

Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

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Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others

October 10, 2021

Welcome

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Harris

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, this is the day the Lord has made,

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Hymn #408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

(In lieu of congregational singing, you are invited to reflect on the words of the hymns.)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, like a gentle gardener we thank You for Your nurture and care. Forgive us for those times when we have shunned Your ways and ignored Your will. Prune from our lives the dead branches of hate and hostility, greed and ingratitude. Cleanse, we pray, what You alone can, so that we may bear good fruits to Your greater glory. Through the coming week, help us to make concerted effort to love You with all our hearts, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This we ask through Jesus Christ, the True Vine and the Risen Lord in Whose matchless name we pray.

Silent Reflection

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Scripture

John 15:1-5

Pew Bible NT pg. 95

Sermon

"God the Gardener"

***Affirmation of Faith**

Galatians 5:22-26

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.”
Thanks be to God for the fruits of the Spirit!

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer

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 #700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

(In lieu of congregational singing, you are invited to reflect on the words of the hymns.)

Benediction

Postlude

“The Heavens Are Telling”

Beethoven

(* The asterisk denotes to stand if you are able.)

USHERS:

8:30 Louise and John Stroup

11:00 Joann Anthony and Jim Harris

Stay Connected

Are you a visitor? Welcome! Please pick up a visitor’s bag in the narthex or ask an usher to get one for you.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, October 17, 2021, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hear a recommendation from the Nominating Committee to elect a slate of officers to the Class of 2024 for Elders and Deacons and two Members-at-Large to the 2022 Nominating Committee.

Staff Notes: Associate Pastor Sarah Grace Montgomery will be on sabbatical from October 9 through December 31, 2021.

The Faith and Life Adult Class will meet this morning at 9:45 in Room 3 in the Education Wing to continue their study of the Ten Commandments, based on the book by Adam Hamilton, “Words of Life.” Larry Sitton is leading the study, and everyone is invited.

Your Earth Care Committee is partnering with similar teams from four other churches—First Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, and Unitarian—to bring an educational **ELECTRIC CAR SHOW** to Brevard on Saturday, Oct. 30, behind the Episcopal Church from 10:00AM until 1:00PM. (Rain date is probably Nov. 6.). **NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION**

Earth Care Tidbit of the Week: Unplug appliances and electronics from the wall or power strip. These draw electricity even when off. Some items that are often plugged in when not in use are blow-dryers, phone chargers, electric kettles, and coffee pots. Look around your house and find what can be unplugged.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Kathi Harris and Woody Dyches at the death of Woody’s son, Woody Dyches, III.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Transylvania County is currently considered an area of high risk for COVID transmission. Therefore, as a matter of public safety, we highly recommend the wearing of masks during worship regardless of vaccination status.
- We recognize that there are children who are a part of our congregation who cannot yet be vaccinated. We ask that adults who are not fully vaccinated choose seats that are distanced from young children.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

- There are worship bags available for children in the Narthex. These are sanitized after each use for your safety.
- A nursery is available for children up to age 4.
- Volunteers working with children will be masked in accordance with school and childcare standards set by the Governor of North Carolina.

BUILDING USAGE

- The church office will be open Monday through Friday.
- Masks are required inside the church facility.
- Ministry Teams and Groups who plan to use the building are required to contact the church office for room reservations and availability.

COLLECTION BIN NEEDS
<p>Black Mountain Home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning supplies - laundry detergent, dish soap, glass cleaner, Lysol, etc. • Diapers - all sizes welcome but especially 2, 4, 5 and 6 - URGENT NEED • Shower Curtain liners • Paper Products - tissues, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper <p>Sharing House: Toilet paper, green beans, corn, canned chicken and baked beans. And please do not give any more egg cartons. They have more than they have room to store.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There are collection bins for your donations at the three main entrances.</p>

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This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Join us in celebrating with our members.

October 11

Cindy Trowbridge ☺
Edward & Stephanie Ramsey ♡

October 12

Woodie Dyches ☺

October 13

Dick Gustafson ☺
Matt Huggins ☺

October 14

Chris Bergner ☺
Danielle Colombo ☺
Wilda Strigo ☺

October 15

Ray Tuers ☺
Arlene Murphy ☺
Harriett Vanderschaaf ♡

October 16

Keith Thompson ☺

ELDERS

Class of 2021

Frank Anderson
Dick Benson
Sue Heglar
Judy Welch

Class of 2022

Jack Britt
Julie Duval
Mary Johnson
Gary Seacat

Class of 2023

Natalie Aalto
Richard Ambler
Kathi Clark
Dorothy Knowles

DEACONS

Class of 2021

Carol Bryant
Joyce Davenport
Rosalie Hale
Carla Hill
Ellie Mercer
Missy Seacat
Nancy Stricker
Catherine Turbyfill

Class of 2022

Nancy Davidson
Cindy Eaton
Freddie Hart
Ann Hinze
Burton Jackson
Mary Kay Jennings
Judith West

Class of 2023

Peggy Bakos
Mary Jane Bennett
Leslie Cole
Sue Macoy
Peggy Padgett
Louise Stroup
Sharon Ward
Wendy Warwick