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Today's Date: February 17, 2019

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Many of us give in ways other than putting money in the offering plate each week. Some of us give online at the church's website, or use our bank's online bill pay. Some of us make one large annual gift, or we fulfill our pledge by making a gift once a month. We give our time and our talents because all of our gifts make a difference. Note ways to participate on the reverse side.

Gold envelopes are available in the pews for any financial gifts you would like to give today. Place this card in the offering as a symbol of a gift you've made in another way.

Opportunities for the Week of February 17-February 24

Today	9:00	Small Group Bible Study in the Friendship Classroom
	9:00	Small Group "Doubt" Video Series and Discussion in the Balcony Classroom
	9:15	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship and Fellowship
	11:15	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	5:30	NYP: Neighborhood Youth Project Meets at Congregational
	5:30	Parents Night Out at FCC
	8:00	Language of the Heart Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday	10:00	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Piedmont Global Preschool Staff Meeting in Friendship Classroom
Tuesday	7:00	Table Topics
Wednesday	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:15	Table Talk on Tap
	8:00	Al-Anon and Alateen
Friday		Senior Wheels
	6:00	Craft Night
Sunday	9:00	Small Group Bible Study in the Friendship Classroom
	9:00	Small Group "Doubt" Video Series and Discussion in the Balcony Classroom
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Preaching Next Week

Shannon Axtell Martin, Director of Catawba College Theology Institute

Save the Date

Lent begins Wednesday, March 6.

Plan to join us for an Ash Wednesday service that evening.

Serving Next Sunday, February 24

Acolyte TBD **Elders** Bill Inmon and John Flynt **Deacons** Brad Light, Debbie Light, Olivia Steadman, Madison Steadman, Larry Collins, and Meredith Cooper

Worship Leader Jimmy Gawne **Children's Moment** TBD

No Children's Church

Coffee Hour Host Sue Hulighan **Building Responsibilities** John Flynt

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Amanda Desselles, Children's Church Leader Holly Lail, PYF Teacher



Sunday, February 17, 2019

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music "Prelude in F Major"

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Lighting of Candles and Processional

Bella Myers

***Choral Call to Worship**

Haugen

"All Are Welcome" (v. 1)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

***Proclamation**

Cliff Greaves

In this very room, there's quite enough love. In this very room, there's quite enough joy. And quite enough hope, and quite enough power. We sing of and we share God's love and joy and power. Come, let us sing to the Lord Jesus who is in this room and is with us beyond this place.

***Hymn of Praise**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 24
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***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Cliff Greaves

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Response in Praise** "Gloria Creator Dei" W. Faulkner



Words of Welcome Helena Epstein

Scripture Jeremiah 17:5-10 Cliff Greaves

One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Mike Wildman

Following the Children's Moment, children age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary for Children's Church. Children's Church leaders: Amanda Desselles and Laura Murray

Prayers of the People No. 295

Preparation for Prayer "In This Very Room" (v. 1) IN THIS VERY ROOM
In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.
Pastoral Prayer Helena Epstein

Sharing our Gifts John Flynt

Call to Offering
Offertory *Our gifts support the ministry of this congregation, here in our community and around the world. The gold envelopes in the pews can be used for general gifts to First Christian. The connection card in this bulletin can also symbolize gifts made electronically.*

***Response** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dedication of Gifts John Flynt

Anthem "Come to the Water" Based on the tune *Crusader's Hymn* Arr. by Anna Laura Page

Scripture Luke 6:17-26 Cliff Greaves

One: The word of God for the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Message "The Level Place" Helena Epstein

Sharing the Feast No. 393
Communion Hymn "One Bread, One Body" ONE BREAD, ONE BODY Helena Epstein

Call to Communion Helena Epstein

One: This is the table of company with Jesus.

Many: It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

One: It is the table of communion with the earth,
Many: in which Christ became incarnate.

One: So come to this table.

Many: It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Words of Institution Helena Epstein

Prayer for the Bread and Cup Bill Inmon

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, share in the feast.

All who seek to follow Jesus are invited to share in communion.

Eat the bread as it is passed; hold the cup to drink in unison.

One: We eat the bread individually, because Christ meets us each where we are. We drink the cup as one, because together we are the body of Christ.

The cup is shared.

One: We give you thanks, O God. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares with us now.

Many: Amen.

Invitation to Discipleship Helena Epstein

***Hymn of Dedication** No. 110

"You Servants of God" HANOVER

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World** Bella Myers

***Benediction** Helena Epstein

***Postlude** "Fugue in F Major" J.S. Bach

**Please stand as you are able.*

Thank you to our guest preacher, Helena Epstein.

The proclamation is adapted from the hymn "In This Very Room," by Ron and Carol Harris. Communion liturgy adapted from the Iona Community.

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praying Feel free to share Joys and Concerns:

- participate* Let us know your plans.
- Not that I'm excited or anything, but I plan to drop the kids off for Parents Night Out tonight, Sunday, February 17.
- I'll be at NYP youth group tonight at 5:30 at Congregational.
- I'm interested in more info about the Regional or General Assembly.
- I plan to join in the Table Topics conversation about *Bipolar Faith* Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- Fa la la la... I'll be at choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- I'm interested in Table Talk on Tap this Thursday.
- I'd like to join in the Craft night this Friday or get more info on this event.
- I can prepare baked goods to sell at the February 16 Corner Market.
- I will be at the small group video series and discussion, "Doubt," next Sunday at 9 a.m.
- I'll be at small group Bible Study next Sunday morning at 9 a.m.
- I am willing to be a greeter on a Sunday morning.
- I can bring a snack for our coffee hour.
- I'm praying for our church and our world.