



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 11, 2019

10:30 a.m.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it along the pew.
Turn off all cell phones, and refrain from using cameras during worship.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Wind of God, blow far from us
all dark despair,
all deep distress,
all groundless fears,
all sinful desires,
all Satan's snares,
all false values,
all selfish wishes,
all wasteful worries.

Blow into us
your holy presence,
your living love,
your healing touch,
your splendid courage,
your mighty strength,
your perfect peace,
your caring concern,
your divine grace,
your boundless joy,

Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, blow now. Amen.

– from The Worship Sourcebook

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Improvisation on “I want to walk as a child of the light”

Kathleen Armstrong Thomerson

Suzanne Polak

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

CALL TO WORSHIP Dolly Jacobs

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord;
People: **he is our help and our shield.**

Leader: In him our hearts rejoice,
People: **for we trust in his holy name.**

Leader: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
All: **even as we put our hope in you.**

– from Psalm 33:20-22

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 307 – God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are willing to use us despite our faithfulness and for that we are grateful. We confess that though we are disciples of our Lord, our discipleship suffers from our sin. Called to be servants, we prefer being served. Called to be courageous, we avoid controversy and fear criticism. Called to follow the Master, we lag far behind and resist the way of the cross. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our insensitivity to the meaning of the cross and all that mars our discipleship and makes it difficult for others to see Christ in us. Amen.

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: Hear the Good News of Salvation.....NETTLETON



Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's



love. Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heav'n a -



bove. Je - sus Christ, how much I love You! Je - sus Christ, You save from



sin! How I love You! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ: *2 Timothy 2:1-13*

Reader: Catherine Johns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN..... Newton Cowan

ANTHEM: I waited for the LordFelix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Anne Albert, soprano

Stephanie Foley Davis, mezzo-soprano

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint.
O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

THE WORD READ: *Judges 7:1-25*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: What Gideon RevealsDanny Massie
3. About Odds and Ends

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal reflection.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: Onward, Christian Soldiers ST. GERTRUDE

See insert.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Newton Cowan

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
– from A Declaration of Faith**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *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: O Lord, Thou Art My God and Kingarranged by Leland Sateren
Summer Choir

O Lord, thou art my God and King;
Thee will I magnify and praise:
I will thee bless, and gladly sing
Unto thy holy name always.

Each day I rise I will thee bless,
And praise thy name time without end:
Much to be praised, and great God is;
His greatness none can comprehend.

Race shall thy works praise unto race,
The mighty acts show done by thee;
I will speak of the glorious grace
And honor of thy majesty.

Thy wondrous works I will record:
By all the might shall be extolled,
Of all thy dreadful acts, O Lord:
And I thy greatness will unfold.

They utter abundantly,
Utter the memory of thy goodness great;
And shall sing praises cheerfully,
Whilst they thy righteousness relate.

O Lord, thou art my God and King,
I will thee bless and gladly sing.

-Psalm 145

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
God, all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* CLOSING HYMN: No. 757 – Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Danny Massie

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY: Improvisation Suzanne Polak

Suzanne Polak



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor | *Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Newton Cowan, Pastoral Care | *Catherine Johns*, Lay Reader

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | *Suzanne Polak*, Organ and Piano | *Anne Albert*, Soprano

Stephanie Foley Davis, Mezzo-soprano | *Summer 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:

Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry |
Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship | *Hilda Courter*, Lay Reader
James Keith, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice! | *Rejoice! Band*

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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 honor of our 60th wedding anniversary by Peter and Darlene Young.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE: Honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our 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.

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.

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.

SOON WE WILL BE SELECTING NEXT YEAR'S LAY READERS. If you are interested in being a reader for the 2019-2020 program year, or have any questions about lay reading, please contact Paul Parker (336.908.4792 or paulparker47@gmail.com) or Anne Albert (336.478.4711 or aalbert@fpcgreenboro.org).

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL NEWS: You can sign up for our weekly E-News and our Thursday morning Sunday Preview emails at fpcgreensboro.org/connect.

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)*

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.

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 6 on the **first floor of Mullin Life Center**. Our Child Protection Policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

Ages second grade and up are encouraged to participate with the congregation in the full service.

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.

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.

- **Rev. Danny Massie** concludes a Bible study of the narrative portion of the book of Daniel in the Garden Room, Smith 124.
- A deep study of Exodus, the second book of the Bible, led by **Gerard Davidson** continues in the Seekers Class which meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.
- **Rev. Gerald Donnelly** continues his study, "Finding God in Mayberry," which features clips from *The Andy Griffith Show* in YMBC, Redhead Hall. The discussion looks for meaningful lessons about morality, relationships, and responsibility in episodes of this TV classic.