

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

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

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: Récit de tierce en taille Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Dolly Jacobs

* CALL TO WORSHIP Newton Cowan (8:30 a.m.)
Dolly Jacobs (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

People: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

All: **The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

– from Psalm 98

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Draw the Welcome Circle Wider BEACH SPRING
(see next page)

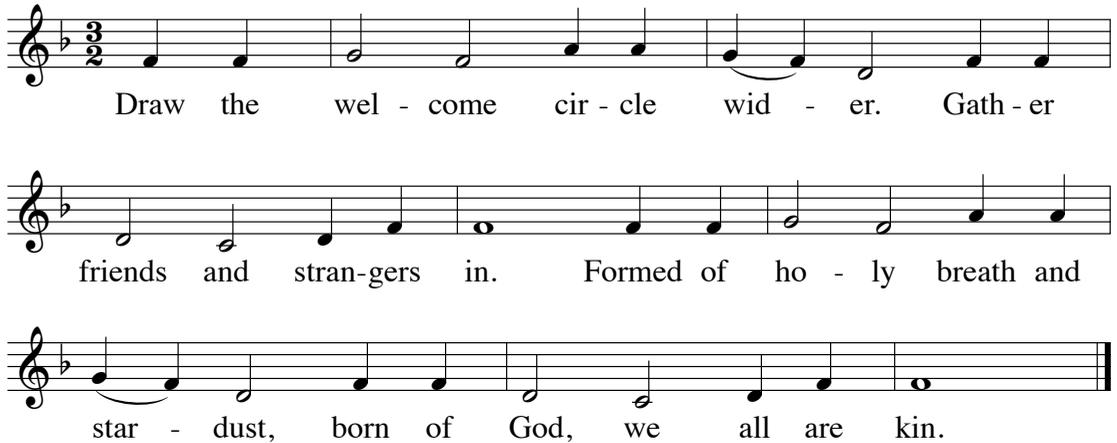
* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Newton Cowan

**Forgiving God, slow to anger and full of steadfast love, open our eyes that
we may see more clearly the wonders around us. Give us fresh visions to
heal and transform the earth and bring the marvels of heaven to our
daily lives. Bring to our attention our blind spots so that we may change
our ways. Amen.**

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal confession

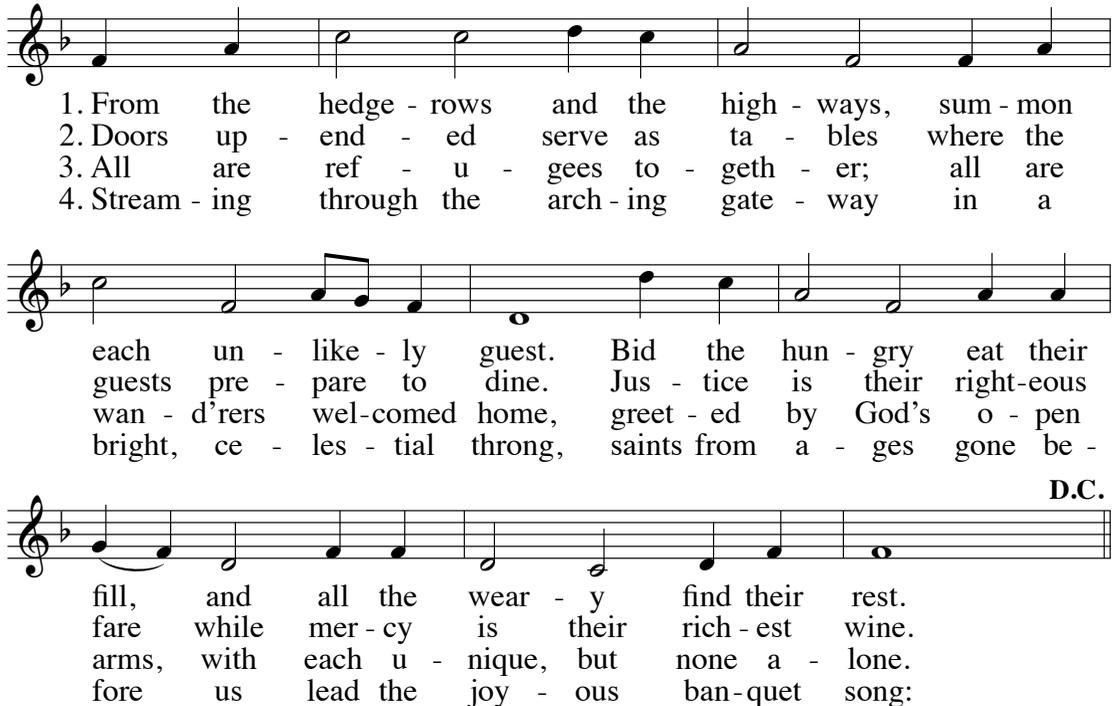
Draw the Welcome Circle Wider

Refrain



Draw the wel - come cir - cle wid - er. Gath - er
friends and stran - gers in. Formed of ho - ly breath and
star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

Verses



1. From the hedge - rows and the high - ways, sum - mon
2. Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
3. All are ref - u - gees to - geth - er; all are
4. Stream - ing through the arch - ing gate - way in a
each un - like - ly guest. Bid the hun - gry eat their
guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
wan - d'ers wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
bright, ce - les - tial throng, saints from a - ges gone be -
D.C.
fill, and all the wear - y find their rest.
fare while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
arms, with each u - nique, but none a - lone.
fore us lead the joy - ous ban - quet song:

* 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: O Lord, You Are My God and King.....JERUSALEM



Your works will



give you thanks, O Lord, Your saints Your might-y acts will show, Till all the



peo - ples of the earth Your king-dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal



is Your king-dom, Lord, For-ev - er strong, for-ev - er sure; While gen-er -



a - tions rise and die, Your high do - min-ion will en - dure.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST LESSON (*10:30 a.m. only*): *Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 201)

Reader: Carolyn F. Hall

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (*10:30 a.m. only*) Newton Cowan

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

ANTHEM (*10:30 a.m. only*): *Open Thou Mine Eyes* John Rutter (b. 1945)

Chancel Choir

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: Incline my heart and I shall desire:
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God
And beside thee let there be none else,
No other, nought else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,
In truth of spirit, In rev'rence of body, In blessing of lips, In private and public.

– text: Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

SECOND LESSON: *Acts 9:1-19* (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 127 AND 128)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Falling Upward: A Mid-life Awakening in Cali* Dolly Jacobs



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 450 – Be Thou My Vision.....SLANE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*10:30 a.m. only*)Newton Cowan

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.
– "A New Creed" from the United Church of Canada

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

concluding with 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Give Me Jesus.....Larry Fleming (1936-2003)

Chancel Choir

Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 Dolly Jacobs

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise ELLERS

Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
We stand to bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease;
And, now de - part - ing, wait Thy word of peace.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise'. The second staff continues the melody: 'With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.'. The third staff: 'We stand to bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease;'. The fourth staff: 'And, now de - part - ing, wait Thy word of peace.'. The music ends with a double bar line.

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in c minor Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care | *Newton Cowan*, Pastoral Care |
Carolyn F. Hall, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | *Elizabeth Albert and Emma Ballenger*, Acolytes |
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist |
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | *Chancel Choir*

“Draw the Welcome Circle Wider” Text: Mary Louise Bringle; Music: *The Sacred Harp*.
“O Lord, You Are My God and King” Text: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*; Music: C. Hubert H. Parry.
“Be Thou My Vision” Text: Irish poem; Music: Irish ballad.
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Brian Wren; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.
“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise” Text: John Ellerton; Music: Edward John Hopkins.

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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:

Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident |
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry | *Hilda Courter*, Lay Reader |
James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice! | *Rejoice! Band*

THE LITURGICAL COLOR GREEN seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the season of "Ordinary Time." This season is a time of spiritual growth when the scriptures about Jesus' preaching, teaching and healings are read and proclaimed.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Olin by his wife, Julie, and family.

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).

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.

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 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 FPCG50 to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.)

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

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Ben Van Delsem Woltz
January 8, 2019

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.

- **Listening Session** – In addition to the general session at 8:30 am, team members will gather with Agape **at 9 am in Memorial Chapel**. See bulletin insert for additional Listening Session days, times and places; or go to fpcgreensboro.org/transition.
- **"Nine Things The Book of Exodus Teaches 21st Century Christians"** – discussion led by Professor Sandie Gravett. YMBC meets in Redhead Hall.
- **Christianity & Mental Health** led by Jack Glenn and Rev. Doug McLeroy, our Parish Associate for Pastoral Care. Commitment Class meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- **"What can we learn from Moses for our lives?"** – discussion focusing on Exodus 32 in the Homebuilders/Faith Matters class in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **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.
- **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 second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.

*The vision of
First Presbyterian Church*

FPC's vision is to be a vibrant regional church of **growing disciples** through a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ, with a passion for welcoming all people who seek a life of meaning and purpose, with a special focus on churchless young adults. Relying on God's grace, FPC will be this church through:

- Worship that is relevant, spiritual, welcoming, vibrant, mysterious and majestic
- Living as an inclusive community of faith within the Reformed tradition of head, heart and hands
- A faithful commitment for excellence in children's and youth ministry
- Pastoral care that is responsive and proactive
- Outreach that makes a significant difference in the community, the world and in the lives of members
- Engaging, transformative education for all generations
- Connecting relationships within this faith community
- Facilities that are welcoming, inviting and user-friendly
- A staff that models collaborative leadership
- A session that governs with a focus on growing disciples.



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