



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY

Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Sid Batts (10:30 a.m.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God who gave us birth is merciful and gracious.

People: **The Lord our Shepherd is slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The Alpha and Omega crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

People: **The Everlasting God satisfies us with good as long as we live.**

Leader: As a Father has compassion for his children
so Abba has compassion for us.

People: **The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.**

- selected verses from Psalm 103, adapted

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 479 – Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven..... LAUDA ANIMA

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

Lord Jesus Christ, in honest confession we acknowledge that there are times when we, like the woman caught in adultery, are caught in our own sins. In those moments we are embarrassed and filled with shame. As you spoke to her speak to us: “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.” Amen.

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: Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's
love. Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heav'n a -
bove. Je - sus Christ, how much I love You! Je - sus Christ, You save from
sin! How I love You! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (10:30 a.m. only): *Micah 7:18-20* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 868)

Reader: Garrison Trotter

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (10:30 a.m. only) Sid Batts

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

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only): Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Chancel Choir

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not, shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'r;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF JIMMIE HAWKINS Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)

Sid Batts (10:30 a.m.)

SECOND LESSON: *John 8:1-11* (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 100 AND 101)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: We Are the Head, Heart and Hands of Christ..... Jimmie Hawkins

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 298 – There's a Wideness in God's MercyIN BABILONE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (10:30 a.m. only)..... Sid Batts

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

We believe in God:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH continues, over

**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.

– from the United Church of Canada

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT.....Vicky Borden

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *concluding with the Lord's Prayer*.... Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Sid Batts (10:30 a.m.)

**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: It Is Well with my Soul..... arr. Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

[Chorus]:

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

[Chorus]

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
 My sin, not in part but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

[Chorus]

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
 The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
 Even so, it is well with my soul.

[Chorus]

* 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 Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
 Emily Witherspoon (10:30 a.m.)

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Sid Batts (10:30 a.m.)

* BENEDICTION..... Jimmie Hawkins (8:30 a.m.)
Sid Batts (10:30 a.m.)

Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...

All: **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
May we live by the Spirit.**

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We RaiseELLERS



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.

VOLUNTARY: Toccata in d minor..... Max Reger (1873-1916)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Jimmie Hawkins, Director of Office of Public Witness, PC (USA) | *Sid Batts*, Senior Pastor (10:30 a.m.) | *Neil Dunnivant*, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry (8:30 a.m.) | *David Partington*, Parish Associate for Congregational Care (10:30 a.m.) | *Vicky Borden*, Chair of Nominating Committee | *Emily Witherspoon*, FPC Child (10:30 a.m.) | *Garrison Trotter*, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | *Henry Chase and Turner Pierce*, Acolytes (10:30 a.m.) | *Robert Wells*, Director of Chancel Choir | *John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist | *Chancel Choir*

* 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: *Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care | *Donna Chase*, Director of Christian Formation | *Vicky Borden*, Chair of Nominating Committee | *Claire Driscoll*, Lay Reader | *Rejoice! Band*

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY – Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, director of PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC, is our guest preacher at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. He is also speaking about the office's mission and work at 9:30 a.m. in the Garden Room. A former youth pastor, he has worked with Salem Presbytery in college ministry and at camps in North Carolina & Virginia. Hawkins also spent 15 years as senior pastor of Covenant Presbyterian in Durham

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.

PENNIES FOR HUNGER: You are invited to place donations to our Pennies for Hunger offering in the baskets at sanctuary entrances before worship. Offering goes to Hot Dish & Hope and other specific FPC hunger initiatives

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: The rosebud in the chancel celebrates the birth of Grace Ellen Johnston on January 26, 2018. Grace is the daughter of Stu and Carrie Johnston, and joins big sister Liza, 2. The family resides at 481 Olsen Drive, Elon, NC 27244.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE – You can honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sunday morning worship service in the Sanctuary. The flowers are accompanied by a note in the bulletin explaining their significance. The following dates are open: February 11 & 18; May 6; June 3 & 24; July 1, 8 & 29; August 12 & 26; September 2 & 23; October 7; November 18; December 30. Contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org to learn more.

THE QUIET CENTER IS AVAILABLE AFTER SERVICES for anyone needing prayer or mediation. This prayer space is the first room on the right as you walk down the Smith Building hallway from the Tower Room (Smith 231). A pastor will be available. All prayer requests are confidential.

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.

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).

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY ..." First Presbyterian Church would like to pray for you. Please fill out one of the prayer request cards, which are available in the Sanctuary, the Quiet Center on the second floor of the Smith Building, or the Mullin Life Center foyer outside of the Rejoice! worship service. Pastors read and pray these petitions each week. You may also email prayer requests to Dolly Jacobs, djacobs@fpcgreensboro.org. The FPC Intercessory Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Quiet Center, Smith 231. Contact Dolly Jacobs for information or to join.

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.

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.

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. Children in second grade and up are encouraged to participate with the congregation in the full service. Children age three and under may enjoy the nursery. Children are also encouraged to lead in worship by being acolytes and lay readers, and by joining our children's choirs. Sign up for the children's e-news to learn about various opportunities for your child, and the whole family, to get involved in worship.

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: Children in both Sanctuary and Rejoice! services are invited to participate in worship by using the **worship bags** with new activities, located in the Tower Room and in the back of Mullin Life Center. Please return your bag to the cart following worship.

Worship Enrichment is our children's worship time during the sermon for four-year-olds through first grade. Children will return to the service during the Hymn of Response.

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.

- **United Way CEO Michelle Gethers-Clark** will speak in the Garden Room, hosted by Faith, Community, Action.
- **"Peter: The Man, His Mission, and Our Call Today,"** a study led by Sandie Gravett, continues in YMBC in Redhead Hall.
- **Songs For Lent: A study of Christian themes in popular music** – Led by Pastoral Residents Josh & Lara Musser Gritter, in Memorial 200, Spencer Love Room.
- **Genesis** – A deep study of the the opening book of the Bible continues, hosted by Seekers class in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.