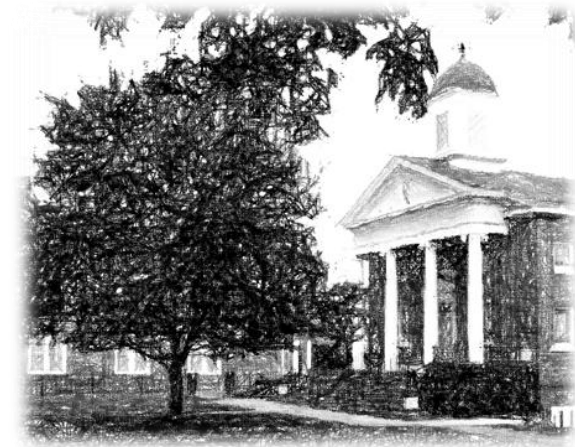


# First Presbyterian Church

133 South Main Street  
Mount Holly, North Carolina  
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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 After Pentecost      June 14, 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  
Robert F. Jessen, Jr.  
John C. Reynolds  
B. Warren Rhinehart

CLASS OF 2016  
Paul L. Bumgarner  
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**

"Tis So Sweet"

arr. McDonald

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

**INTROIT** "Seek Ye First" (Hymn #333)

Congregation

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

**People: it grows up to become the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.**

Leader: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #181**

"Come Sing to God"

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes---fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. It is in Christ’s name we pray. 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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

<b>FIRST SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Ezekiel 17:22-24	page 784
<b>ANTHEM</b>	“Guidance”	arr. Smith
<b>SECOND SCRIPTURE READING</b>	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	page 259
<b>SERMON</b>	<b>“1 Samuel 15:34-16:13”</b>	

**THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

(See Insert)

**\*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**

God of grace and mercy, **hear our prayers.**

**THE OFFERING**

“You may place your CRO Offering in the basket.”

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 #417**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** “Soldiers of Christ, Arise” arr. Livingston

\*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](http://www.fpcmountholly.org) for more information concerning the church. We welcome your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church.*

The Men of the Church will be having a breakfast for their group on Sunday, June 28 at 8:30 AM. All men are invited to attend, enjoy a delicious breakfast and bring your ideas for upcoming projects for the group to participate in.

The CRO needs volunteers one day a month from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. If you can help out, please call Peggy at 704 827 0450.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Marie Spears, Hoyt Green, Henry Pigg’s sister (Doris Murphy)  
Our partner church in Guatemala, Presbytery’s Prayer Church – Brittain (Rutherfordton)

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(to the tune of "Edelweiss")

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Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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Leader: ...and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affection, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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