

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ushers Needed!** We are looking for folks to serve as ushers on an occasional Sunday morning. If this is something you might be able to help out with, please plan to remain after worship on Jan. 23 for a brief training and opportunity to sign up for dates of your choice. Many thanks!

### Office Hours

Shannon is in the office Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30 – 3:00 and Fridays from 9:30-1:00.

**Children are always welcome in worship, wiggles, giggles and all!** We value their presence with us as we worship God, knowing that this is how they experience the loving community of Christ and how they learn to worship. We hope to reopen the nursery in the near future and when it is safe to do so.

**The Offering** – as an added pandemic safety measure, we are receiving the offering for our church and ministry at the box at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a Paypal option available on the church website [fpcmountholly.com](http://fpcmountholly.com) or through the provided QR Code.



### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Janet B. DeWater
Administrative Assistant	Shannon Fish
Director of Music	Hanna Lee
Music Worship Leader	Jonathan Brackett
Organist	
Treasurer	Stefanie F. Faith

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# First Presbyterian Church

*Open doors, open hearts, a welcome for all just as you are!*

**January 9, 2022**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

Rev. Janet DeWater

*As the pandemic continues you are asked to wear a mask (extras are available in the back) and to seat yourselves at a distance from others. We are eager to shake hands and hug one another but will hold off out of love and concern for each other.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The voice of God sounds upon the water.

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

## **\*Hymn #475**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

V.1&3

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God with us, you come to your people in a manger, at the temple, and on a riverbank. During your earthly ministry you inhabited everyday spaces: the places where your people went to tend to their livelihood, to pray, and to collect water. Too often, we imagine you only in these traditional biblical scenes, instead of looking for you in our everyday lives: in our workplaces, our places of worship, and our homes. Forgive us. Open our hearts, eyes and ears to encounter you today. Remind us again that we are claimed as your children and are sent to show the love and justice we see in you. Amen.

## **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God's voice publicly proclaims Jesus as "my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We, too, are loved and called by God.

**God knows us, loves us, claims and names us. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #582**

*Glory to God*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Jonathan Brackett

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

**HOMILY**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**INSTALLATION OF ELDERS**

Jonathan Brackett, Nan Kaylor, Susan Nalley

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,

**But it is the same God whose will is brought about through them all.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ.

**And individually members of Christ.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE OFFERING**

*This Sunday we receive an offering for the CRO.*

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

May these gifts that we return to you, O God, be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons. Grant us wisdom and joy in using them wisely. Amen.

**\*HYMN #726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

V.1&5

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE #539**

*We Will Go Out with Joy*

V.1

**\*POSTLUDE**

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**A warm welcome to all this morning!** If you are visiting a special welcome to you! We hope you find the worship service to be a blessing. We invite you to fill out the visitor card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering box. We would love to get better acquainted, and we invite your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church.

**Our service is a little bit different** as we worship during these days of pandemic, seeking to love our neighbor by keeping one another safe. The service is shorter in length, and we are taking precautions. We are not passing the friendship pad but if you wish to connect with the pastor please email Janet at [jdewater@fpcmontholly.com](mailto:jdewater@fpcmontholly.com) or call/email Shannon in the church office: 704-827-0521, [sfish@fpcmontholly.com](mailto:sfish@fpcmontholly.com)

**Notice of Live Streaming**

Please be aware that we are live-streaming our worship service today. If you do not wish to have your child in view during the children's time, you are invited to sit with them on the front pew with your backs to the cameras.

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