

July 3 - Worship is at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

On Ash Wednesday back in 2020, members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - our neighbors across the street - joined us for worship. When Covid shut the world down, we were unable to join them as planned on Maundy Thursday that year.

They have now invited us to share in worship with them at **10:00 on Sunday, July 3** at their outdoor service on the lawn. Session, on our behalf, has graciously accepted! More info to follow.

Office Hours

Shannon is in the office Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30 – 3:00 and on Friday from 9:30 - 1:00.

Notice of Live Streaming

Please be aware that we are live-streaming our worship service today.

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First Presbyterian Church

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

June 19, 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Minor (W. Herschel)

Mark Wingate

WELCOME

Rev. Janet DeWater

*Masks are now optional, **except when singing** – at that time please put a mask on. Thank you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship this day, some of us entangled with worries:

**the cost to repair our car, the images of war embedded in our mind's eye,
concerns about our health, alarm at the hostilities of politics...**

We need one more hour of sleep, one more deposit in the bank,
one more bit of good news; we need peace.

**And so we lift our eyes to God, in our worship, to be reminded that God
is the one in whom we trust.**

May our worship be the assurance we need, that in God there is a better way.

**We offer our thanks, our trust, our very selves to worship God,
the firm foundation on which we stand.**

***HYMN #463**

How Firm a Foundation

V. 1&2

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future where we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. *(Please pause for a moment of silent, personal prayer...)*

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Our God is a forgiving God who hold us and believes in us and is waiting to heal our every brokenness. In our very act of confession and turning again toward God, we are given a brand-new life.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***SONG OF RESPONSE #581** *Glory be to the Father*

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Josh Gibson

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-29

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SERMON

"A Baptismal Formula"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From "A Brief Statement of Faith" PC(USA)

This is the good news which we have received in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC #370

This Is My Father's World

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

***Doxology #606**

***Offertory Prayer**

May our gifts fulfill your purposes O God, in this church, in this community, in this world. We pray that you will lead us in compassion and wisdom that we may serve with joy and in faith. Amen.

***HYMN #741**

Guide My Feet

V.1, 2, & 4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE #598**

Amen, We Praise Your Name

V.1

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Grand Chorus on "St. Elizabeth" (Alice Jordan)

*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.

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 now have a "**Worship and Play**" room available downstairs for children who need a more active space during the service and their parents. We are streaming the service there and toys are available!

Our service is a little bit different as we worship during these days of Covid, 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@fpcmountholly.com or call/email Shannon in the church office: 704-827-0521, sfish@fpcmountholly.com

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 or through the provided QR Code.



Ushers Needed

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary – if you are able to help out, please sign up for a date of your choosing. Instructions provided! Thank you.