



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 17, 2019

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT/
BAPTISM 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: Beautiful Saviorarr. Cathy Mocklebust
Westminster Ringers

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

* CALL TO WORSHIP Nate Sell (8:30 a.m.)
Danny Massie (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: Give praise to the Lord proclaim his name;

People: **make known among the nations what he has done.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

People: **Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

All: **Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.**

– from 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 396 – Brethren, We Have Met to WorshipHOLY MANNA

* CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nate Sell (8:30 a.m.)
Dolly Jacobs (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: Wondrous God,
who sets the suns and moons above us,
mountains and valleys beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION continues, over

how often have we tried to hide from your presence,
how seldom have we looked for your creating face
and your fashioning hand!

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Wondrous God,
who took upon yourself flesh of our flesh in Jesus our brother,
and being found in human form made the ultimate disclosure
of yourself
in the face of Jesus Christ:
how often we have forgotten you,
how seldom we really loved and followed you!

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Wondrous God,
who pours out freely the Holy Spirit:
how often have we ignored your promptings,
how seldom have we asked for your help or accepted your gifts!

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. 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: Blest Be the Tie that Binds DENNIS



From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free; And



per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST LESSON (*10:30 a.m. only*): *Psalm 27*

Reader: Carolyn F. Hall

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh —
my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.

People: **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

People: **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: **I will sing and make melody to the Lord**

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

People: **"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**

Leader: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

People: **Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

People: **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction of Families

Leader: We come to the font to baptize two of our children and to remember that we are the baptized children of God. Baptism is a special act of Christian worship that uses visible signs to represent God's grace toward us in Jesus Christ.

People: **We baptize because Jesus instructed his disciples to baptize and to celebrate this sacrament among God's people, the Church.**

Leader: Through baptism we are adopted and welcomed into God's family, and we are named and claimed as God's own. Parents, relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

Parents: We do.

Leader to the young children of the church:

Do you promise to pray for Mason and Beasley, to be a Christian friend and to tell them of the love of Jesus?

Children: We do.

Elder to congregation:

Do we as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture Mason, Beasley and their parents, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

Congregation: We do.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Baptism

Prayer of Blessing

Welcome and Presentation

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*10:30 a.m. only*): No. 188 – Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: "Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so;".



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only): Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Chancel Choir

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here faith can touch and handle things unseen;
Here would I grasp with firmer hands Thy grace;
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of Heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

SECOND LESSON: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 205)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Prayer: Its Problems and Possibilities

3. Seeking God's Face.....Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 629 – Jesus, the Very Thought of TheeST. AGNES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....Nate Sell

The Lord's Prayer..... Albert Hay Mallotte (1895-1964)

Lane Ridenhour, soloist

Our Father which 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 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: *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman

Westminster Ringers

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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.....Nate Sell (8:30 a.m.)

Evan VanGorden (10:30 a.m.)

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

Nate Sell (10:30 a.m.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Forty Days and Forty NightsAUS DER TIEFE RUFTE 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: Litanies Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

- Danny Massie, Interim Pastor*
Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident
Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care (10:30 a.m.)
Elizabeth Bostian, FPC Elder (10:30 a.m.)
Carolyn F. Hall, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.)
Lizzie Albert and Nick VanGorden, Acolytes
Evan VanGorden, FPC Child (10:30 a.m.)
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Lane Ridenhour, Soloist
Westminster Ringers
Chancel Choir (10:30 a.m.)

- "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Text: George Atkins; Music: *Columbian Harmony*.
"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Text: John Fawcett; Music: Johann Georg Nægeli.
"Jesus Loves Me!" Text: Anna Barlett Warner; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury.
"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Text: Latin hymn; Music: John Bacchus Dykes.
"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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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:

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor
Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Hilda Courter, Lay Reader |
James Keith, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!
Rejoice! Band

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)*

Moses once heard a shepherd praying, "O God, show me where Thou art, that I may become thy servant. I will clean thy shoes, and comb thy hair, and sew thy clothes and fetch thee milk." Moses rebuked him: God is a spirit, and needs not such gross ministrations . . ." Thereupon the shepherd rent his clothes in dismay and fled to the desert. Then Moses heard a voice from heaven, "O Moses, wherefore have you driven away my servant? . . . I regard not the words that are spoken, but the heart that offers them."

– Jalal-uddin Rumi,
retold by George Buttrick in Prayer

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT 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.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS – The rosebuds in the chancel celebrate two births:

- Ayers Wetherington Kern was born March 6, 2019. Ayers is the daughter of Hal and London Kern, and joins siblings Max (age 7) and Emory Kate Kern (age 6). The family resides at 4 Whaton Oaks Drive, Greensboro, N.C. 27408.
- Reid Van Fossan was born December 8, 2018. Reid is the son of Noah and Brooke Van Fossan, and joins big brother Connor, age 2. The family resides at 2416 N Beech Ln, Greensboro, N.C. 27455.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today during the 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary service to Mason Gray Ivey, son of Chuck and Ashleigh Ivey; and to Elizabeth Beasley Williams, daughter of Todd and Cottie Williams.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Fred E. Ayers on his birthday by his daughter, Andrea Ayers.

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).

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.

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

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.

IN MEMORIAM

**McDewey "Mac" Sigmon
March 11, 2019**

**Susan "Sue" Elizabeth Chandler
March 9, 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.

- **"Reconsidering the Parables of Jesus"**
– discussion led by Professor Sandie Gravett. Agape and YMBC join together for this class, which meets in Redhead Hall.
- **"The Sermon on the Mount and the parables of Jesus"** led by Neil Dunnivant, continues in the Homebuilders/Faith Matters Class, meeting in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **"Hurdles to Citizenship for Immigrants and Refugees"** led by Hilda Couter in the Commitment Class. Meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- **"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.
- **Big God, Big Questions for Parents** – special class for confirmand parents, but open to all. "Will You Devote Yourself to the Breaking of Bread" led by Kevin Murray. 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.