



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Percussive Alleluias
Exuberant Joy

Jane McFadden
Cynthia Dobriniski

FPC Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign. Visitors, we are grateful you are here this morning to worship with us. Thank you for visiting FPC!]

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 8)

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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

+ HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

In humility and faith,
Let us confess our sin to God...

[+You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 5/31: 9:00am	Bible 101 Sunday School Class Choir Practice	Room 101 Choir Room
10:00am	Combined Service	Sanctuary
Monday, 6/1: No events scheduled		
Tuesday, 6/2: No events scheduled		
Wednesday, 6/3: 4:00pm 6:00pm	Step-up Session Meeting	Boney Hall Session Room
Thursday, 6/4: 7:45am	Men's Bible and Breakfast	Cape Fear Club
Friday, 6/5: Office closes at 12pm		
Saturday, 6/6: <i>Church Closed</i>		
Sunday, 6/7: Sun-Sat 9:00am	Montreat Youth Conference Bible 101 Sunday School Class Choir Practice	Room 101 Choir Room
10:00am	Combined Service	Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, June 7th-Saturday, June 13th:** Montreat Youth Conference
- Monday, June 8th:** Boy Scout Troop 212 Eagle Scout Ceremony in the Chapel from 1pm-4pm
- Sunday, June 14th:** Welcome Luncheon for Rev. Elizabeth McGuire in Gilmour Hall immediately following worship service. All are invited.
- Monday, June 22nd-Thursday, June 25th:** Vacation Bible School (morning & evening times available-register on Realm)
- Sunday, June 28th @ 5pm:** Young Adult Fellowship Cookout (location TBD) Stay tuned for details!

Looking to make deeper connections within FPC? Please contact Laura Tingelstad at laura@firstonthird.org to learn more about our various opportunities for all ages.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Contact Natalie Raygor (natalie@firstonthird.org) for more information.

Nursery (infant through two-years-old) Loving care is provided during the Sunday School hour and Worship Service.

Summer Stories: This summer our children will have the opportunity each Sunday to leave the service after the Time with Children to go to "Summer Stories" in Room 208 for their worship service (instead of Worship and Wonder). The Summer Stories will focus on stories of finding Peace with God from the beginning to the end of the Bible and a simple craft project each Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on our website or Friday newsletter.

Growing in Grace Children's Sunday School Class – Will resume in September (three-years-old through 5th grade)
Meets at 9am in the Grace Space, at the foot of the stairway to Gilmour Hall.

Top Dogs (3rd-5th grade) – Meetings will resume in September!

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) - Meetings will resume in September!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — 9AM SUNDAYS

"Bible 101" meets in Room 101. Bible 101 studies and discusses the scripture that will be preached that morning. All are welcome. Good discussion group that will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Journey Class meets in Room 303. *Will resume in September*

The Village Class meets in the Session Room. *Will resume in September*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle One (service): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Two (book study): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Three (book study): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Four (fellowship): Meetings will resume in September.

Circle Five (book study): Meetings will resume in September.

(all meetings are held on the second Monday of each month September-May)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES/FELLOWSHIP

Knitting Ministry: Second Wednesday of the month @ 1:30pm in The Ladies' Parlor

Women on Wednesdays: Will resume in September.

Contact the FPC office for more details. Dates and times subject to change due to holidays and events.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

First Presbyterian is a Stephen Ministry congregation. If you would like to receive support from a **Stephen Minister**, please call one of our pastors at 910-762-6688.

ONLINE GIVING

Use this QR code to give securely to the general fund. Looking for other ways to give? Visit the website, firstonthird.org/give, for more information.



REALM

We are using this app to streamline our church communications, making it easier to sign up for events and opportunities! Please reach out to Melissa (melissa@firstonthird.org) in the office or call the office at 910-762-6688 for assistance .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ... (our silent prayers of confession) And let all God's people say, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear this good news!
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As far as east is from west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
Let us all believe this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Children are invited to come forward, place their offerings in the plate, have a short message and prayer with the minister, then go to Room 208 for their worship service called Summer Stories.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-23
Pew Bible, NT p. 115

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to the Lord.

SERMON

Dan Lewis

“Curious Kids: Where’s It All Come From?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

+ HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles’ Creed

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.

COMMISSIONING TO MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even thy alters, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy work. Our God, Our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home. (based on Psalms 84 & 90)

+ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

+ CLOSING HYMN (to the tune of Regent Square)

Holy Father Great Creator

Verse One: Holy Father, great Creator, source of mercy, love, and peace. Look upon the Mediator, clothe us with His righteousness; Heav’nly Father, heav’nly Father, through the Savior hear and bless!

Verse Two: Holy Jesus, Lord of glory, whom angelic hosts proclaim, while we hear Thy wondrous story, meet and worship in Thy name. Dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer, in our hearts Thy peace proclaim.

Verse Three: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, come with unction from above, raise our hearts to raptures higher, fill them with the Savior’s love. Source of comfort, source of comfort, cheer us with the Savior’s love.

Verse Four: God the Lord, through every nation, let Thy wondrous mercies shine, in the song of Thy salvation, every tongue and race combine. Great Jehovah, great Jehovah, form our hearts and make them Thine.

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

John Cook

Leading in Worship	
Dan Lewis, Senior Pastor	Natalie Raygor, Associate Pastor
John Tabler, Director of Music and Organist	Benjamin Horrell, Associate Director of Music and Choir Director
FPC Choir	FPC Handbell Choir

THANK YOU to all of you who have joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. We hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to assist you and answer your questions. If you need a large print copy of today’s bulletin and hymns, please notify an usher. A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by signing the Friendship Register in the pews or by emailing our church office at hello@firstonthird.org.

