

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 26, 2022

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

### WE GATHER FOR GOD'S WORD

#### CARILLON PEAL

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

#### PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

Diane Bish

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord with gladness!

*We come into God's presence with singing.*

Give thanks to the Lord with song and praise!

*God's steadfast love endures forever!*

We come together so that our faith might be strengthened.

*We seek the strength to live by all we profess.*

It is God who seeks us, meets us, heals us, whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.

*In God we rejoice and hope! God's faithfulness is for all generations.*

#### †OPENING SONG

"Blessed Be Your Name"

B. Redman/M. Redman

### WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, there are places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We listen to voices who distract us from your call. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You call us to be peacemakers, but we do little more than try to avoid conflict. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence. Feed us, God, with food that endures for eternal life and answer our thirst with life-giving water. Tune our hearts and transform our minds and our actions, so that our lives would proclaim your praise...(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

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Following the message, children through third grade may depart for Children's Church. They will return during the musical offering following the sermon.*

**ANTHEM**

"Think on These Things"

arr. by Mark Patterson

*anthem text inspired by Phillipians 4:4-9*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 100

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Philippians 4:4-9

**SERMON SERIES**

This is My Story, This is My Song

**SERMON**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

†HYMN #475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 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

“Duo on NETTLETON”

David Lasky

## †DOXOLOGY

## DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

## WE COMMIT TO SHARE GOD'S WORD

## †HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” (Refrain Only)

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my savior all the day long

ASSURANCE

## †CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## †POSTLUDE

“Toccata on NETTLETON”

David Lasky

†If you are able, please stand.

## Leading worship today:

Rev. Rachel H. Vogado  
Bethany Jennings, David Jennings, Matt Smith

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMBINED SERVICES THIS SUMMER

We will be having combined services throughout the summer in the sanctuary at 10 am until September 4.

**Don't forget we will have outdoor worship next week, July 3. Meet in the lower driveway at 10 am and don't forget to bring your own chair and coffee!**

### FOURTH SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Today, we will be having refreshments after the service. Please stop and grab a drink and a cookie for some fun and fellowship with one another.

### GASTON PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

On June 29 at 6 pm, the Gaston Parish Nurse Ministry will be holding an event celebrating resilience through the pandemic, as well as honoring the memories of those who passed due to COVID-19. At the event, a commissioned piece of art called, "Resilience," will be unveiled and those who attend will have an opportunity to complete it as a group. Come out to this event for fun, refreshments, door prizes, and more!

Rotary Centennial Pavilion  
107 N. South St. Gastonia, NC 28052

### SECOND SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL BREAKFAST

Would you like to join with people of all ages for some fun and meaningful Sunday School time? Can you imagine how special it will be to learn together and grow in faith as a church family? Then join us for an intergenerational Sunday School at 9 am, July 10 and August 14 in the Fellowship Hall Breezeway! Adults, youth, and children are all invited to share a light breakfast, fellowship, and participate in a lesson to help us all hear and celebrate the Good News together!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School! Register now to join the fun! Look for sign-ups for both children participants, and youth and adult volunteers in the Faith Formation weekly newsletter or scan the QR code!

When: August 1-4, 2022  
Time: 9 am - Noon



### COVID GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

A group of licensed professional counselors have created a FREE support group open to all Gaston County residents. If you have suffered a loss unrelated to Coronavirus, you are also welcome. This is an open group, no RSVP needed.

Every other Thursday  
June 2 - September 22 - 10:30 - 11:30 am  
First United Methodist Church - Room #218

## MUSIC LYRICS

### PRAISE HYMN - BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

B. Redman/M. Redman

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

## **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 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*
Rev. Rachel Vogado	Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*
Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport	Tuesdays and Fridays by appointment

\*The pastoral staff is available to meet throughout the week by appointment. If you would like to get in touch with them outside of office hours, please send them an email or call the church office.

\*\*Rev. Daniel J. Commerford will be out of town from June 20 to July 2. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford - Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Charles Davenport - Minister of Visitation  
Rev. Rachel Vogado - Director of Faith Formation  
Mot Davis - Receptionist  
Myles Davidowitz - Director of Childcare  
Caleb Hayes - Director of Communications  
Holly Howell - Director of Children's Music  
Bethany Jennings - Director of Music Ministries  
David Jennings - Organist  
Lisa Marisiddaiah - Parish Nurse  
David McFadden - Business Administrator  
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  
Trip Stewart - Information Services