

## **Habitat for Humanity Sunday – July 17**

Next Sunday during worship we will receive a special offering for the Dixon Village project of Gaston County Habitat for Humanity. You can bring a check made out to First Presbyterian, cash, or if you wish you can contribute directly to Habitat on-line by texting HGFAITH to 44321.

## **Church Directory**

As we start to prepare the Fall 2022 Church Directory, please let us know if any of your contact information has changed since last year. Call the church office: 704-827-0521. Thank you!

## **New Office Hours**

Shannon is in the office Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30 – 3:00 and on Friday from 9:30 - 12:00.

## **Notice of Live Streaming**

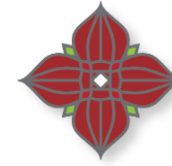
Please be aware that we are live streaming our worship service today.  
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### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Pastor	Janet DeWater
Administrative Assistant	Shannon Fish
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# First Presbyterian Church

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

**July 10, 2022**

## **PRELUDE**

Richard Wilson

## **WELCOME**

Janet DeWater

*Masks are now optional in worship, **except when singing hymns** – at that time you are asked to put a mask on. Thank you.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Morning liturgy, Wild Goose Worship*

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, fresh as the sunrise.**

Great is your name.

**Great is your love!**

## **\*SONG #65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

V. 1&2

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Everlasting God, you build up and tear down. We confess that we have erected idols that need to be demolished in our time. We embrace complacency and comfort over following your vision of beloved community and liberation. We measure ourselves not against your precepts but by the standards of this world. We close our ears to voices we do not want to hear and our eyes to sights too painful to see. Tear down the fear of discomfort within us and rebuild us with the pillars of holy love, compassionate care, and Spirit-led action. In your mercy, make us new. *(Please pause for a moment of silent prayer...)*

## **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In the love and grace of Jesus Christ we are restored to wholeness and peace. Let us therefore live according to God's ways of justice, joy, and generosity.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #581**

*Gloria Patri*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Karen Jones

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Amos 7:7-15

**SERMON**

*“Stirring Things Up”*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Iona Abbey Worship Book*

We believe and trust in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus – the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope. In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Our prayers will begin with silence this morning, followed by a sung prayer #469:*

***Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord send your Spirit in this place.***

***Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.***

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 week we receive an offering for the CRO*

**\*Doxology #609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

We offer these gifts to you, O God, and pray that you will use them and guide us to serve in ways that will spread your blessings in the world. Amen.

**\*HYMN #301**

*Let Us Build a House*

V. 1,2,4

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** *Morning liturgy, Wild Goose Worship*

May God bless us; may God keep us in the Spirit’s care and lead our lives with love.

**May Christ’s warm welcome shine from our hearts,  
and Christ’s own peace prevail through this and every day,  
till greater life shall call. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE #598**

Amen, We Praise Your Name

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*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@fpcmountholly.com](mailto:jdewater@fpcmountholly.com) or call/email Shannon in the church office: 704-827-0521, [sfish@fpcmountholly.com](mailto:sfish@fpcmountholly.com)

**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 and their parents where we are streaming the service and toys are available for those who need a more active space during the service.

**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.

