

* Song *Nothing Is Impossible*

* Confession of Sin
**You call us to trust in you, yet we struggle to do so.
We take matters into our own hands
rather than entrust them to you.
We make decisions out of pragmatism and liability
rather than grace and generosity.
We harbor bitterness and resentment
rather than pursue forgiveness and prayer.
We harden our hearts rather than open our lives
to the gift of your love.
We regret our lack of trust in you.
We are sorry.
Assure us of your forgiveness
so that we might learn once more
to put our faith, hope, and love in you.**

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Musical Response *Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Children’s Message Carr Garner

Scripture: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sermon Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*

**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.**

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory *God is In This Story*

* Doxology *New Doxology*

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song *Lifesong*

* Benediction

Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the marriage of
Jenn Gardner Selby and Mark Lee
and their children Vivian and Gabe**

Joys and Concerns this week:

Wanda Huntley, Allen Cook, Nancy Weant (Drew Weant’s mother),
Becky Carli

Jenn Gardner Selby and Mark Lee, who were married yesterday

Nancy Linn and family on the death of her nephew, Junior Buchanan

Continuing Concerns:

Jim Ayers (Anne Hollifield’s son-in-law), Myrna Crocker, Lois Boyd
(Ellie Grover’s mother), Steven Hunter (Lawana Ford’s brother),
Sharon Hoffman, Maria Hudson, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead’s father),
Mike Purser (Kathy Sanborn’s brother), Tom Overcash, Sharon
Whittington

Church Life

“Easy” Summer Giving – While summer travels may take you out
of town, your tithe can still make it into the offering plate, thanks to
the convenience of online giving. Set up your recurring gift through
our online giving platform today at www.fpc-sal.org/give. Need
help getting set up, or want to check your pledge balance? Call
Christina Lewis at 704-636-1321.

Don’t assume we know. Are you or your family having surgery,
going through an illness, having a new baby, or any life-changing
events? Your pastors and congregation want to care for you through
prayer, visitation, letters, and more, but we can’t do that unless you
tell us something is going on. Let us love you.

Church History Opportunity - Mike Drinkard will present
information about FPC’s history in a two-part study in August. On
August 7, he’ll present the history he compiled titled, “A Ministry of
Reconciliation: Remembering Our History.” On August 14, he’ll
focus on the history of our church property and facilities. The
sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Warriors – The Evangelism Committee has re-established the
prayer group “Prayer Warriors.” It is a small but friendly group
believing strongly in the power of prayer. The group meets weekly
via ZOOM and keeps a daily list of prayer needs. If you have a
prayer concern of any kind or are interested in joining the group,
please contact Diane Coggin. Email ddcoggin54@gmail.com, text or
call 704-754-3650.

All In Groups – Sign-ups for the fall session of All In Groups will begin next Sunday! You may sign up during worship or by calling the church office. New groups will be assigned based on your top three time choices, and the sessions will begin the week of September 11. Do not miss out on this opportunity for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

Attention: Christian Education is hosting an **OPEN HOUSE & BREAKFAST** on Sunday, August 21, from 9:45-10:45 am, in Fellowship Hall for ALL parents of children ages 2 to 7th grade. Come be a part of our Faith Formation planning for the upcoming year! Our children’s Sunday School classes will be open and ready with fun Bible lessons and activities while parents attend. Be sure to take a tour afterward of our refreshed children’s spaces!!

FPC Cash Flow as of 7-31-22 Giving

YTD Income	\$593,041.74	YTD Budgeted Giving	\$637,270.08
YTD Expense	<u>\$591,066.79</u>	YTD Actual Giving	<u>\$564,707.57</u>
Positive	\$ 1,974.95	Under	\$ 72,562.51

Upcoming Events

Aug 14	8:30	Worship in Lewis Hall
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship in the Sanctuary Livestreamed to YouTube & Facebook
Aug 15	10:30	PWCT
	5:00	Finance
Aug 16	7:00	Session
	10:00	Staff
Aug 17	7:00	Grief Group
	12:00	Newsletter Deadline
Aug 18	7:00	Choir
	6:30	Everyman’s @ RHM LCW Rehearsal

Each Sunday at 11:00 in the Sanctuary, we livestream on Facebook and YouTube.

Music Credits

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COVID cases are rising across North Carolina and in Rowan.
COVID-19 variant BA.5 is now the most common variant.
Rowan’s CDC COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH.

Recommended actions based on current level:

Stay [up-to-date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines. [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on [public transportation](#). You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others. If you are at [high risk for severe illness](#), consider wearing a mask indoors in public and taking [additional precautions](#).

Everyone should practice appropriate social distancing, wash your hands, and stay home if you are sick.

Everyone should get vaccinated and boosted! It is now recommended for everyone age 5 and up.

Stay safe and healthy!

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8:30 am



Worship of the Living God

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Lara Musser Gritter

* Call to Worship

Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

We worship the God of Hagar.

God sees us when we suffer.

We worship the God of Jacob.

God promises a home when we are lost.

We worship the God of Naomi.

God prepares a feast when life has been bitter.

We worship the God of Ezekiel.

God gives a new heart when we are weary.

Let us join the chorus before us

and worship this faithful God.