

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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AUGUST 20, 2017

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10:30 a.m.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it along the pew.

VOLUNTARY: Allegro con spirit from *Sonata in G Major* W. A. Mozart (1756-1794)
Lentz McNeill, violin
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Sid Batts
(Please turn off cell phones, and refrain from using cameras during worship.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Dolly Jacobs

Leader: Spirit of the living God,

People: Fall afresh on us.

Leader: Melt us, mold us,

People: Fill us, use us;

All: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 281 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.....CWM RHONDDA
Text: William Williams / Music: John Hughes

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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: Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels.....BRIDEGROOM
Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith / Music: Peter Cutts



In the day this world is fa - ding Faith and hope will play their



part: But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall

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reign in ev - ery heart: May love be ours, O Lord.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 40:21-31* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 668)

Reader: Dan McAlister

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Dolly Jacobs

(Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to Worship Enrichment)

ANTHEM: Dear Lord and Father C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

Summer Choir

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm.
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

- John Greenleaf Whittier

SECOND LESSON: *Matthew 22:34-40* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 25)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Charlottesville Sid Batts



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 376 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL
Text: Charles Wesley / Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... Josh Musser Gritter

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

– from the United Church of Canada, "A New Creed"

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: Peace Like a River.....arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
Summer Choir

I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got faith like a river in my soul.
I've got hope like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river in my soul.

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Text: Thomas Ken / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the words 'Al-le-lu-ia!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise
God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

* BENECTION

Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...

All: **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.
May we live by the Spirit.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing.....SICILIAN MARINERS
Text: John Fawcett / Music: Sicilian melody

Lord, dis-miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der-ness.

The image shows a four-line musical score in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, dis-miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing, Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der-ness." The music ends with a double bar line.

VOLUNTARY: Carillon..... Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
John Alexander, organ



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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Sid Batts, Senior Pastor

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

Josh Musser Gritter, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

Dan McAlister, Lay Reader

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Lentz McNeill, Violin

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

Lara Musser Gritter, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

Reid Wilcox, Lay Reader; and the Rejoice! Band.

Liturgical season

The liturgical color *red* seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

"Lord, teach us to pray ..."

First Presbyterian Church would like to pray for you. Please fill out one of the prayer requests in the bulletin in the Sanctuary, the Quiet Center on the second floor of the Smith Building, or the Mullin Life Center foyer outside of the Rejoice! worship service. Pastors will be reading and praying these petitions. You may also email your prayer request to Dolly Jacobs, djacobs@fpcgreensboro.org. If you would like to be a part of the FPC Intercessory Prayer Group, which meets at 8 am Thursday mornings in the Quiet Center, Smith 231, please contact Dolly Jacobs for more information.

About this morning's flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha Morrison Brown and in honor of Maureen Brown Voorhees by Nancy and Trip Brown and Eleanor Brown Walker.

One more flower date 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. December 31 is our remaining available date for this year. Contact Carolyn Yow, cwow@fpcgreensboro.org or 336-478-4768.

Every Sunday, we all can

Each Sunday, we collect non-perishable food for our neighbors experiencing food hardship. Please join in this ministry by bringing food to church.

Sign up for email news

Go to the link at fpcgreensboro.org to sign up for our weekly E-News and to receive our Thursday morning Sunday Preview.

Quiet Center after services

A pastor will be available in the Quiet Center, the first room on the right as you walk down the Smith Building hallway from the Tower Room. All prayer requests are confidential.

Pastor on call

When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call (336) 908-8615. Leave a message and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

Don't assume ...

... that the pastors know that you or other church 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 we can pray for and extend a hand in prayer and care.

Ushers needed

We need more ushers for Sanctuary worship services! If you can help out on Sunday mornings, contact Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336-478-4711.

Volunteers needed for Worship Enrichment

We are in need of volunteers to teach 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.

Live streaming of worship services

Our 10:30 am sanctuary worship service is live streamed on the web, and can be accessed Sunday mornings 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).

Parking assistance

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Oliver Melrose Harrison
August 11, 2017

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.

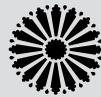
IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, we offer ways to make worship meaningful for them:

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 available in the Narthex and near the Greene Street entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance, if needed. Bags should be returned to the shelf 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. Following the service, parents pick up children in the Welcome Center.

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.



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