

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

10:30 a.m.

MULLIN FORUM 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: Gospel Prelude on 'Amazing Grace' William Bolcolm (b. 1938)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Neil Dunnivant

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

People: **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

Leader: *¡Santo, santo, santo, Señor omnipotente!*

People: **The whole earth is full of your glory.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

People: **The whole creation joins to sing your praise!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 1 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER: No. 423 – Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God..... CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
God; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.

O God of holiness, forgive us, for we are a people of unclean lips. When we should rejoice to sing your praise, we take pleasure in complaining and pettiness. Instead of lifting you up in the world, we drag down our neighbors and ourselves. Cleanse us, gracious God. Set a new spirit within us, that our lips and our lives might show forth your glory. 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: No. 582 – Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: *Luke 5:1-11*(PEW BIBLE, PAGE 62)

Reader: Eva Engebretson

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION OF MARY LOUISE BRINGLE.....Neil Dunnivant

A TIME FOR CHILDREN..... Mary Louise Bringle

[REFRAIN]: No. 640 – Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord!OPEN YOUR MOUTH

Leader

O - pen your mouth and praise the Lord!
Mmmm, Mmmm,

All

Praise the Lord: the Lord is good!

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

People: before the gods I sing your praise;

Leader: I bow down toward your holy temple

**People: and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love
and your faithfulness;**

[Refrain]

A TIME FOR CHILDREN continues, over

Leader: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

People: for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Leader: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

People: for great is the glory of the Lord.

[Refrain]

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

People: you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

Leader: you stretch out your hand,

People: and your right hand delivers me.

Leader: You will fulfill your purpose for me;

People: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

[Refrain]

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

ANTHEM: Oh Sing to Me of HeavenTraditional
Rejoice! Ensemble

O sing to me of Heav'n
When I am called to die
Sing songs of holy ecstasy,
To walk my soul on high.

[Chorus]

There'll be no sorrow there,
there'll be no sorrow there,
In Heav'n above where all is love,
there'll be no sorrow there.

When cold and sluggish drops
Roll off my dyin brow,
Break forth in songs of joyfulness,
Let Heav'n begin below.

[Chorus]

Then to my raptured ear,
Let one sweet song begin.
Let music charm me last on earth,
And greet me first in Heav'n.

[Chorus]

SECOND LESSON: *Isaiah 6:1-8*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 635 AND 636)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Wonderful Words of Life Mary Louise Bringle

HYMN WITHIN THE SERMON: No. 808 – When Memory FadesFINLANDIA

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 640 – Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord!

OPEN YOUR MOUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Dolly Jacobs

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

– *The Apostles’ Creed*

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: How Can I Keep from Singing? arranged by Eric Nelson
Chancel Choir

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation.
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ring;
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.
What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love commands both heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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! Al-le-lu-ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Dolly Jacobs

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Mary Louise Bringle

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: No. 541 – God Be with You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in D Major Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Mary Louise Bringle, Professor of Religious Studies at Brevard College,
and Mullin Forum Guest Preacher

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Eva Engebretson, Lay Reader

Emma Forbes Fields and Lucy Shoemaker, Acolytes

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

Chancel Choir

Rejoice! Ensemble

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” Text: Reginald Heber; Music: John Bacchus Dykes.

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” Text: from Psalm 51; Music: James M. Capers.

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines” Text: Trad. Liturgical text; Music: Paul M. Vasile.

“Open Your Mouth and Praise the Lord!” Text: Godwin Sadoh; Music: Yoruba folk melody.

“When Memory Fades” Text: Mary Louise Bringle; Music: Jean Sibelius.

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

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams.

* Please stand as you are able.

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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 today by the Mullin Forum Committee to the glory of God and in memory of Betty D. and Joseph B. Mullin.

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.

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, March 31, 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.

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.)

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.

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 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

Ronald "Ron" H. Davis
February 4, 2019

Ruth Adriel Read Patterson
February 1, 2019

About Mary Louise Bringle



Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle is a professor of philosophy and religious studies at Brevard College. Her Ph.D. in practical and pastoral theology is from Emory University. An award-winning hymn writer whose original texts and translations appear in the hymnals of numerous denominations in North America and Scotland, she has served as President of The Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada and as chair of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, responsible for creating the hymnal *Glory to God*. She has studied and written extensively on the seven deadly sins tradition, including the books *Despair: Sickness or Sin?* and *The God of Thinness*. Winner of numerous international hymnwriting competitions, she was recognized by The Hymn Society in 2002 as “the emerging hymn text writer of the US and Canada.”

About The Mullin Forum

The Joe and Betty Mullin Preaching and Teaching Forum is designed for rejuvenation and rejoicing. If you are a pastor, a church professional or lay leader, this forum is a place to rest and rediscover your gifts and rejoice in the God who gave them.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church established the forum in 1991 to honor the former minister of this church and his wife. The forum brings “distinguished preachers, teachers or similar guests” to preach for the community and conduct workshops for ministers. Past speakers have included Fred Craddock, Samuel Proctor, Walter Brueggemann, Joanna M. Adams, Rodger Nishioka, John Buchanan, Nora T. Tisdale, Tom Tewell, Thomas Troeger, Barbara Brown Taylor, James A. Forbes Jr., Anna Carter Florence, Tom Long, Frances Taylor Gench, Brian Blount, Kenda Creasy Dean, Diana Butler Bass, Ted Wardlaw, Scott Black Johnston, and Shannon Johnson Kershner.

Contributions to the Mullin Forum fund, established at Dr. Mullin’s retirement in 1988, underwrite this project. Contributions are accepted.

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.

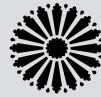
- **"Nine Things The Book of Exodus Teaches 21st Century Christians"** – discussion led by Professor Sandie Gravett. Agape and YMBC join together for this class, which meets in Redhead Hall.
- **Howell Pierce, a youth member, will talk about her recent educational visit to the U.S border with Mexico.** Her group served refugees in soup kitchens and shelters in Tijuana. Commitment Class meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- **"What can we learn from Moses for our lives?"** – discussion focusing on Numbers 11, led by Robby Hassell 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.
- **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 Confirmation parent class, **Big God, Big Questions for Parents**, does not meet February 17. Class resumes February 24 in Memorial 300 with Kevin Murray leading.*

*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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