



# First Presbyterian Church

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

**September 25, 2022 Outdoor Worship 10:00**

**PRELUDE #632 and #656**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Janet DeWater

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord all my life long.**

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord, their God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them;**

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN #41** (insert)

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of our being. By your Spirit you breathe into us the gift of abundant living. Sustenance comes from the abundance of your creation. Our very living is cradled in your loving presence. As we profess our faith, so too, we confess our sin. We ask your forgiveness when we lack trust in your goodness and grace, and when we are less than generous in sharing the blessings that we know. Call us back to faithful living. Guide us to live always in your loving care and to be generous in sharing the gift of your grace with others. *(Please pause for a moment of silent prayer...)*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we have been set free from what separates us from God and from one another.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **\*SONG OF RESPONSE #591**

*Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah (X3)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

## **TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Diane Bumgarner

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 16:19-31

### **SERMON**

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Iona Community

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith That takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put us on the line; to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. 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** *This week we also receive the "Daily Change" offering for hunger relief*

#### **\*Doxology #606**

#### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Eternal God, from the abundance of your creation our needs have been met and we are grateful. Receive what we give today for the upbuilding of your kingdom of love. Amen.

**\*HYMN #632** (insert)

*People of the Lord*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE #769** (refrain only)     *...and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy --- compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!*

**\*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 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](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** – today the offering for our church and ministry is received at the box on the table. The monthly “Daily Change” offering is received in the basket on the table. There is also a Paypal option available on the church website [fpcmountholly.com](http://fpcmountholly.com) or through the provided QR Code.



## **Pumpkin Patch!**

Our pumpkins will be arriving on Friday, September 30! Once we know the approximate time we will send out a phone call for volunteers to come and help unload!

## **Next Sunday**

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2 we will also receive the PC(USA) Peacemaking and Global Witness Special Offering. Special envelopes are provided in the pew racks for this offering.

## **Office Hours**

We are pleased to welcome Lizzy Pharr to our staff. Lizzy will be working in the church office during Shannon's absence. Office hours are flexible at this point so please call ahead before coming to church to be sure someone is here to let you in.

## **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
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