

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2019

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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: Be Still, My Soul.....arr. Cathy Mocklebust
Coventry Ringers

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

* CALL TO WORSHIP Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Danny Massie (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

People: **let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,

All: **and the sheep of his hand.**

O that today we would listen to his voice!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 403 – Open Now Thy Gates of BeautyUNSER HERRSCHER

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

O Lord, in whose hands are life and death, by whose power I am sustained, and by whose mercy I am spared, look down upon me with pity. Forgive me, that I have until now so much neglected the duty which Thou hast assigned to me, and suffered the days and hours of which I must give account to pass away without any endeavor to accomplish

PRAYER OF CONFESSION continues, over

Thy will. Make me to remember, O God, that every day is Thy gift and ought to be used according to Thy command. Grant me, therefore, so to repent of my negligence, that I may obtain mercy from Thee, and pass the time which Thou shalt yet allow me in diligent performance of Thy commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

– Samuel Johnson

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: In the Cross of Christ I Glory RATHBURN



Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied;



Peace is there that knows no mea-sure, Joys that through all time a - bid.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST LESSON (*10:30 a.m. only*): *Jeremiah 9:23-24* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 711)

Reader: Ellie Cowan

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (10:30 a.m. only)Kevin Murray
(Children ages 4 – first grade are invited to Worship Enrichment
and will return for the Hymn of Response.)

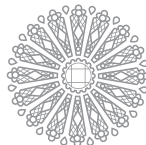
ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only): Pilgrims' Hymn.....Stephen Paulus (b. 1949)
Chancel Choir

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.
 Glory to the Father,
 And to the Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
 Both now and forever,
 And unto ages and ages, Amen.
 – Michael Dennis Browne

SECOND LESSON: *Philippians 3:4-11*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 198)

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

SERMON: Prayer: Its Problems and Possibilities
2. Prayer's First PurposeDanny Massie



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 465 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

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

Leader: What is prayer?

People: **Prayer means calling upon God
whose Spirit is always present with us.**

**In prayer we approach God with reverence,
confidence, and humility.**

**Prayer involves both addressing God in praise,
confession, thanksgiving, and supplication;
and listening for God's word within our hearts.**

**When we adore God, we are filled with wonder,
love and praise before God's heavenly glory.**

**When we confess our sins to God,
we ask for forgiveness with sorry hearts.**

**When we give thanks to God, we acknowledge
God's great goodness in all that has been provided for us.**

**Finally, when we call upon God to hear our requests, we affirm
that God is always near to us in times of need and sorrow.**

Leader: What is the purpose of prayer?

People: **Prayer brings us into communion with God.**

**The more our lives are rooted in prayer, the more we sense
how wonderful God is in grace, purity, majesty, and love.**

**Prayer means offering our lives completely to God, submitting
ourselves to God's will, and waiting faithfully for God's grace.**

**Through prayer God frees us from anxiety, equips us for
service, and deepens our faith.**

– from The Study Catechism

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Notre Père (Our Father)Maurice Duruflé

Chancel Choir

*Notre Père qui es aux Cieux,
Que Ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que Ton règne vienne,
Que Ta volonté soit faite,
sur la Terre comme au Ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour,
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons à ceux qui
nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous soumets pas à la tentation,
Mais délivre-nous du Mal.*

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed by Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

*Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent
le règne, la puissance et la gloire
pour les siècles des siècles.*

For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Song of Peace Arnold B. Sherman

Coventry Ringers

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

OLD HUNDRETH



Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise



God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye



heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIPDanny Massie (8:30 a.m.)
Newton Cowan (10:30 a.m.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Forty Days and Forty NightsAUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
that with you we may ap - pear at the_e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

VOLUNTARY: Choral.....Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Danny Massie, Interim Pastor | Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor (8:30 a.m.) |
Newton Cowan, Pastoral Care (10:30 a.m.) | Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry (10:30 a.m.) |
Ellie Cowan, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | Lucy Shoemaker and Sarah Parrish, Acolytes |
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist | Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir |
Anne Albert, Soprano | Nicole Wood, Mezzo-soprano | Danny Paparozzi, Tenor |
Lane Ridenhour, Baritone | Coventry Ringers | Chancel 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:

*Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care |
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry | Howell Pierce, Lay Reader |
James Keith, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice! | Rejoice! Band*

- "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Text: Benjamin Schmolck; Music: Joachim Neander.
- "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Text: John Bowring; Music: Ithamar Conkey.
- "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Text: Joseph Scriven; Music: Charles C. Converse.
- "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter.
- "Forty Days and Forty Nights" Text: George Hunt Smyttan; Music: Martin Herbst.

* Please stand as you are able.

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THE LITURGICAL COLOR PURPLE seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the season of Lent.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 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.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given by James M. Chamblee to the glory of God and in loving memory of his father, H. M. (Mickey) Chamblee.

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. Contact Carolyn Yow, 336.478.4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org to learn more.

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).

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.

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.

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](mailto:g davidson@wardblacklaw.com). Download the application at fpcgreensboro.org/outreach.

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.

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 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 MINISTRY OF MEMBERS – Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. *Such involvement includes:*

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed;
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation;
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support;
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life;
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents;
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church;
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others;
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life;
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment;
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church;
- and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

(from the Book of Order)

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.
- **Neil Dunnivant will teach "The Sermon on the Mount and the parables of Jesus"** in the Homebuilders/Faith Matters Class in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **"Grow, Hike, Pray"** – new class continues, led by Nate Sell in Cannon's Solarium. We will explore how gardening, pilgrimage, and prayer can foster spiritual growth.
If you want to help with work in the gardens at Peacehaven Farm on Saturday, March 30, contact Nate (nsell@fpcgreensboro.org) by Thursday.
- **Big God, Big Questions for Parents** – special class for confirmand parents, but open to all. "Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Fellowship?" led by Danny Massie. 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.