



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 13, 2019

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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: Toccata Prima..... Girolami Frescobaldi (1583-1643)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

* CALL TO WORSHIP Nate Sell (8:30 a.m.)
Danny Massie (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory that is due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**People: The voice of the Lord carries across the waters;
the God of glory thunders upon the mighty oceans.**

Leader: In the temple of the Lord, all are crying, "Glory!"

**People: For the Lord sits enthroned above the flood
and will give strength and peace to the people of God.**

Leader: In the temple of the Lord, all are crying, "Glory!"

**People: Let us worship the God who has made us
and who has claimed us in the waters of baptism.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 409 – God Is Here! ABBOT'S LEIGH

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nate Sell

Worshippers are invited to sing the following refrain after each intercession

Lord, Have Mercy Hal Hopson



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

* 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: Baptized in Water BUNESSAN



Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



sign of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing the



prom - ise, faith-ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON (10:30 a.m. only): *Luke 3:12-17, 21-22*(PEW BIBLE, PAGE 60)

Reader: Will Presson

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (10:30 a.m. only)..... Nate Sell

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

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only): Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

arr. by Kenneth Lowenberg

based on “Caithness” Scottish Psalter, 1635

Chancel Choir

Christ, when for us You were baptized,
God's Spirit on You came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet
As urgent as a flame.
God called You “My beloved Son,”
The suff'ring servant true,
Sent You the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death
You then obeyed God's call
Freely as Son of Man to serve
And give Your life for all.
Baptize us with Your Spirit,
Lord, Your cross on us be signed,
That, likewise in God's service we
May our freedom find.

– text: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

SECOND LESSON: *Joshua 24 (selected verses)* (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 215 THROUGH 217)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Renewing Our Baptismal Vows Danny Massie



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 691 – Lord, When I Came into This Life..... LAND OF REST

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you have claimed us, that you wash us and strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. Make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Make us places of refreshment. Root us and establish us in love, that with all your people, we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* RENUNCIATIONS

Leader: Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

People: **I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

People: **I renounce them.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(see Hymnal, page 35 for The Apostles' Creed)

* CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

O Lord, our God, in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have bound us to your service. We know that you are faithful to the covenant you made with us in our baptism-that through water and the Spirit we may be empowered to perform the service set before us. So we reaffirm our covenant with you, to be your people, your servants, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING.....Nate Sell

OFFERTORY: Gather Your Children, Dear Savior, in Peace..... Carl Schalk (b. 1929)
Chancel Choir

Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace,
And draw us to you with your passionate pleas;
Still seek us and call us to come and be blessed,
To find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.

Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord,
We cluster around you, and grow by your Word,
One day to remember these moments so rare,
Of caring and closeness, because you are there.

Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme,
Compassion our nature, your vision our dream;
Who knows what the Spirit of God can yet do,
What joy may be tasted, or what promise come true?

Host at our table in our house and yours,
Here bind us together with love that endures;
Like parents, like children, let this be our fame:
That, blest, we bless many, to the praise of your name.

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-
 lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-
 lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Danny Massie (8:30 a.m.)
Nate Sell (10:30 a.m.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Go, My Children, with My BlessingAR HYDY NOS



"Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."

VOLUNTARY: Carillon Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor | Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident | Will Presson, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | Emma Ballenger and Lucy Shoemaker, Acolytes (10:30 a.m.) | John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist | Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | Chancel Choir

"God Is Here!" Text: Fred Pratt Green; Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor.

"Baptized in Water" Text: Michael J. Seward; Music: Gaelic melody.

"Lord, When I Came into This Life" Text: Fred Kaan; Music: American folk melody.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text: Brian Wren; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; Music: Welsh melody.

* Please stand as you are able.

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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:

*Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry |
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation | Andy Supple, Lay Reader |
James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice! | Rejoice! Band*

THE LITURGICAL COLOR *WHITE* seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the special days of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S FLOWERS: Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Carlton McKenzie Harris and Mr. Carlton McKenzie Harris, Jr., by R. Ross Harris.

BECOMING A MEMBER: We welcome anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ to join our community of growing disciples. Those interested in membership who have an active membership at another Christian church can transfer their membership to FPC. New believers who are making a first time profession of faith or people who have been confirmed and would like to make a reaffirmation of faith are received after completing Explore FPC, a class about our church and its ministries. The class will be offered again Sunday, January 27, 8:30 -10:15 a.m. in Cannon's Solarium. To RSVP to the class (including child-care requests) or to inquire about a member transfer, contact our receptionist at receptionist@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4799.

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.

OUR 10:30 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED on the web, and can be accessed at fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live, or via our Facebook page. You can also sign up for reminders and alerts at livestream.com/fpcgreensboro, and you can stream the service on mobile devices by installing the Livestream app (free account sign-in required).

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.

WINTER IS UPON US! To begin receiving FPC alerts for weather and closings, text FPCGSO to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP ENRICHMENT during our 10:30 am service this year. Please contact Lisa Witherspoon (lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4726) if you are able to help out with this valuable experience.

THE SADYE BOWLES FUND CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE: Funds are currently available to help pay for needs such as assisted living at home or in a facility, prescription drugs, and medical and dental care for FPC members aged 55 and over. Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance, live within 50 miles of Greensboro, and complete an application. For more information, contact Maggie Turner at 336.4778.4724.

THE PARKING ASSISTANCE MINISTRY TEAM (PAM) has spaces on both sides of Greene Street reserved for our members and visitors with special needs. PAM volunteers can assist with guiding you to appropriate parking. If you are being driven to church, you may be dropped off at the Greene Street entrance while your driver parks.

OVERFLOW PARKING: Our neighbor Hanes Lineberry allows us to use its parking lot for overflow on Sunday mornings and other occasions. Please do not park there if you see yellow "Funeral Parking" signs at the access points; that means a service or event is scheduled at the funeral home.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL NEWS: You can sign up for our weekly E-News and our Thursday morning Sunday Preview at the link at fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media

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.

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.

- **High school youth visit** the Agape Class in the Garden Room, down the hall from the Welcome Center. "Reconsidering the Parables of Jesus," led by Sandie Gravett, resumes Jan. 27.
- **100 Things to Know About Being a Christian** – led by Matt Logan and Nate Sell. Class meets in Biblemax Theater, third floor of the Corl building.
- **Old Testament Bible Characters** – Myles Fish leads a series of discussions on Old Testament characters, continuing with Solomon. Hosted by the Homebuilders/Faith Matters calls in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **Big God, Big Questions for Parents** – special class for confirmand parents, but open to all. Meets in Memorial Youth Room.
- **Exodus** – A deep study of the the second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.
- **A discussion on Constantine the Great** led by Gerald Donnelley in YMBC. Class meets in Redhead Hall.