

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 24, 2019

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

THIRD 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: Prière Gaston Litaize (1909-1991)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

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

Leader: For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,

**People: plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.**

Leader: Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me,

People: I will hear you.

Leader: When you search for me, you will find me;

All: if you seek me with all your heart.

- Jeremiah 29:11-13

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 394 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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

**Lord, we have sinned,
without considering how much you love us.
You see our sins more clearly
than we can ourselves.
Lord, you know
when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible;
how often we forget to pray;
the times we have come unwillingly to worship;
And yet we turn to you
when we are in trouble.
Lord, you know when we are untruthful
and when we think evil of others.
You see our anger and unfairness to our friends.
You know how hard it is for us to forgive.
Forgive us and make us clean,
so that we can obey your call
to take up your cross and follow you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

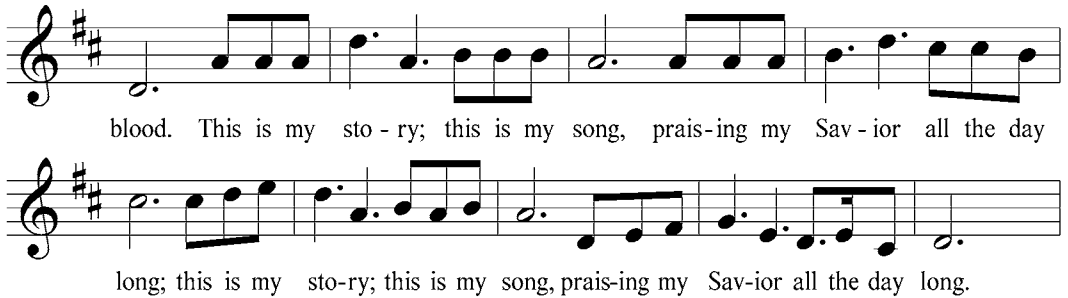
* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!.....ASSURANCE



Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-



vine! Heir of sal - va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his



blood. This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day
long; this is my sto-ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST LESSON (*10:30 a.m. only*): *Psalm 62* (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 526 AND 527)

Reader: Will Presson

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*): Lenten Prayer Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Canticle Choir

Radha Upton, piano

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
Forty days did Jesus face temptation strong;
Give me strength to conquer knowing right from wrong.
Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
I would be like Jesus turning from all sin,
With His love to keep me true and faithful within.
Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
When I look to Jesus, He will show the way;
Help me come to meet Him pure on Easter Day.

SECOND LESSON: *Matthew 9:27-31*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 9)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Prayer: Its Problems and Possibilities

4. Prayer and Expectation.....Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 794 – O Savior, in This Quiet Place.....ST. STEPHEN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*10:30 a.m. only*)Dolly Jacobs

Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.

He put God's claim on his life above all else.

He joined others in God's worship and praise.

He drew strength from the Scriptures.

He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.**

Christ teaches us

to put obedience to God

above the interests of self, family, race or nation;

to offer God joyously

our money, ability, and time.

It is part of our discipline

to observe a day of worship and rest,

setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work,

celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,

not expecting detailed directions for every decision,

but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,

to press God's present claim on us,

and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

We are charged to pray for ourselves and others

with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,

confident that God hears and answers our prayers

in ways best for us all.

Life in God's presence issues in life for others,

for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,

we cannot love God whom we do not see.

– from A Declaration of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer William Matthias (1934-1992)

Chancel Choir

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

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee arr. Jody Lindh

Chancel Choir

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.
Only be still and wait His leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure,
And all-discerning love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known.
To Him who chose us for His own.
Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving;
In all thy labor faithful be,
And trust His Word, though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need.
The soul that trusts in Him indeed

– *Georg Neumark*
translated by Catherine Winkworth

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise
 God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye
 heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Dolly Jacobs

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Danny Massie

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (8:30 a.m. only)

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Forty Days and Forty Nights.....AUS 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 (8:30 a.m. only)

John Alexander, organ

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (10:30 a.m. only)..... Neil Dunnivant

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION FOLLOWING THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
(10:30 a.m. only)..... Danny Massie



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor | *Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor (10:30 a.m.) | *Kevin Murray*, Director of Youth Ministry (10:30 a.m.)
Will Presson, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | *Lizzie Albert and Emma Ballenger*, Acolytes
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist | *Robert Wells*, Director of Chancel Choir
Radha Upton, Pianist (10:30 a.m.) | *Canticle Choir* (10:30 a.m.) | *Chancel Choir*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Text: Latin 7th century; Music: Henry Purcell.
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” Text: Fanny Jane Crosby; Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp.
“O Savior, in This Quiet Place” Text: Fred Pratt Green; Music: William Jones.
“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.

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
Hilda Courter, Lay Reader | *James Keith*, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice! | *Rejoice! Band*

* Please stand as you are able.

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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)*

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY 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 to the glory of God and in memory of Carolyn J. McNairy and Dorothy McNairy by the Wyatt H. McNairy family.

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).

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.

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.

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 next 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.

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.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Billy Keech Peele
March 15, 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.
- **Road Trip!** The Homebuilders/Faith Matters Class, and the .Commitment Class, will share Sunday school and worship at Providence Baptist Church. *See class leaders for details.*
- **"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 Prayers?" led by Dolly Jacobs. 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.

*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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