

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 4, 2023

Trinity Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

WE GATHER FOR GOD'S WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE & SILENT MEDITATION

"Prelude on DENNIS"

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Taneti

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens and the earth declare your glory.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The work of your hands is all of creation.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have formed us in your image and fashioned us to give you glory.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Through word and songs, let us worship our triune God!

†OPENING SONG

"Open The Eyes of My Heart"

Baloche

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, you made us caretakers of your handy work. You commission us to spread your Gospel to the ends of the earth. You prepare us with the gift of your Holy Spirit. We confess that we take advantage of the power you give us. We neglect to do your work of healing and reconciliation. We refuse to recognize the gift of your Spirit within us. Forgive us for ignoring and averting your call and help us to become bold in our faith. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray, 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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Taneti

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Matthew 28:18-20

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Alpha, Omega, Beginning, End, Always"

Rev. Dr. Joan Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN #1

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

NICAEA

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 MUSIC

"Come Thou Fount"

NETTLETON

†DOXOLOGY #607

†DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

....with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

...in the holy church, now and forever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Friends, these are the Gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

(If you wish to have communion served to you in the pew, please raise your hand and our servers will come to you with the bread and cup)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE COMMIT TO SHARE GOD'S WORD

†HYMN #306

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

"Postlude on HOLY MANNA"

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church - where faith is alive! Your presence here is our honor and joy. We pray that your heart is encouraged, that the Word is clear, and that you go from this place renewed and refreshed in search of an ever deeper connection with our awesome God! If you would like more information about First Presbyterian Church, please sign the welcome forms in your pew or stop by the welcome table to receive a gift in gratitude for your presence with us.

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.

PASTORAL STAFF OFFICE HOURS**

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford Mondays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*
Mary Taneti Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Throughout the week, the ministry of the pastoral staff will lead them to meetings at church, beside the hospital bed, homes of members, and elsewhere in the community in order to serve the mission of FPC. Although they are always available by appointment, they will also be available in their offices for unannounced visits during office hours. Be sure to come on by and say hello!

**Dan is out of the office May 29 - June 5.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford - Senior Pastor
Mary Taneti - Direction of Faith Formation
Mot Davis - Receptionist
Myles Davidowitz - Director of Childcare
Caleb Hayes - Director of Communications
Bethany Jennings - Director of Music Ministries
David Jennings - Organist
Russ Keeney - Pastoral Counselor
Jill Kimbirl - Interim Minister of Visitation
David McFadden - Business Administrator
Ana Meyer - Financial Secretary
Cheryl Mims - Director of Mothers' Morning Out
Nancy Moore - Financial Secretary
Sherry Moore - Administrative Assistant
Rodney Owens - Maintenance Supervisor
Becky Rowland - Director of Presbyterian Weekday School
Matt Smith - Thrive Music Leader & Audio/Visual Supervisor
Trip Stewart - Information Services

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. Joan Martin, Mary Taneti, Bethany Jennings, David Jennings, Jim & Copeland Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Please see our website at fpcgastonia.org for more details

SECOND SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, June 11 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of Sunday School, all are welcome to join us for a time of shared fellowship and learning over breakfast.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE AT MONTREAT

Rev, Daniel J. Commerford will be leading our high schoolers in attending the Montreat High School Conference from June 11-17. Please keep our youth and children in your prayers as they travel and prepare their hearts for this upcoming trip!

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 4TH GRADE MINI MISSION TRIP

On Thursday, June 15 at 9:00 am, students from kindergarten through 4th grade will be embarking on a Mini-Mission Trip to the Carolina Raptor Center. Register by emailing Mary Taneti at mtaneti@fpcgastonia.org. The deadline is Monday, June 12.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING UP!

VBS begins at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 23 with a congregational kick-off and will continue Monday, July 24 through Thursday, July 27 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register by visiting our website or email Mary Taneti at mtaneti@fpcgastonia.org.

Summer Worship June 4 thru September 3

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Children ages kindergarten thru Fifth Grade will be in combined Sunday School located in the Fellowship Hall on June 18. An Intergenerational breakfast will be held on the 2nd Sunday in lieu of Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.

10:00 a.m.

Combined Worship Service

Combined Summer Services in the Sanctuary. There will be two more outdoor services on July 2 and September 3 in the lower parking lot near the Fellowship Hall.

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Words & Music: Paul Baloche

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Chorus

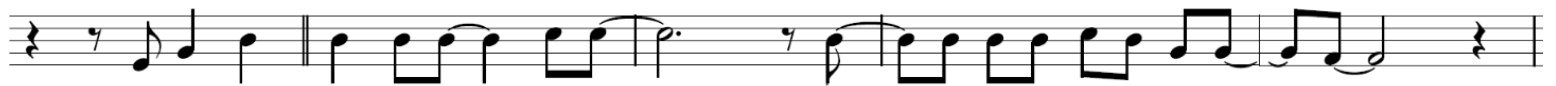


O-pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o-pen the eyes _ of my heart; .




_ I want to see You, _ I want to see You. _

Verse




To see You high and lift - ed up, _ shin - ing in the light of Your glo - - ry. _




Pour out Your pow'r and love; _ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly. _____

Bridge



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; _



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ I want to see You. _____