

June 23, 2019

11 a.m.

**As you enter the Sanctuary today, you are encouraged to pray and meditate quietly
as you prepare to join in the worship of Almighty God.**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Ev’ry Valley” Victor Johnson

Ann Garrou

Lighting of the Christ Candles

***Call to Worship:**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You are acquainted with all of my ways.

The darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!

WE PRAISE GOD

***Hymn of Praise No. 625:**

“How Great Thou Art”

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds, words, and motives of our hearts. We confess before you our ingratitude, pride, and willfulness. Have mercy upon us and grant us the peace that comes through the knowledge of your grace and goodness.

Silent Confession of Sins

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A Time With Young Disciples

Sarah Scoggin

All children are invited to the front of the Church for the Children’s Sermon.

Following this time, parents are welcome to take children three-years-old and younger to the Nursery (Room E-14 of the Education Building) for the remainder of the Service.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Pew Bible NT pg. 148

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Assigned Seating”

Rev. Dr. Allan L. Purtill, Jr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response No. 833:**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

***Affirmation of Faith--The Apostles' Creed (unison):**

“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.”

***“Gloria Patri”**

No. 581, Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal

Prayers of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: “O Mon Pays”

Patriotic French Hymn

***Doxology**

No. 606, Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Our Lord’s Prayer (unison):**

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.”

***Hymn of Dedication No. 846:**

“Fight the Good Fight”

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response No. 543, verse 1:**

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

***Postlude:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

L.V. Beethoven

***All those who are able, please stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a sincere welcome to everyone who is visiting with us this morning. Everyone is invited to sign the **Register of Friendship** in the red folder on each pew. If you are interested in learning more about our Church or about Church membership, an Elder will be available at the front of the Sanctuary following the 11 a.m. Worship Service and will be glad to answer any questions you may have. You may also contact *Rev. Dr. Allan Purtil* at apurtill@hopewellpresby.com or 704-875-2291. We hope that you will find the warmth and love of Jesus Christ among the congregation at Hopewell today!

From now through the first Sunday of August, the **Chancel Choir** will take a much-deserved break for the Summer. Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, August 11th. We appreciate the choir's faithful dedication as they help lead our Worship Services throughout the year!

We will receive our monthly **"Ten Cents-A-Meal" Offering** today. This important ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte provides much-needed funds for approximately 70 programs for hunger relief and at-risk youth within Presbytery bounds in a seven-county area. For contributions, you may use the blank envelopes in the pews, noting on the envelope or in the memo line of your check that it is for "Ten Cents-A-Meal."

Please keep members of our **Middle School Youth** in your prayers this week as they attend the Massanetta Youth Conference in Harrisonburg, VA from Tuesday until Friday (June 25 - 28) with Youth Leaders *Hai* and *Mary Tran*. All workshops and activities at the conference are centered on this year's theme "At the Door," which is based on the key scripture passage of Matthew 7:7-12.

If you have not already done so, please RSVP to *Mike Puckett* if you plan to attend the **Presbyterian Men Dinner** this coming Thursday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at Kung Foo Noodle, which is located in Birkdale (8625C Lindholm Drive, Huntersville--behind Bad Daddy's Burger Bar). All men are welcome to attend this fun time of fellowship and relationship building!

Safe Sanctuary Training is required for anyone who works with children in any capacity at Hopewell Church. This includes all volunteers for the Nursery, Church Camp, Youth Groups, Sunday School, etc. The training is good for three years. Training will again be offered next Sunday, June 30th at 9:45 a.m. in the Jeff Lowrance Room (A-12) of the Administrative Building. Please contact *Cheryl Burwell* or DCE *Sarah Scoggin* to sign up or for any questions you may have regarding this important training.

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Bette Stephenson will again graciously open her home on the lake (21128 Lagoon Drive, Cornelius) for the **JOY Luncheon Meeting** on Thursday, July 11th! Everyone 55 and over is invited to attend, starting at 10:30 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair. After the meeting, a catered barbecue meal will be provided. The cost is \$6/person, which includes barbecue, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, dessert, and beverage. In case of rain, simply meet in the Family Life Center instead. Please note that the luncheon is being held a week earlier than usual this month. If you plan to attend, sign up by July 7th on the sheet provided on the bulletin board by Room A-2 in the Administrative Building hallway.

It is time to register for this year's **Church Camp** scheduled for August 7th - 11th at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Camp is for rising 3rd - 12th graders; cost is \$200 for members; \$225 for non-members. Scholarships are available, if needed. Registration packets are available in the Administrative Building hallway and online at www.hopewellpresbyterian.com. Registration deadline: July 21st

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **AED Fund** (Automated External Defibrillator) so far! We are still accepting donations toward the purchase of this life-saving equipment for our Church. Each AED costs \$1,800, and we hope to raise enough money to purchase one for each building on campus. To contribute, simply make your check payable to Hopewell Presbyterian Church, with "AED" noted in the memo line and then drop it in the offering plate today or mail it to the Church Office. For more information, please contact *Clinton Parks*, Properties Committee Chair.

We offer our sincere Christian sympathy to:

- ***Ellie and Aaron Fulton*** following the death of his mother on June 13th
- ***Boyce Butler and Family*** following the death of his brother, Robert Butler on June 15th

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday

9:00 a.m. "The Well" Contemporary Worship Service (FLC)
9:45 a.m. Wayland Sunday School Class (Room A-2)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

5:30 p.m. Session - Presbyterian Foundation Meeting (Room A-12)
5:30 p.m. Loch Norman Pipe Band rehearsal (FLC)

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Middle School Youth meet for departure to the Massanetta Conference
10:00 a.m. Kid's Kirk (Room A-8 and Activity Center)
7:00 p.m. Witness Committee Meeting (Room A-1)

Thursday

6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Men Dinner at Kung Foo Noodle, Birkdale
6:30 p.m. Basketball (FLC)

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Basketball (FLC)

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 30th, 9:45 a.m. - Safe Sanctuary Training

Monday, July 1st, 7 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

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Sunday - Saturday, July 7th - 13th - High School Montreat Youth Conference

Tuesday, July 9th, 10 a.m. - Kid's Kirk

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Thursday, July 11th, 10:30 a.m. - JOY Luncheon Meeting at *Bette Stephenson's* home

Sunday, July 14th, 12 noon - Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, July 16th, 10 a.m. - Kid's Kirk

Tuesday, July 23rd, 10 a.m. - Kid's Kirk

Tuesday, July 23rd, 7 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 4th, 5 p.m. - Camp Staff Meeting

Sunday, August 4th, 6 p.m. - Parent/Camper Meeting

Sunday, August 4th, 6 p.m. - Hot Dog Supper and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday - Sunday, August 7th - 11th - Church Camp at Camp Grier, Old Fort, NC