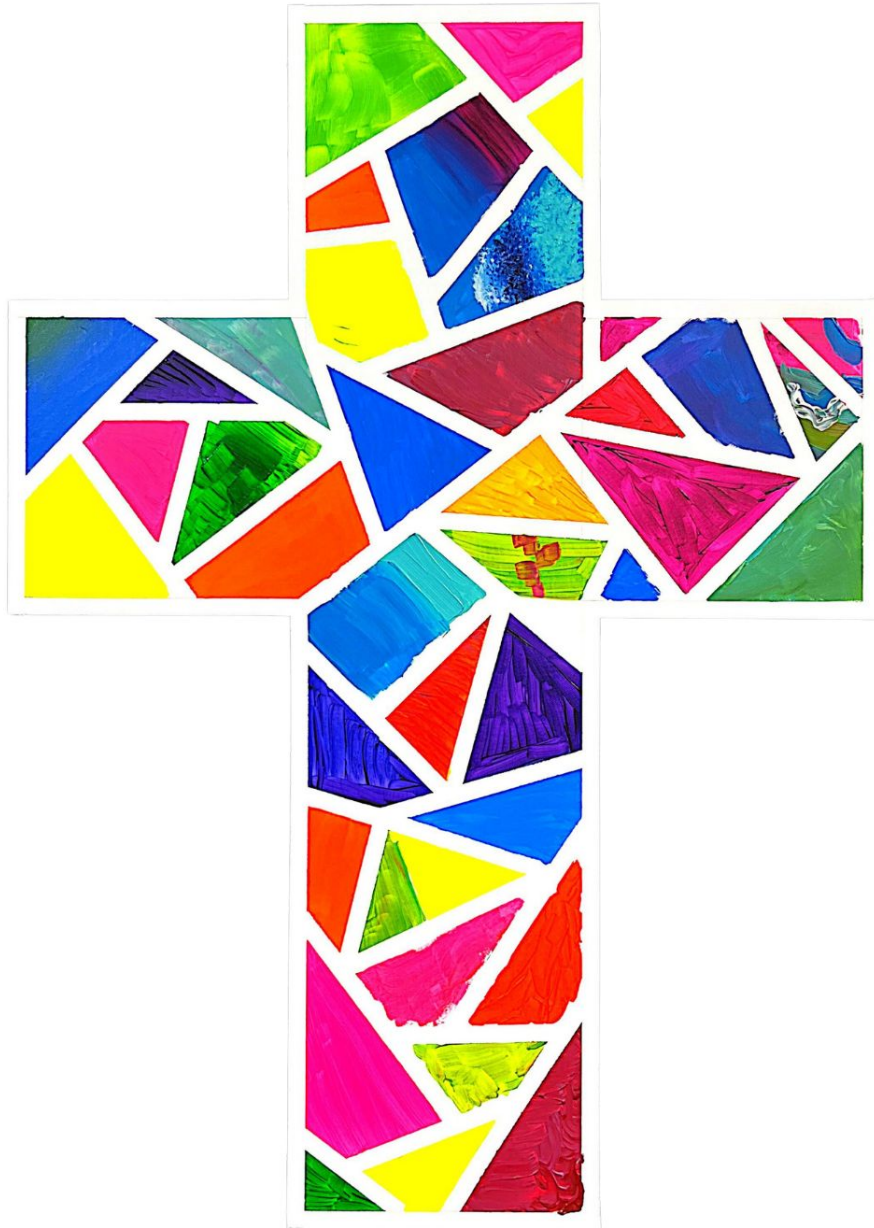


The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday

5 May 2024



The Order for Worship

Gathering as a Community to Worship

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Addie Oliphant

Call to Worship

David Austin

Opening Words (Psalm 98)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

we will make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all the fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together

for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to

judge the earth with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

✠ Gathering Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

GtG 611

Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Josie Shoemaker

Prayer of Confession

Dear loving and almighty God, we confess that we may not always believe in you the way we ought. Instead of trusting in a relationship with you, we often put our trust in a bargaining system—telling you how we will glorify you if only you do something for us. Yet you have given so much to us, and we acknowledge our sinful nature still leads us more than our desire to follow your perfect example.

Forgive us, because you are always there; you may not be in our human eye, but you are always behind us, in front of us, and wherever we believe. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

✠ 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.

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

Grace Cummins & MaryMac Goforth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 15.9-17

NT / CT p. 109

Youth Messages

Sarah Macon George & Audrey Allison

Responding to God's Love

The Lord's Prayer

arr. Ellingboe

Vivian Goforth, soprano

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heav'n.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us all our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

ours is the kingdom, and the pow'r, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

West Miller & the Rev. Cannada

Announcements

Olivia Long

Stewardship Offering

Choral Proclamation

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Caribbean Tune, arr. Hopson

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Praise God in this holy place,

every nation, every race.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Sound the trumpet, sound it clear.

Sound it for the world to hear.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain

Everything that breathes now praise;

sing your songs, let voices raise.

Come, make joyful music to the Lord.

Play the cymbals, play the lute;

play the timbrel, play the flute.

Come make joyful music to the Lord.

Refrain

✠ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ Affirmation of Faith, "The Apostle's Creed"

Harper Speaks

**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.**

Departing into the Community to Serve

✠ Departing Hymn

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

GtG 80

✠ Charge & Benediction

✠ Choral Benediction

Ancient Gaelic Benediction, arr. Turner

*May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind blow at your back,
may the sun shine warmly on your face;
May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

Announcements

- Our brief mission statement:
“Loving and serving through Jesus Christ.”
- In our Order for Worship, we invite you to join your voices where **print is in bold**.
OT / HT refers to the Old / Hebrew Testament; NT / CT refers to the New / Christian Testament.
- We would like to thank our Youth for their leadership in our Service for the Lord’s Day. Today is their last Sunday for the academic year, and they will gather tonight for a progressive dinner, hosted by Clay & Falon Speaks, Costi & Teresa Kutteh, and Martin & Erika Gottholm. We appreciate their hospitality for our young members.
- The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of our five grandchildren, Evie and Willa Parker, Emma and Parker Ford, and Miles Pittman by David and Sally Parker.
- Next Sunday is Mother’s Day, and we invite members to participate in this special day, which is also Ascension Sunday.
- Please note Chair Yoga and Fall Prevention Classes will not be held on 14 and 15 May, respectively.
- The OWLS will meet on Tuesday, 7 May in the 4CMH at 12:30pm. Please contact Sarah Davis or Martha Rothwell if you can attend.
- We will gather as a congregation at the Davesté Vineyards in Troutman on Wednesday, 22 May. More information will come next week, including an invitation for you to contact Clare to let her know you will attend. We will need to know about you coming to dinner, since the church will provide the main dish. Further details will come in this week’s Wednesday Words and next week’s Order for Worship.
- Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with this year’s FPC Missions Golf Tournament. We had a great time and look forward to the ways our proceeds will help impact our community for the better.
- For emergency situations, a First Aid kit is located in the Narthex and in the hallway beside the elevator (along with a defibrillator). In case of emergency, remain where you are seated until directed by an Usher or the Pastor.
- Wonderful Wednesday menu for 8 May will be Baked Pork Chops and Baked Apples with Hosting Team 5 assisting.

We Pray for:

Church Members: Lamar Austin, Blake Bush, George Caudle, Kirky Kirkman, Shirley Kunkle, Tina & William Morgan, Richard Robertson, Roany Thomas, and Susan Hollingsworth.

Friends and Family: Becky Dickerson, Mary George (Bryan George’s Mother), David M., Naomi N., Gene W., Austin T., Jan D., John D., Gay P., Joy W. & family in Texas, Skylar T., Marinell L. (Dycie Walton’s aunt), Brie and Beau (Mother and Baby), and Skylar T (Baby)

Our Stewardship

As of 31 March 2024:

YTD Pledge Offerings	\$41,596.00
YTD Non-Pledge Offerings	\$ 41,338.45
YTD Loose Offerings	\$ 4,008.00

\$87,349.45

YTD Expenditure	\$124,018.98
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FPC, Statesville
end-of-year celebration
at

DAVESTÉ VINEYARDS

- Meet at the Pavilion
- FPC will provide the main course
- Bring a side-dish
- Enjoy time together!

**Wednesday,
22 May 2024
5:30 - 7:30pm**

155 Lytton Farm Road Troutman, NC 28166

This Week at the Church

Sunday May	5	9:45am	Sunday School
		10:40am	Session:Communion Meeting (Chap)
		11:00am	Sunday Worship with Communion (Sanc)
		5:00pm	Youth Progressive Dinner
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Tuesday May	7	10:00am	Chair Yoga (4CMH)
		12:30pm	OWLS (4CMH)
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Wednesday May	8	9:30am	Piecemakers (YR)
		10:30am	Fall Prevention Class (4CMH)
		4:00pm	Children's Choir (MR)
		5:00pm	Wonderful Wednesday (4CMH)
		6:15pm	Sanctuary Choir (Sanc)
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Sunday May	12	9:45am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Children's Choir (Sanc)
		11:00am	Sunday Worship (Sanc)

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