

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Jesus, we thirst. We thirst for love and belonging. We thirst for security and provision. We thirst for truth and hope. We thirst for healing for our wounds. We thirst for mercy for our sin, our guilt, our shame. We are holding on to so many things. Things that keep us from trusting you; things that keep us from following you. Forgive us. Forgive us and guide us as we seek to faithfully follow you as you call us to say, 'Come, follow me'. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

†Gloria Patri #579 **Glory Be to the Father**

THE WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Jen Jammer

GOSPEL John 1:35-51

ANTHEM Psalm 139

Pote

GOSPEL John 4:25-30

MESSAGE Belonging, week 4: Letting Go

Rev. Chip Stapleton

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me Robinson, et al
(Chris Jackson, piano)

†Doxology #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 DEDICATION

SENDING

†SENDING #289 **O God of Every Nation**

†BENEDICTION

CHORAL PRAYER Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing Young

†POSTLUDE Let There Be Peace on Earth Miller

†All who are able, please stand



CENTS-ABILITY is a way congregations can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at the church sponsored Wednesday night meal and during the worship service on the fifth Sunday of each month throughout the year (October, December in 2023). Monies collected are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects throughout the Presbytery and Presbyterian Hunger Programs. Would you please help by contributing to this mission?



It's Operation Christmas Child time! You can find shoeboxes and labels at the OCC display at the front desk. Please fill them with fun goodies for the kiddos and return them by November 5th. Any questions? See Jen Jammer.

~~~PASTORAL CONCERNS~~~

*We ask that you keep our home-bound in your thoughts and prayers.*

Martha Jessup  
Doris & John English  
Violet McNeill  
Bill Owen  
Pattie Koonce  
Mary Lynn Bryan  
Melody Acosta  
Donavon Murray

Steve & Orion Gaynos  
Madie Rae Locklear  
("Grandma" to the Guy Family)  
Lib Yarborough  
Bill Johnson  
Betty Graham  
Annette Pleasant  
Gene Holstein

Please let us know if you have concerns that you think the church should know about. Please limit to close-extended family. We will put their names (and relation to you if you desire) in the email update. The names will be removed after a few weeks unless requested otherwise. Thank you. Email [kellilu@gmail.com](mailto:kellilu@gmail.com)

**Session Highlights**  
**October 24, 2023**

- Approved funeral policy
- Approved for formation of a task force to implement and measure our amended strategic plan based on information gathered at the Session retreat and from other sources
- Approved the schedule for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve morning worship. Christmas Eve Sunday morning will be a unified service in the fellowship hall at 9am followed by Sunday school for those who wish to meet. Christmas Eve evening services will be held as usual. New Year’s Eve morning worship will also be a unified service in the sanctuary at 10am.
- Approved a motion to combine the November and December Session meeting to be held on December 5.
- Approved a spending policy for maintenance/repairs to be funded out of the budget or maintenance reserve.
- Approved the Communion schedule for 2024.
- Approved a recommendation from the Traditional Worship Committee that we fund additional vocal musicians for the Chancel Choir. Additional musicians for Second Mile were approved previously.
- Approved the Presbyterian Women’s Bake Sale.



**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP**  
6:00-7:45 every Week

**SWEET POTATO DAY!**

Sunday, Nov 19 right after church

Everyone’s Favorite time of year is coming up again!

Scooping cranberries and pouring hot gravy, sweet potato splatters and generally sticking will abound.

Youth families (and anybody else who’s game) please plan to join us!

**CHICK-FIL-A BREAKFAST**

Tuesday Mornings 7:15 at CFA on Raeford Rd

Every week we’re giving out free stuff. Get yours by joining us a grabbing a CFA Breakfast loyalty card!



**Food and Fellowship is looking for new members!**

We are open to all members male or female. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at noon in the McKeithen SS room. We help in a variety of ways: Wednesday night suppers, serving or taking up money usually from 4:30-6:15, helping out with Sunday lunches, or in other areas that might need assistance. You can get in touch with either Paula Smith 910-670-1185 or Joan Miller 910-850-2821 if you have any questions.



*Annual Wreath Sale*

Friendship Community Gardens (FCG) is a non-profit located in the Haymount area in Fayetteville, NC. FCG is a community garden with a mission to create space for local residents to plant, grow and harvest healthy food options, purposefully creating space for racial and disability reconciliation.

This holiday season, FCG is selling beautiful, fresh cut Christmas wreaths from Stone Mountain Christmas Tree Farm outside of Boone, NC. We are offering fraser fir, boxwood, and fraser fir/white pine/boxwood mixed wreaths, all available in several sizes.

**Place your order ASAP The sale closes November 17th.**

PICK UP will be on Sunday, November 26th from 2pm - 5pm at the Grange (the corner of Arsenal Ave and Highland Ave). Wreath bows will be for sale at pick-up! ]

**3 Ways to Place your order:**

1. Fill out this form and email it to info@fcgfaync.org
2. Fill out this form and mail it in
3. Utilize the QR code on this form



**2 Ways to PAY for your order:**

1. Make check out to Friendship Community Gardens and can be mailed to: P.O. Box 53908, Fayetteville, NC 28305
2. Venmo: @FriendshipCommunityGardens

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

| ITEM           | DESCRIPTION                       | PRICE | QUANTITY | AMOUNT |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| 20 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir                        | \$22  |          |        |
| 24 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir                        | \$34  |          |        |
| 32 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir                        | \$42  |          |        |
| 36 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir                        | \$63  |          |        |
| 20 Inch Wreath | Boxwood                           | \$40  |          |        |
| 24 Inch Wreath | Boxwood                           | \$52  |          |        |
| 32 Inch Wreath | Boxwood                           | \$64  |          |        |
| 36 Inch Wreath | Boxwood                           | \$75  |          |        |
| 20 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir/White Pine/Boxwood Mix | \$45  |          |        |
| 24 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir/White Pine/Boxwood Mix | \$55  |          |        |
| 32 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir/White Pine/Boxwood Mix | \$66  |          |        |
| 36 Inch Wreath | Fraser Fir/White Pine/Boxwood Mix | \$80  |          |        |

WREATH ORDER (dimensions listed are completed size): **ORDER TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RESERVATIONS!**

Menu for **November 1st - 5:00-6:00**

**Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Souffle, Collard Greens, Salad Bar, Dessert**

Adults - \$8 | Kids - \$4 | Family Cap - \$32

Please make your reservations by 12:00noon on the Tuesday prior. This allows time for proper preparation. Thank you!

**OCTOBER 29 , 2023**  
**11:00AM**



**HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*SHARING GOD’S LOVE*

GATHERING MUSIC

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

ORGAN PRELUDE      Glory to Thy Name, Most Holy      McDonald

CHORAL INTROIT      Come and Worship      Allen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

**All: “[your name], follow me.”**

One: A simple call. A hard call.

**All: Because following requires leaving.**

One: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

**All: And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

One: It’s hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

**All: But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.**

OPENING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

†HYMN #260

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

CALL TO CONFESSION