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**This week at First Presbyterian....**

**Sunday, September 17**  
 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation  
 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
 4:00 p.m. Footsteps of Paul Travel Meeting - Kirk  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

**Monday, September 18**  
 9:15 a.m. Yoga - Welcome Center  
 12:00 p.m. Jubilate - Library  
 1:00 p.m. The Flock Bible Study - Rm 214  
 6:30 p.m. Jubilate - Off Campus

**Tuesday, September 19**  
 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation meeting  
 10:30 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm  
 10:30 a.m. Jubilate - Parlor  
 12:15 p.m. Chancel Chimers Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. Mission Ministry - Parlor  
 5:55 p.m. Yoga - FLC  
 6:00 p.m. Jubilate - Off Campus

**Wednesday, September 20**  
 9:00 a.m. Buzz Bible Study - The Bee Hive  
 9:15 a.m. Yoga - Welcome Center  
 12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - FLC  
**Wednesday Night Live**  
 5:30 p.m. Faith Formation/Jubilate/Choirs  
 6:30 p.m. Dinner in Kirk  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 21**  
 10:30 a.m. Rhodes Respite Care - McDougald Rm  
 11:00 a.m. Jubilate - Rm 212  
 11:00 a.m. Bread Breakers Lunch - Five Forks BBQ  
 5:30 p.m. Brews & Views - Off Campus  
 6:30 p.m. Jubilate - Off Campus

**Friday, September 22** - 8:00 a.m. Men's Huddle - Kirk

**SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS**


Our Mission Emphasis for this month is **Good Neighbor Cupboard, a local food pantry for those in our community suffering with food insecurity.** We are asking for donations of **peanut butter, canned tuna, canned beans and nutritious cereal such as Honey Nut Cheerios.** Bring your donations to the brown bins outside the church parlor.

**Join Us for Wednesday Night Live**

**Faith Formation/Jubilate/Choirs @ 5:30**  
**Dinner at 6:30 in the Kirk**

*Use QR code now to reserve meals!*  
*Deadline to reserve is 12:00noon on Sunday.*


Contact Alisa Gibson, [alisag@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:alisag@fpcandersonsc.com) for more info.



**BREAD BREAKERS LUNCH**

Thursday, September 21 @ 11:00am  
 Fork Grove BBQ, 1721 SC-187, Anderson  
 All are welcome, but please text your name and number attending to 864-940-4731 by Tuesday, Sept 19.

*Our Annual Women's Retreat is Back!*

February 9-10, 2024\* Lake Junaluska, NC   
 Cost: \$150 all-inclusive/double room  
 (Three meals, room for one night, and all materials.)  
 \$50 deposit to hold your spot due October 1st

Sign up by emailing [alisag@fpcandersonsc.com](mailto:alisag@fpcandersonsc.com)  
 Our presenter is the Rev. Pressley Cox of Foothills Presbytery

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

After worship on Sunday, September 24, there will be a Congregational Meeting to elect the **2023-24 Officer Nominating Committee.** Nominees are: Elders Chris Goforth, Glenn Hellenga, Brent Copeland; Deacons Andy Patrick, Helen Turner; Women's Representative Ann Harder; At-large, Jeff Wilson, DeRee Cavedo; Youth, Emmy Lou Patrick.

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 17, 2023

### 10:30am



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# 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

10:30 A.M.

## Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ Rise in body or in spirit.

Extended Worship is in Room 200 on the second floor of the Education Hall.

Please let our ushers know if you need directions to the nursery or to pick your child up from Extended Worship.

## WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME Deacon Susan McGraw

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 30:11

You, O Lord, have turned my mourning into dancing;  
**You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

## WE PRAISE GOD

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, we know you created us all to be keepers of the earth and of all that is on the earth. We are connected, Lord, to the earth, to you, and to each other. But we sometimes act selfishly, or do what we think is best without thinking about our neighbors. We are not meant to live in isolation. You promise us a beautiful land, and neighbors and family. You keep your promises, even if they may not be what we expect or when we expect them. We are all a part of your great story, God. Help us to see that we are always connected. Hear our personal confession...**

*SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION*

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Christ, God calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Thanks be to God! AMEN.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI *Glory Be to the Father* HYMN 581

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*(Our young disciples, ages 5k and under, are dismissed for Extended Worship.)  
(First graders will leave for Worship Education)*

## WE APPROACH GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 18:1-15* Pew Bible p. 13

GOSPEL READING *Luke 6:20-21* Pew Bible p. 55  
**Then he looked up at his disciples and said:  
... Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."**

SERMON *"Oh Yes, You Did Laugh"* Rev. Dr. Dennis Tedder

✦ SERMON RESPONSE 188 *Jesus Loves Me* JESUS LOVES ME  
(Verse 2)

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

✦ SUMMARY OF THE LAW Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Total Praise* Smallwood  
Chancel Choir

✦ DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* HYMN 606

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ SENDING HYMN 63 *The Lord is God* AZMON

✦ BENEDICTION Psalm 126:2

May our mouths be filled with laughter, with songs of joy.

**May it be said among all people, "The Lord has done great things  
for them." Yes, O God. AMEN.**

✦ POSTLUDE *Chaconne* Buxtehude

Please continue to keep these youth in your prayers as they participate in the confirmation program for 2023-2024:

*Myers Bagwell  
Logan Corley  
Anders Epps  
Olivia Grove  
Hogan Haynie  
Jake Hosea  
Ashlee Isom  
Meghan Martin  
Bren McCoy  
Bentley Melvin  
Ree Nowotnick  
Maggie Pray  
Preston Richardson  
Camden Youngblood*

A video broadcast of the service is available downstairs in our Welcome Center for those who may need to leave the sanctuary. The ushers can direct you to this room.

As a courtesy to those worshipping with you today, please silence cell phones during our service.