

**Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today.** We extend a special welcome to friends, family and former members who have returned for Homecoming on this 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the church. What a blessing to glorify God together! Please join us for lunch following worship. You are our guest! **Children are always welcome in worship!** A nurse is provided for your convenience for children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Worship bags for children are hanging outside the double doors.

**Secretary:** Paula Blake, office@norwoodfpc.org      **Nursery Attendant:** Gloria Lopez  
**Session:** Clerk of Session, Kaye Coble      **Elders of the Month:** Kaye Coble & Eric Jones  
 Class of 2018: Vera Kaye Coble, Mitchell Edwards, Jeff Russell  
 Class of 2019: Mason Crump, Susie Lisk, Jana Lowder,  
 Class of 2020: Eric Jones, Finley Sutton, Kirk Wallace  
**Ushers for Sunday:** Dale Morton, Susie Lisk, Marion Lisk-Deese, Susan Moss  
**Ushers for Next Sunday:** Sonny & Kaye Tyson; Sid & Pat Braswell

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weekly Calendar</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, October 21 Homecoming</b>                  9:45 am Sunday School                  11:00 am Worship                  Noon Pot Luck Meal</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 23</b>                  9:15 am Walking Group                  6:30 pm Marriage Course</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 24</b>                  7:00 pm Mid-Week ReCharge</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 28</b>                  11:00 am Joint Worship-Albemarle FPC                  5:00 pm Youth Connection</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Birthday</i></p> <p>Kaitlyn Murphy      October 21                  Tara Ballard      October 21                  Tiffany Jones      October 21                  John Wallace      October 22                  Derek Lambert      October 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Anniversary</i></p> <p>Matthew &amp; Kelly Bowers      October 23</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCCM Food Challenge</b> ~ Canned Meats                  tuna, chicken, spam, salmon</p>
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**Green Prayer Cards** are available in each pew. Please place your prayer requests in the offering plate.

*We give thanks for Mountain Creek Connection for leading us in worship with special music today. Members are: Charles Harris, David Harris, Tasker Flemming, Stephen Moss, Beth Poplin, and Martha Sue Hall. We are also grateful to Lucy Crump for sharing musical gifts with us.*

*This summer the children received a challenge to memorize Psalm 100. Six children met the challenge-some by learning it through song. Rex Crump is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Norwood Elementary and is one of the six who memorized the Psalm.*

**Homecoming Challenge:** FPC is 140 years old! Adults give \$.50/year; Youth \$.10/year and children \$.01/year. Challenge money will go to our Habitat project. All loose offering today will be put towards the challenge unless otherwise designated.

**Prayer Concerns:** Joyce Somerset (heart catheterization 10/25), Jana Lowder (gallbladder surgery), Beth Lewis (Dominican Republic), Those affected by Hurricane Florence, Stuart Barbee (recovering surgery), Roy Holt  
**Members:** Home: Jean Barbee, Jeanette Thompson      **Nursing Home:** Bonnie Blalock  
**Friends and Family:** Aileen Ballard (broken hip), Marilyn Davis (cancer, Bobby Parker's sister), Virginia Parker (heart surgery, Bobby Parker's sister-in-law), Emmojean Campbell (Duane's mother), Brandy Everett (liver biopsy), Brandon Waldrup (cancer), Renee Brazeale (Kaye Tyson's sister), Don Russell, Ray Byrd (Marie Byrd's husband), Max Lanvere  
*Please see the newsletter for a complete list*

A Service for the Worship of God  
*First Presbyterian Church*

Norwood, North Carolina  
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October 21, 2018      Homecoming      11:00 am

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 100      Rex Crump

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN No. 1      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!      NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, you have given us a rich and godly heritage, through the sure and certain testimony and holy example of our mothers and fathers in the faith. But we let the light of our faith grown dim; we stray from the paths they commend to us. Forgive us, and renew us by your Holy Spirit. Fan in us a new and brighter flame of faith, that, like those who have gone before us, our words and deed would mightily declare the good news of your salvation, given to all in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the Good News:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. Sing twice**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

## HEARING THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

*Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to the nursery at this time or remain in worship*

**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.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Mountain Creek Connection

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

### MEDITATION

A Letter to the Good People at Norwood FPC

Rev. 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. 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

### THE OFFERING

*You are invited to place the green prayer request cards in the offering plate.*

### OFFERTORY

Lucy Crump

### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## TAKING THE WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No.591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

**Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!  
Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!**

*All are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall to share in a delicious and bountiful meal with family, friends, and new comers!*

**Instruments for the Benediction Response:** Children may get an instrument from the back of the church during the final stanza of the last hymn. They are invited to play the instruments during the Benediction Response.

**The Mobile of Paper Cranes** was installed on World Communion Sunday. It symbolizes our hope and desire for peace in our lives and throughout the world.

**The Beautiful Quilted Banner** hanging behind the choir loft was made with love by Joan Garner.

**Communion Cloth for All Saints Sunday:** Two years ago we began a communion table cloth with the names of saints who have entered the Church Triumphant. You have the opportunity to add names of people who nurtured you in the faith and served as a role model of the Christian life, who have gone to their heavenly home. The cloth will be near the ramp door following worship.

**Needed: Used pocketbooks in good condition!** Presbyterian Women will be filling pocketbooks with personal items to be given to Esther House for women who seek shelter feeling abuse. A list of items needed will be forthcoming but first, PW wants to determine how many pocketbooks will need to be filled.

**Newsletter Articles are due by Thursday, October 25.**

**Book Discussion:** *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. October 28 at 4:00 pm Glendale Thompson Room

**Sharing and Caring Campaign** proceeds go to SCCM. Pick up a big yellow cup for your loose change and bills. Offering will be received November 4.

**Called Congregational Meeting: Sunday November 4 following worship for the purpose of electing elders for the Class of 2021 and members of the 2019 Nominating Committee.**

### Joint Worship

**Sunday, October 28 at 11:00 am**

**First Presbyterian Church in Albemarle**

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jan Edmiston, General Presbyter, preaching

First Norwood will once again join the Locust and First Albemarle Churches for worship on Reformation Sunday. Last year's worship was wonderful and it encouraged us to look for ways to do more together. This past summer First Norwood and First Albemarle youth shared a house at the Montreat Youth Conference. All three churches have committed to build a Habitat House together!

**Want to carpool? Please speak with one of the elders.**

*We extend our sympathy to Jim Lewis on the death of his brother, Joseph Edward Lewis on Monday, October 15. Please keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Congratulations to Lynzie and John Santucci on the birth of their daughter, Tenley Rae born on October 17 and weighted 6lbs 12 ozs. Tenley joins proud sister, Chloe. Tenley's grandparents are Sandi and Duane Stutler and great grandmother Linda "Granny" Snead.*