

## A Service for the Worship of God

October 22, 2017

11:00 am

### Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG Come into God's Presence

**Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."**

**Praise the Lord together singing "Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God"**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 2:9; Psalm 95:1

You are a chosen people, a holy nation, a royal priesthood.

**We proclaim the mighty acts of God, who calls us from darkness to light.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN No. 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from the prayers of Martin Luther

Silence

Unison

**Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make you our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to yourself with the cords of your unfailing mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.**

**Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.**

**Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!**

**How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

### 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 95:1-7a

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:12-17

I Peter 2:9-10

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

SERMON Chosen Rev. Julie Hill

### Responding to the Word

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH excerpted from The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

REFLECTIONS The YMCA Summer Camp Ronda Bunn

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. 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE No. 765 Song of Hope

**May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on the way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

\*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 and Children's Church is available for ages 3- 5th grade following Faith Sharing with Children.

**Worship Notes**

**Minister:** Rev. Julie Hill, juliehill203@gmail.com; cell 704-904-7261  
**Music Director:** Johnny Almond, johnny@mgcca.com  
**Clerk of Session:** Kristie Wallace, kwallace5@carolina.rr.com  
 Class of 2017: Duane Stutler, Jeff Russell, Kristie Wallace  
 Class of 2018: Kaye Coble, Sharon Faulkner, Mitchell Edwards  
 Class of 2019: Jana Lowder, Mason Crump, Alice Carlis  
**Elders of the Month:** Kaye Coble & Jana Lowder      November: Duane Stutler & Kristie Wallace  
**Ushers:** Sonny & Kaye Tyson and Sid & Pat Braswell

**Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday, October 22 ~ Faith on the Fifth Fourth**

9:45 am    Sunday School  
 11:00 am    Worship  
 5:00 pm    Fall Festival

**Wednesday, October 18**

9:15 am    Walking Group at Darrell Almond Park  
 7:00 pm    Bible Study

**Sunday, October 29 ~ Reformation Sunday**

11:00 am    Joint Worship Service at FPC Albemarle

*Happy Birthday*

John Wallace      October 22  
 Eric Scott        October 26

*Happy Anniversary*

Matthew & Kelly Bowers    October 23

**SCCM Food Challenge**

Peanut Butter & Jelly

**Green Prayer Cards** are available in each pew. Please place your prayer requests in the offering plate.

**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation:** We continue the preaching series on the gifts of the Reformation by exploring briefly today the Priesthood of All Believers. Several elements of our worship service are taken from the period of the Reformation including the first hymn, the prayer of confession, and the affirmation of faith.

**Faith on the Fifth Fourth:** We will receive the Faith on the Fifth offering today. The offering is for those who would like to contribute over and above their tithe and offering and will go directly to pay down the church loan. Please write Faith on Fifth in the memo line of your check.

**Prayer Concerns:** Margaret Tyson, Kelly Bowers, Joanne Morton  
**At Home Members:** Jean Barbee, Jeanette Thompson  
**Members in Nursing Homes:** Bonnie Blalock, Margaret Tyson  
**Friends and Family:** family of Mary Ella Vick, Judy Ward (Wayne Deese's sister), Donna Canestra-Lisk (cancer), Randy Lee (cancer), Fred Stuart (pneumonia), Vicki Diggs (stroke), Penny Hathcock, Ron "Tinman" Alred (cancer), Martha Brazeale (Kaye Tyson's Mother), Linda Parker (Susan Moss' step-sister), Harry Cohen, Magen Smith, Carla Kimrey, Keith Morton, Paul McLeod, Pat Stephenson (Hospice), Joan Phillips, Marlene Smith

*Please see the newsletter for a complete list*



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