

September 22, 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:** “Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Paul Manz

**Lighting of the Christ Candles**

**\*Call to Worship:**

We gather to worship God, the Creator of heaven and earth,

**Who fills our world with bountiful blessings.**

We gather to offer thanksgiving to God, the Sustainer of all life,

**Who entrusts us with talents and blessings to share.**

We gather in praise to Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer,

**Who died that we might live in faith and devotion each day.**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 645:**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

**Prayer of Confession (unison):**

Almighty and eternal God, out of your infinite love you created a beautiful and bountiful world, filled with goodness for all. You entrusted us with the responsibility of overseeing the work of your hands; but we acknowledge that we often fail in our charge to be caretakers of your created order. Forgive our selfish thoughts and sinful actions, we pray. Instill in us a renewed sense of faith in your Word and a lasting expression of commitment to Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

*Silent Confession of Sins*

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

By the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God! 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**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Pew Bible OT pg. 159

**Anthem:** “Faith to Carry On” Don Besig and Nancy Price

Chancel Choir

**New Testament Lesson:** Luke 16:1-13

Pew Bible NT pg. 74

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “A Model for Faithful Living”

*Rev. Dr. John Y. Todd, III*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response No. 722:**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

**\*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:** “I Call to Thee Lord Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach

**\*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. 720:**

“Jesus Calls Us”

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

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

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

**\*Postlude:** “Angel’s Story”

Arthur Mann

**\*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. We hope that you will find the warmth and love of Jesus Christ among the congregation at Hopewell today!

We welcome the **Rev. Dr. John Y. Todd, III** to our pulpit again today. Many of you may remember *John* and his wife, *Patsy* from when he served as our Interim Pastor from 2007 - 2009. *John*, who is a native of Gastonia, NC, is a graduate of Davidson College (B.A., History) and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, where he received his Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry degrees. He has served installed pastorates in Wilmington, Maxton, Fayetteville, and Mint Hill, NC. In addition, he has served congregations as Interim Pastor in Pageland, Florence, Lancaster, and Rock Hill, SC, and in Concord, Gastonia, Huntersville, Matthews, and Charlotte, NC. He enjoys reading, music, travel, backyard gardening, and spectator sports. *Patsy* is a native of West Point, VA. They have two children and one grandson, who live in the Charlotte area. *John* and *Patsy* recently moved to Plantation Estates, a retirement community in Matthews.

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.”

September 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to sign up for the **Presbyterian Men Dinner** planned for this Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at Duckworth’s Grill (16609 Statesville Road, Huntersville--near the intersection of Highway 21 and Sam Furr Road, close to Chili’s). Contact *Mike Puckett* if you plan to attend.

The next **Presbyterian Women C. T. Meeting** is Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Jeff Lowrance Room (A-12) of the Administrative Building.

The **Dwelling Adult Fellowship** is a new opportunity for young adults at Hopewell. All are invited--whether single, couples, or families with children--for a time Christian fun and fellowship on the first Friday of each month. Children are welcome! The next gathering is set for Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center of the Education Building, so come join in! For more details, please contact *Jama Fleming*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (con't)

Please join us on October 6<sup>th</sup> when we will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion during the Worship Services on **World Communion Sunday**.

Everyone is invited for lunch in the Family Life Center after the 11 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> for our **Congregational Luncheon to Honor Our New Members**. This annual meal gives us an opportunity to extend hospitality to all of the Hopewell members who have joined in the past year. There is no charge for the meal (chicken, rice, salad, dessert), which is prepared and served by our Diaconate, so please make plans now to attend!

**The Fall Festival and “Trunk-or-Treat” is just around the corner!** Please mark your calendars now for Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8:30 p.m. and start planning your costume for this family event! Volunteers will be needed, as well as donations of candy and other goodies, so watch for sign-up sheets, boxes for donations, and more details coming soon.

If you are interested in ordering **pecan halves or pieces for holiday baking**, please contact *Jane Whitley* or *Katherine Farmer*. Depending on the response received, these nuts may be offered for sale again this year at \$10/pound, if there is enough interest to do so.

A **Scholastic Book Fair** to benefit La Escuelita San Marcos (Hopewell's onsite community outreach) will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church's “Blessing of the Animals” Service at Latta Plantation, Shelter 1 on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> between 4 - 5:30 p.m. Book orders may also be placed throughout the following week at St. Mark's. For more info, contact *Suzanne Davis*.

We offer our appreciation for all of the team work by the Board of Deacons, the Worship Committee, and the Christian Education Committee as they made plans, set-up, and cleaned-up for last Sunday's **Homecoming and Rally Day**. Thank you for coordinating this annual event!

## CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (Room A-8)  
9:00 a.m. "The Well" Contemporary Worship Service (FLC)  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
12:20 p.m. Presbytery Event Organizational Meeting (Room A-12)  
5:00 p.m. Kid's Kirk (Room A-8)  
5:00 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group (FLC)

### Monday

5:30 p.m. Loch Norman Pipe Band rehearsal (FLC)  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Activity Center)  
7:00 p.m. Properties Committee Meeting (Room A-1)

### Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (FLC and Education Building)  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting (Room A-12)  
7:00 p.m. Witness Committee Meeting (Room A-1)

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Activity Center)  
6:30 p.m. Christian Believer Bible Study Class (Room F-12)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers rehearsal (Room A-8)

### Thursday

6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Men Dinner at Duckworth's Grill, Huntersville  
7:00 p.m. "Breaking the Code" Bible Study (Room A-12)  
7:00 p.m. Interim Pastor Search Committee Meeting (Room A-1)

**Please note:** The following will not meet this week:

- Basketball (Thursday evening)
- Basketball (Saturday morning)