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GRIEFSHARE

Maynard Edwards is leading a GriefShare group at First Presbyterian each Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 PM until November 10. If you need help and encouragement following the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you can find it here. Videos will be shown addressing topics such as “Guilt and Anger,” “Heaven,” and “What Do I Do Now?” Participants will be given the opportunity to share their experiences if they wish.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Presbyterian Women’s Circles will meet Monday, October 5 at the church. Morning Circle meets at 10:30 AM in the parlor. Anna Gobble will lead the devotion. Evening Circle meets at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room. Celia Stalvey will lead the study lesson for both Circles. This month, we will collect donations for Dragonfly House: individually-packaged snacks, chips, cookies, and Pringles (no fruit snacks, please); 100% juice boxes, Capri-Suns, play-doh, small socks and underwear (sizes 2T to size 4-6), and small toys (dolls, Matchbox/Hot Wheels type cars, etc.).

First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD
Organized 1827



Combined Service ❖ October 4, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Matt Limbaugh

Passing of the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choral Introit *Uyai Mose (Come, All You People)*

*Call to Worship

One: Eat this bread, drink this cup.

All: Come to Christ and never be hungry.

One: Eat this bread, drink this cup.

All: Come to Christ, and you will not thirst.

*Hymn (insert) *Blessed Be Your Name*

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, even as your voice extends to the ends of the earth, extend mercy on us as we confess our sin. We live contrary to the cross when earthly things captivate our waking and our sleeping, when we rejoice in the weakness of others, when we seek our own satisfaction and turn away from those in need. This is not your way, and so we pray, help us stay on your way as the source of new life in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness *Ephesians 2:19*
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri* Hymn #579
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.

Children's Moment

Brinley Kiefer, Olivia Greer, Lucy Duran

Scripture Reading *Ephesians 2:14-22* Terri Lamb

Anthem *This Is My Song* arr. McDonald

Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:33-46*

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Meddle Management* Rev. Jon Martin

*Hymn #275 *O God of Earth and Space*

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Improvisation*

*Doxology Hymn #592

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you for this offering, O God. Receive these gifts in response to your goodness and abundance. Help us in the faithful work of your church's present-day and future mission as we follow you. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*Benediction

*Choral Response *Amen, We Praise Your Name*

*Postlude *Voluntary* Douglas Wagner

* Let us rise in body or spirit.



Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Lexington! Whether this is your first time visiting or you are a longtime member, please know that you are always welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. If you would like more information about the congregation, please ask Pastor Jon. Information is also available in the lobby and narthex. It is a blessing to share this worship service with you.

We love children here at First Presbyterian and welcome them to our worship service. Younger children are encouraged to visit the Kids' Corner in the lobby to pick up activity pages and colored pencils before the service.

We're glad you're visiting.
Can we connect with you?



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY
Midweek Bible Study will not meet this week. We will next meet on October 14. Everyone is welcome.

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING
The Two Cents A Meal Offering addresses hunger in our region. If we all set aside a small amount to help feed people, it will make a difference. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please note "2 Cents a Meal" on the donation. Designated envelopes are available in the lobby and narthex.

What's Happening this Week			
Sunday <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	October 4	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Christian Education Ministry Team (fellowship hall) Sunday School Combined Service (sanctuary) Cookout (fellowship hall) Acts Alive
Monday	October 5	10:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Circle (parlor) Women of the Word (fellowship hall) Evening Circle (Prayer Room)
Tuesday	October 6	7:15 AM 9:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Women of the Word (fellowship hall) Race Unification Gathering Book Study (Google Meet) GriefShare (parlor) Boy Scouts (youth basement)
Wednesday	October 7	6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Welborn Handbell Choir rehearsal (fellowship hall) Chancel Choir rehearsal (fellowship hall)
Thursday	October 8	11:00 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Saturday	October 10	12:00 PM	Second Saturday Fellowship - Soup lunch, Fall crafts, soup delivery (fellowship hall)
Sunday	October 11	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Traditional Service (sanctuary) Acts Alive, YD's



FALL FESTIVAL
Our Fall Festival will be October 18 at 5:00 PM. First Presbyterian will oversee games. We are collecting candy and small prizes, which can be placed in the basket in the lobby near the entrance to the office suite. You are also invited, along with our neighboring churches, to provide a "trunk" for Trunk or Treat. Please let Catie Johns know if you would like to help with games or provide a trunk.



Online Giving
Thank you for your gift!

Blessed Be Your Name

A Redeemer will come to Zion. Isaiah 59:20

1. Bless-ed be Your name in the land that is plen-ti-ful,
 Bless-ed be Your name when I'm found in the de-sert place,
 2. Bless-ed be Your name when the sun's shin-ing down on me,
 Bless-ed be Your name on the road marked with suf-fer-ing,

Where Your streams of a-bun-dance flow,
 Though I walk through the wil-der-ness,
 When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name.
 Though there's pain in the of-fer-ing,

Pre-chorus
 Ev-ery bless-ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the dark-ness

Chorus
 clos-es in, Lord, still I will say, "Bless-ed be the name of the Lord,
 bless-ed be Your name. Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your

2nd time to Bridge
 3rd time FINE

glo-ri-ous name." You give and take a-way, You give and take a-

Bridge
 way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, bless-ed be Your name."

Dal Segno al Fine

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CHICKEN PIE SALE BEGINS TODAY!

Our fall sale to support our local missions begins today, Sunday, October 4. This year, in addition to the traditional Moravian-style (all meat) chicken pies, baked spaghetti, and spring's addition - chicken pot pies (with vegetables) - we will be selling Dutch apple pies.



Look for order forms in the lobby and narthex. All proceeds go to benefit our local helping agencies. Thank you for supporting this sale by taking it beyond the walls of our church.

HOSPICE DONATIONS

Thank you, FPC, for gifting your faith in giving donations to hospice last year. Once again, they are asking for our help in providing several needed items: shampoo, body wash, and chapstick. Please drop your donations off in a labeled box located in the church lobby.

SWEET POTATOES NEEDED

We will again be helping Pastor's Pantry fill holiday meal boxes for hungry seniors in our community by collecting cans of sweet potatoes (yams). Please place your gifts of sweet potatoes in the lobby where mixed vegetables would normally be collected. We will be receiving cans of sweet potatoes through November 10.

