

## “The House That Faith Built”

This morning we are receiving a special offering for the Dixon Village project of Gaston County Habitat for Humanity. The goal of this campaign is for 15,000 people of faith to partner to raise \$150,000 to provide a home for a Habitat family. Checks payable to FPC and cash offerings will be received during worship. Or you can contribute directly to Habitat on-line by texting HGFAITH to 44321.

## Madi’s “Mount Holly Talent Show”

Come and enjoy some delightful talent on July 29 at 5:00 pm right here in our Fellowship Hall. Madi is continuing her project to support children in foster care. Donations will be received of money, night lights, hairbrushes, underwear, pjs, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, bubble bath, stuffed animals, clothing in various sizes.

## Office Hours

Shannon is in the office Wed. – Thur. from 9:30 – 3:00 and on Fri. from 9:30 - 12:00.

## Notice of Live Streaming

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

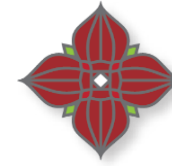
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# First Presbyterian Church

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

**July 17, 2022**

## PRELUDE

*Meditation on “Bradbury”* (Broughton)

Mark Wingate

## 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

Come, beloved of God, let us enter into worship, to grow in joy and in faith.

**With open hearts we come, seeking the fullness of God for our lives.**

Let us worship God, our loving parent, who leads and guides us with eternal love.

**We offer our thanks and praise as we worship together!**

## \*SONG #17

*Sing Praise to God, You Heavens*

V. 1&2

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, how grateful we are for your compassion toward us even when we do not follow your call. When we turn from you, forgive us. When we walk in ways that are selfish, show us again your path of righteousness. When we falter and feel overwhelmed by life, guide us and reassure us, for in our hearts we long to be more faithful and sure.

*(Please pause for a moment of silent prayer...)*

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God’s compassion is warm and tender. In love, God is eager to forgive, and rejoices as we return to faithful ways. Let us believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ 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

Jayn Cox

## SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 11:1-11

## SERMON

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Iona Abbey Worship Book*

With the whole church we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity planted more deeply than all that is wrong. With all of creation we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### 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

*Special Offering for Habitat for Humanity – Dixon Village*

#### \*Doxology #609

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### \*Offertory Prayer

With gratitude for all that is ours, we thank you, God.

**In faith and with love, we present these gifts for Habitat for Humanity that those in need may have a home that is safe and secure.**

In faith and with love, we present these gifts for our ministry at First Presbyterian Church, that we may make a difference in this world.

**With joy and hopefulness, we ask your blessing upon what we offer this day. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN #840

*It Is Well with My Soul*

V. 1&4

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*RESPONSE #80

*You Shall Go Out With Joy*

### \*POSTLUDE

*March in C (Rondeau)*

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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@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.



### **Birthday Gathering – July 31**

Nora Lucas is turning two and Hanna and James have invited the congregation to celebrate the occasion with lunch on July 31 right after worship! Please plan to come and enjoy the fellowship and to wish Nora a Happy Birthday!

### **Lemonade on the Lawn Today!**

Join us for fellowship and lemonade on the front lawn today after worship!