

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 31, 2019

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

FOURTH 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: Vater unser im Himmelreich Georg Böhm
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

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

Leader: It is written, "One does not live by bread alone,"

All: But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Leader: It is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

**All: Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him!
Let us worship the Lord!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 4 – Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

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

**Gracious Father, who givest the hunger of desire, and satisfieth that
hunger with good things; quicken the hearts of Thy servants who mourn
because we do not speak to Thee, nor listen to Thee. Refresh, we beseech
Thee, the dullness and dryness of our inner life. Grant us perseverance**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION continues, over

that we may never abandon the effort to pray, even though it brings for a time no comfort or joy. Enlarge our souls' desires that we may be drawn unto Thee. Send forth thy Spirit into our hearts to help our infirmities; to give us freedom of utterance, and warmth of feeling. Let us muse upon Thy goodness, upon the blessings thou hast strewn in our paths; upon the mysteries of Thy world, and the shame of our sin, and the sadness of death-until the fire kindles and the heart melts in prayer and praise and supplication.

Lord, teach us to pray the prayer that relieves the burdened spirit, and brings Thy blessing, and maketh our life and faith abundant. Hear us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

– Rev. Samuel McComb (1894-1938)

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: God, You Spin the Whirling Planets PLEADING SAVIOR

God, You spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
5 Mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, Call forth sun - shine, wind, and rain.
9 We, cre - at - ed in Your im - age, Would a true re - flec - tion be
13 Of Your jus - tice, grace, and mer - cy And the truth that makes us free.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST LESSON (10:30 a.m. only): *Psalm 42:1-5*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 515)

Reader: Hannah Houser

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (10:30 a.m. only) John Alexander

*(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 Prayer Before Singing Dan Forest (1852 - 1924)

Chancel Choir

Since I am coming to that holy room,
Where, with thy choir of saints for evermore,
I shall be made thy music;
As I come
I tune the instrument here at the door,
And what I must do then, think here before.

– John Donne (1572-1631)

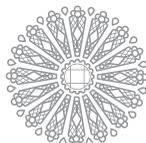
SECOND LESSON: *Luke 11:5-13, Luke 18:1-8*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 72 AND 81)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Prayer: Its Problems and Possibilities

5. Persistence in Prayer Danny Massie



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 688 – Spirit of God, Descend upon My HeartMORECAMBE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*10:30 a.m. only*)Nate Sell

**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

HYMN: No. 464 – Our Father, Which Art in HeavenWEST INDIAN

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: What Wondrous Love Robert Scholz (1902-1986)

Chancel Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down.
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

– American folk hymn

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Danny Massie (8:30 a.m.)
Nate Sell (10:30 a.m.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Forty Days and Forty Nights.....AUS 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: Fuge in D Major Max Reger (1873-1916)

John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor

Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship (10:30 a.m.)

Hannah Houser, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.)

Emma Ballenger and Evelyn Hare, Acolytes

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Text: attr. Ignaz Franz; Music: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*.

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” Text: Jane Parker Huber; Music: American melody.

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” Text: George Croly; Music: Frederick Cook Atkinson.

“Our Father, Which Art in Heaven” Text: trad. Liturgical text; Music: West Indian folk melody.

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Genevan Psalter.

“Forty Days and Forty Nights” Text: George Hunt Smytten; 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:

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry

Anne Albert, Worship and Music Coordinator

Ellie Wilcox, Lay Reader

James Keith, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Band

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

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Preston Massie and in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Danny Massie by Camille and Murphy Townsend.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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)

IN MEMORIAM

Wade L. Hampton
March 21, 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.

- **"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"** continues, led by Hilda Couter in the Commitment Class. Meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- **"Grow, Hike, Pray"** continues, led by Nate Sell in Cannon's Solarium. We will explore how gardening, pilgrimage, and prayer can foster spiritual growth.
- **No regular meeting** for confirmand parents. Confirmands will attend 10:30 am worship at New Garden Friends Meeting. *See class leaders for details.*
- **Exodus** – A deep study of the second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers Class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.
- **Agape Class** meets in tGarden Room, down the hall from the Welcome Center.
- **"Holy War: The Crusades"** begins, led by Gerald Donnelly in YMBC. The Crusades to the Holy Land (1096-1300 CE) represent one of the most fascinating, odd, troubling, and astounding episodes in the history of Christianity. What motivated Christians of every social status to take part in the Crusades? How did the Church theologically come to view attacks on the Muslims as deserving of great spiritual reward? How did Muslim and Jewish communities respond to the violence? How did contact between all three religious groups change relations among Christians, Muslims, and Jews? Class meets in Redhead Hall.