

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 24, 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: Fantasia V in a minorJohann Jakob Froberger (1616-1667)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITYDanny Massie

* CALL TO WORSHIP Dolly Jacobs (8:30 a.m.)
Danny Massie (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: Jesus was made to be like his brothers and sisters in every way,

**People: that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest
in service to God, and that he might make atonement for
the sins of the people.**

Leader: Jesus himself suffered when he was tempted,

All: Jesus is able to help those who are being tempted.

– from Hebrews 2:17-18

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 610 – O for a Thousand Tongues to SingAZMON

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSIONDolly Jacobs

**Most merciful God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin,
we confess before you our own sinfulness;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will. Amen.**

– from The Worship Sourcebook

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: Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN

A - bid - e with us, that so, this life Of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past, An
Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

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

Reader: Will Presson

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

**People: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,

**People: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Leader: A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

**People: You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

**People: no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

Leader: For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**People: On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

Leader: You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**People: Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

**All: With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

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.)

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only): A Jubilant Song Mary Lynn Lightfoot (b. 1971)
Canticle Choir
Radha Upton piano

Cantate Domino canticum novum.
Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!
Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra.
Sing to the Lord all the earth!

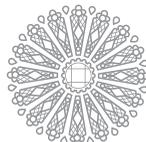
Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!
Let the hills sing together for joy!
Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice,
For the Lord is greatly to be praised!

Proclaim God's salvation!
Declare God's great glory!
Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!

SECOND LESSON: *Luke 4:1-13* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 61)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: The Temptation: Lessons from the Wilderness Danny Massie



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 783 – When We Are Tested ANGELS OF HEALING

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*10:30 a.m. only*)Doug McLeroy

Jesus lived a truly human life.

Jesus was what we are.

**He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.**

**His knowledge was limited
by his time and place in history.**

**He felt deeply the joy of friendship
and the hurt of being rejected.**

**Jesus prayed,
struggled with temptation,
knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death.**

He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be.

**He served his Father with complete trust
and unwavering obedience.**

**He loved all kinds of people
and accepted their love.**

**In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit.
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.**

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.

He exposes our failure to live as he lived.

**He demonstrates the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.**

– from A Declaration of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLEDolly Jacobs (8:30 a.m.)
Doug McLeroy (10:30 a.m.)

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: 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.

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.

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!

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.

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

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
God, all creatures 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.)
Doug McLeroy (10:30 a.m.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Go to the World!SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place. Go live the
Word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's pres - ence



in each time and space. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

VOLUNTARY: Präludium und Fuge from *Sonata No. 10*...Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Douglas McLeroy, Parish Associate for Congregational Care (10:30 a.m.)
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry (10:30 a.m.)
Will Presson, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.)
Elizabeth Albert and Evelyn Hare, Acolytes
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Radha Upton, Piano
Chancel Choir
Canticle Choir

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
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Jack Hicks, Lay Reader
James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!
Rejoice! Band

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser.
"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days" Text: Claudia F. I. Hernaman; Music: C. Day's *Psalter*.
"When We Are Tested" Text: Ruth Duck; Music: Carlton R. Young.
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text: Brian Wren; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.
"Go to the World!" Text: Sylvia Dunstan; 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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot and Maxcy McCown by Linda M. Branch.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 3 – The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, March 3, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of electing new elders, church trustee and at-large members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 24 – The Session of First Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, March 24, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of electing the Pastor Nominating Committee, and to approve the change of call for one of our pastors. A backup congregational meeting is scheduled for March 31, if needed.

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: March 17 & 31; May 19; June 30; July 28; August 11 & 25; September 1 & 22; October 6; December 29. Contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org to learn more.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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 gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com. Download the application at fpcgreensboro.org/outreach.

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.

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.

- **"Reconsidering the Parables of Jesus"**
– discussion led by Professor Sandie Gravett. Agape and YMBC join together for this class, which meets in Redhead Hall.
- **Discussion focusing on The Great Banquet: Matthew 11:1-14** in the Homebuilders/Faith Matters class in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **"Grow, Hike, Pray"** – new class begins, led by Nate Sell in Cannon's Solarium. In this class we will explore how gardening, pilgrimage, and prayer can foster spiritual growth.
- **Big God, Big Questions for Parents** – special class for confirmand parents, but open to all. "What Does It Mean To Show Christ's Love?" led by Donna Chase. Meets in Memorial 300, 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.