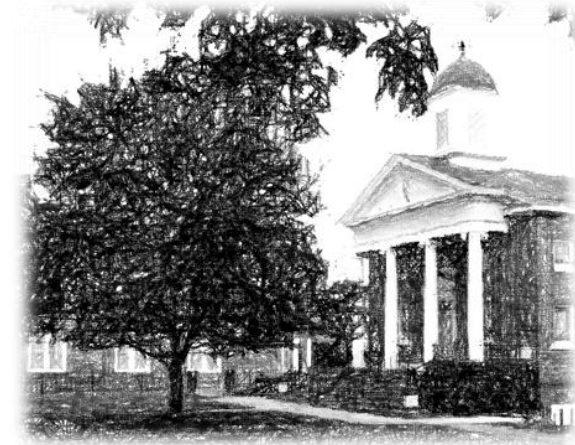


First Presbyterian Church

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The Mission Of Our Church

Sharing the grace of God, creating a warm and welcoming environment and making our church a vibrant witness to the community and the world through worship, Bible study, discipleship, outreach and service to those in need.



CHURCH DIRECTORY ~ 2015

Transitional Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Director of Music
Administrative Assistant
Treasurer
Missionary

Bryan E. Hovey
Wilson P. Rhoton, Jr.
J. Nelson Whittington
Yvonne E. Webb
Stefanie F. Faith
Sandi Thompson-Royer

Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2015 Eleven O'Clock

THE SESSION

CLERK OF SESSION
Robert F. Jessen, Jr.

ASSISTANT CLERK OF SESSION
Paul L. Bumgarner

CLASS OF 2015
Jayn L. Cox
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John C. Reynolds
B. Warren Rhinehart

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Davie L. Groner
Robert J. Miller
Marguerite T. Randall

CLASS OF 2017
Karen L. Jones
Rebecca C. Lineberger
Henry H. Massey, Jr.
Harman G. Poplin

TRUSTEES

CLASS OF 2015
Henry M. Pigg

CLASS OF 2017
James F. Love III

THE CHURCH GATHERS AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Heavenly Sunlight"

arr. Shackley

WELCOME AND CONCERNS *(Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Pad and greet those around you.)*

INTROIT

"How Majestic Is Your Name" (See Back of Insert)

Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.

People: The word of life opens our ears.

Leader: The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

People: and by those wounds we are healed.

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

***HYMN #473**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen. *(Silence is observed – a few moments for personal confession of sin.)*

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 43 page 515

ANTHEM “For the Beauty of the Earth” Rutter

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:16-34 page 136

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Acts 16:16-34”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

*HYMN #293 “This Is My Father’s World”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From The Confession of 1967

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. He enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, he gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all men.

ORGAN INTERLUDE AND SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pour out your blessing, O Lord, **and send us your Spirit of peace.**

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

THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Offertory Prayer

THE CHURCH BEARS AND FOLLOWS THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #267 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: “May the Lord Bless You” Congregation & Choir
(See Insert)

*POSTLUDE “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. McDonald

*The Congregation will please stand. A worship nursery is provided for young children.

Welcome to all of you visiting with us this morning. We are happy you are here and hope you find the worship and fellowship to be enjoyable. If you do not have a church home and would be interested in hearing more about this church, please ask the pastor or one of the ushers. We invite you to visit our website at www.fpcmountholly.org for more information concerning the church. We welcome your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church.

Middle School Rally!! Sunday, April 19. Montreat Assembly Inn 2:50-6:15 PM. No registration required and it’s FREE! Keynote speaker Rev. Chris Lee. Energizers, games, small groups, music and worship.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Nan Kaylor & Family upon the death of her former brother-in-law (Wayne Harbour), the family & friends of Little Lance Kirkland upon his passing, Anita Jones, Frances Rhoton, Henry Pigg’s sister (Doris Murphy), Hoyt Green, Gene Stewart, Carl Whittington
Our partner church in Guatemala, Presbytery’s Prayer Church – Arbor Dale (Banner Elk)

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(to the tune of "Edelweiss")

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