

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 7, 2019

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT /
COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it along the pew.
Turn off all cell phones, and refrain from using cameras during worship.*

VOLUNTARY: Master Tallis' TestamentHerbert Howells (1892-1983)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITYDanny Massie

* CALL TO WORSHIP Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Danny Massie (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: I am the vine, you are the branches.

**People: Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit
because apart from me you can do nothing.**

Leader: If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,

People: ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Leader: My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

People: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you;

All: abide in my love.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 761 – Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Matt Logan (10:30 a.m.)

O God, forgive the poverty, the pettiness, Lord, the childish folly of our prayers. Listen, not to our words, but to the groanings that cannot be uttered; hearken, not to our pettiness, but to the crying of our need. So often we pray for that which is already ours, neglected and unappropriated; so often for that which never can be ours; so often for that which we must win ourselves; and then labour endlessly for that which can only come to us in prayer.

How often we have prayed for the coming of Thy kingdom, yet when it has sought to come through us we have sometimes barred the way; we have wanted it in others, but not in our own hearts. We feel it is we who stand between man's need and Thee; between ourselves and what we might be; and we have no trust in our own strength, or loyalty, or courage.

O give us to love Thy will, and seek thy kingdom first of all. Sweep away our fears, our compromise, our weakness, lest at last we be found fighting against Thee. Amen.

- Rev. W. E. Orchard (1877-1955)

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal confession

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free; And
per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*10:30 a.m. only*)

SCRIPTURE LESSON (*10:30 a.m. only*): *John 14:1-14*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 108)

Reader: Eva Engebretson

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

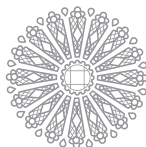
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (*10:30 a.m. only*) Lisa Witherspoon

*(Children ages 4 – first grade are invited to Worship Enrichment
and will return for the Hymn of Response.)*

SERMON: Prayer: Its Problems and Possibilities

6. Prayer: A Partner's Perspective.....Danny Massie



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 703 – Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me..... ST. CATHERINE
(verses 1 & 2)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Danny Massie

GREAT THANKSGIVING..... Neil Dunnivant

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING continues, over

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes

God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung on a single pitch*)

Leader: Our Father,

People: **who art in Heaven, hallowed by 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION..... Danny Massie

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (*by intinction*)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Adoramus Te, Christe..... W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Chancel Choir

*Adoramus te, Christe
 Et benedicimus tibi,
 quia per sanctam Crucem tuam
 redemisti mundum.*

We adore Thee, O Christ,
 and bless Thee
 who by Thy Holy Cross
 hath redeemed the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.....Neil Dunnivant

God and Father of us and of Jesus Christ, as we leave this table and prepare to leave this sanctuary and enter again into your world and into our places of service, as we prepare to enter the busy activities of this holy week before us, teach us, even now, how to make everyday a place of prayer so that each day our lives may be filled with hope because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 703 -- Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me..... ST. CATHERINE
(verse 3)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee.....Jean Berger (1909-2002)
Chancel Choir

The eyes of all wait upon thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing.
- Psalm 145:15-16

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise
God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIPDanny Massie (8:30 a.m.)
Neil Dunnivant (10:30 a.m.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Forty Days and Forty NightsAUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

VOLUNTARY: Deuxième Fantaisie..... Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Danny Massie, Interim Pastor | Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry
Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship (10:30 a.m.) |
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry |
Eva Engebretson, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist |
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | Chancel Choir*

- "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Text: Jane Parker Huber; Music: John Zundel.
- "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Text: John Fawcett; Music: Johann Georg Nægeli.
- "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" Text: Paul Gerhardt; Music: Henri Frederick Hemy.
- "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter.
- "Forty Days and Forty Nights" Text: George Hunt Smyttan; Music: Martin Herbst.

THIS MORNING IN REJOICE!

Rejoice!, our non-traditional service, takes place Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Mullin Life Center, receiving the sermon via video link. Also leading Rejoice! today are:

*Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care | Doug McLeroy, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Mac Faircloth, Lay Reader | James Keith, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice! | Rejoice! Band*

* Please stand as you are able.

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Thou hast called us to Thyself, most merciful Father, with love and with promises abundant; and we are witnesses that it is not in vain that we drew near to Thee. We bear witness to Thy Faithfulness. Thy promises are Yea and Amen. Thy blessings are exceeding abundant more than we know or think. We thank Thee for the privilege of prayer, and for Thine answers to prayer; and we rejoice that Thou dost not answer according to our petitions. We are blind and are constantly seeking things which are not best for us. If Thou didst grant all our desires according to our requests, we should be ruined. In dealing with our little children we give them, not the things which they ask for, but the things which we judge to be best for them; and Thou our Father, art by thy providence overruling our ignorance and our headlong mistakes, and are doing for us, not so much the things that we request of Thee as the things that we should ask; and we are, day by day, saved from peril and from ruin by Thy better knowledge and by Thy careful love. Amen.

- Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

THE LITURGICAL COLOR PURPLE seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the season of Lent.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy and Jack Spence and Priscilla and Angus McBryde by Read and Jim Spence, Frank Spence and their children.

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY: All are welcome at our table. Our Communion breads are nut free, with gluten-free options available. After worship, elders will take communion to church members in care communities and private homes who are unable to attend services. For information, contact Debby Foster, 336.478.4702 or dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org.

PASTOR ON CALL: When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

DON'T ASSUME ... that the pastors know that you or other members are in the hospital or home with a lengthy illness. Please call the church offices at 336.373.0445 and let us know so that we can extend a hand in prayer and care.

APPLY FOR A 2019 GRANT from the L. Richardson Trust through April 12. The trust makes grants annually "for the benefit of Home and Foreign Missions and the benevolent causes of the church." Amounts tend to range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Contact Gerard Davidson, 336.314.2882 or gdauidson@wardblacklaw.com. Download the application at fpcgreensboro.org/outreach.

THE MINISTRY OF MEMBERS – Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. *Such involvement includes:*

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed;
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation;
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support;
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life;
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents;
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church;
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others;
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life;
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment;
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church;
- and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

(from the Book of Order)

THE SAFETY OF FPC members and visitors is a priority for our ushers and greeters, who receive training in Session-adopted procedures. Please let them know if you observe anything that might require their attention.

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, we encourage you to wear a name tag, available in the blue Welcome notebooks on your pew.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS, please sign the attendance pad in the Welcome notebooks. We care about how folks are doing and try to pay attention when our members haven't worshiped with us in a while. And please note the names of others on your pew and say "Hello!"

FAMILIES can find comfortable seating, a nursing screen, and a live feed of the service in the Myers Loyalty Room behind the Sanctuary. Parents must supervise children.

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, we offer ways to make worship meaningful for them:

Nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 on the **first floor of Mullin Life Center**. Our Child Protection Policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

Children in Worship bags: Young children are invited to choose from an assortment of crayons, coloring books, and other activities to create their own worship bag for the service. These items are located on a cart in the Tower Room. Please ask an usher for assistance, if needed. Bags should be returned to the cart after the service.

Worship Enrichment: After the children's message, ages 4 to 7 are invited to follow adult leaders to the Children's Space in the Welcome Center for Worship Enrichment. Children will return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Restrooms, including a family room, are located off the hallway behind the pulpit and chancel. We encourage young children to be accompanied by parents any time they leave the Sanctuary.

NEXT WEEK IN CHURCH

SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.

- **"The Sermon on the Mount and the parables of Jesus"** led by Neil Dunnavant, continues in the Homebuilders/Faith Matters Class, meeting in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **"Holy War: The Crusades"** continues, led by Gerald Donnelly in YMBC. The Crusades to the Holy Land (1096-1300 CE) represent one of the most fascinating, odd, troubling, and astounding episodes in the history of Christianity. Class meets in Redhead Hall.
- **"Lent", a discussion** led by Becky Peters in the Agape Class, meets in the Garden Room, down the hall from the Welcome Center.
- **"Grow, Hike, Pray"** led by Nate Sell, continues in Cannon's Solarium. Explore how gardening, pilgrimage, and prayer can foster spiritual growth. *Join Nate for an overnight Contemplative Retreat at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville May 4 & 5. No experience necessary! Email Nate (nsell@fpcgreensboro.org) if you are interested, as space is limited.*
- **Exodus** – A deep study of the second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers Class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.
- **The Commitment Class** meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- **No regular meeting** for confirmand parents. *Class returns April 28.*