August 2 through August 5, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Learn more about Discovery on Adventure Island VBS by contacting Susannah Bryant or visit www.fpcgastonia.org/children to register.