

First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina
Organized in 1827

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

David Durrell

PRELUDE: "Schönster Herr Jesu" ("Beautiful Savior")

Wasson

Silent Prayer and Meditation: *Loving God, we gather here as your holy people, hungry for your word, longing for your presence. Breathe your amazing Spirit into our lives and heal our hurts and pains. Restore us with strength and courage. Empower us to be your witnesses of peace in all the world. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalms 96 & 52)

One: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: We will declare God's glory among the nations and God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

One: Thank the Lord forever because of what he has done.

All: In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim God's name, for it is good.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

(by Carol Penner)

God of love, wrap your arms around children who are hiding from the violence of our families or our communities. God of justice, cast your eyes on our hidden deeds done in darkness, so that we may be convicted of our sin and turn to you in repentance. God of creation, lend your strength to the hidden rhythms of our world, to restore its natural balance and harmony. God of comfort, bring healing to the sick and grieving in our midst, so that they may feel your peace in stormy times. God of hope, speak your words of light to the despairing among us, even to those who hide that darkness deep within themselves. God of all ages, hear the hidden prayers of our hearts, and the longing for you that goes too deep for words. God of peace, be with us always. Amen.

Silent Prayer - (How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself?)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE: *Gloria Patri*

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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.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: *"Come, Thou Fount"*

J. Wyeth

OUR GUEST PREACHER

Rev. J. Randy Hall is a retired pastor in the Presbyterian Church. He last served Fairmont Presbyterian Church for 25 years. He is married to Jane, a retired School Psychologist, and they enjoy dancing, singing, and travel. They have four grandchildren, the youngest of whom is eleven weeks old! Randy is the author of "Images of Sorrow, Visions of Hope."

SCOUT NEWS

Troop 205 plans to resume meeting on September 15, following the same protocols and guidelines as our other youth groups. Inquiries about our Scouts should be directed to Sol Coltrane (scoltrane@att.net).

YOUNG DISCIPLES

The YD's will kick off their year with a pool & pizza party at Lexi's Place (908 Country Club Dr, Lexington) on Sunday, September 20, from 1:00-4:00 PM. All 6th-8th graders are welcome. Please bring a towel and a friend! Parents are asked to walk children in so they may sign a form. If your child plans to attend, please RSVP to Adrienne Staten.

COLLECTION FOR DAVIDSON MEDICAL MINISTRIES

Earlier in the year, we had begun to collect items for Davidson Medical Ministries as part of Touching Davidson County with Love. Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to collect these items as planned. DMMC is still in need, and we are now in a position to resume our collections. You may bring your donations to the church and place them in the designated area under the tv in the lobby. The item collection cards are posted on the Faith in Action bulletin board in the Third Avenue hallway and are also listed below. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Items needed are: *soap, shampoo, hand towels, combs, toilet paper, paper towels, ink pens, large paper clips, and tape.*

VOLUNTEERS AND PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT THE YMCA

The Y is in need of volunteers to continue the feeding program that is ongoing at our YMCA. As of the end of August, over 75,000 meals have been delivered from our facility to children in need.

Also, volunteers or paid workers are needed for the YMCA's E-learning program. The program is designed to help children that come to the YMCA daily so that they are not at home alone during their online classes. These children are fed and cared for while their parents are at work.

Please contact Jen Fuller-Allen at 336-250-0714, or email jen@lexingtonymca.com for more information.

NOTE: All safety precautions are taken for these positions. Thank you for helping to enhance the life of a child in our Lexington community.

- *Katherine Team*

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED TO FILL TIME AND TALENT POSITIONS

We are still in need of folks willing to help in many ways in the church, but especially in the area of our worship services. If you would like to volunteer to serve in any capacity, please contact Elders Pat Ulmer (pulmer62@gmail.com) or Phyllis McGee (pymcgee@gmail.com), who oversee the Worship Ministry Team, or Clerk of Session Margaret King (kingmt@live.com) and let them know. If you would like a copy of the Time and Talent form emailed or snail-mailed to you, please contact Jeanna (336-248-2140 or office@fpclexnc.com) and let her know. Many thanks to everyone for their service to our Lord and to our church family.

WOMEN OF THE WORD FALL ONLINE STUDY

Women of the Word is taking its fall study ONLINE! All ladies are invited to join us for "Trustworthy: Overcoming Our Greatest Struggles to Trust God," an in-depth study of 1st and 2nd Kings, by Lysa TerKeurst. Our study will be held via Zoom on Monday nights from 7:00-8:15 PM, September 28-November 2 (6 weeks). **Registration is required!** You may register by sending an email to office@fpclexnc.com. Please include your name, email address, and phone number (cell phone preferred). The cost of the book is \$16.00.

Golf FOrE Good

A Fundraising Event for
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Four man captain's choice.
Costs - \$60 per player (\$240 per team).
Sponsor opportunities also available.
Sign-up sheets are available from the FPC church office.

For more information, please contact:

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