

August 13, 2017

A Service for the Worship of God

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the place and this the time;

here and now God waits to break into our experience:

to change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways;

to make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light;

to fill us with hope, joy and certainty for the future.

This is the place, as are all places;

this is the time, as are all times.

Here and now, let us praise God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN No. 623

I've Got Peace like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.

We think too highly of ourselves and regard others as lowly.

We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted.

we let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.

Have mercy upon us, we pray.

Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers.

God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE No. 659

**Know that God is good. Know that God is good. Know that God is good;
God is good; God is good.**

**Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.**

Hearing the Word

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

After leading us in the Lord's Prayer, children are invited to go to Children's Church.

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 138

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:1-8

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD No. 701

Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tired and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (repeated)

SERMON

Perspectives on Renewal

Rev. Julie Hill

Responding to the Word

*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

*HYMN No.450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

THE OFFERING

You are invited to place prayer requests in the offering plate

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Taking the Word With Us Into the World

*HYMN No.700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 853

We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God. (x2)

We are singing...Ooo.. We are singing in the light of God.

We are singing...Ooo.. We are singing in the light of God.

Another verse: "walking!"

*POSTLUDE

**All those who are able, please stand*

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership, our pastor would be delighted to talk with you following worship. **Your children are always welcome here.** A nursery is provided for your convenience.

Worship Notes

Minister: Rev. Julie Hill, juliehill203@gmail.com; cell 704-904-7261
Music Director: Johnny Almond, johnny@mgcca.com
Secretary: Paula Blake, office@norwoodfpc.org **Nursery Attendant:** Gloria Lopez
Clerk of Session: Kristie Wallace **Elders of the Month:** Sharon Faulkner & Jeff Russell
Ushers: Beverly Johnson, Bobby Scott
Ushers Next Week: Kirk Wallace, Susie Lisk, Marion Lisk-Deese, Mike Carlis

Weekly Calendar	<i>Happy Birthday</i>	
Sunday, August 13 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Session	Harry Beeker	August 13
Sunday, August 20 11:00 am Worship	Joan Garner	August 13
	Don Byrd	August 16
	Stephen Moss	August 18
SCCM Food Challenge Cereal & Canned Meats	Green Prayer Cards are available in each pew. Please place your prayer requests in the offering plate.	

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Tom Garner on the death of his brother, Brack Garner. Please keep Tom and his family in your prayers.

Urgent need: The Food Pantry is completely out of cereal and canned meats, such as tuna and chicken. Need increases at the pantry during the summer while children are out of school. Please give generously.

We will be collecting School Supplies for Norwood School. Please place your items in the basket under the table in the vestibule.

Abbey Wallace, Hannah Moss, Emily Moss and Julie attended the Montreat Youth Conference July 30-August 5. The theme was "A Missing Peace." Hannah, Emily, and Abbey will join Julie during the sermon to share their experience.

Prayer Concerns: Jeanette Thompson (SRMC), Beth Harris, Joanne Morton, Gwen Davis
At Home Members: Jean Barbee, Jeanette Thompson
Members in Nursing Homes: Bonnie Blalock, Dot Byrd, Margaret Tyson
Friends and Family: family of Brenda Kimrey, Hope Massey, Dr. Ronnie Russell, Meagan Smith, Ray Byrd, Bill Williams, Russell Bittle (chemotherapy)
Please see the newsletter for a complete list



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