

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

AUGUST 25, 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

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will,
but always to your glory
and the welfare of your people,
through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

– from a Book of Common Worship

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Toccata in F Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

CALL TO WORSHIP Nate Sell

Leader: Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

People: **From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.**

Leader: Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

People: **and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

– Ephesians 4:15-16, 5:1-2

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 321 – The Church’s One Foundation..... AURELIA

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[in unison]*

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us today and tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of your world and are blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for service in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

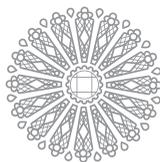
* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!..... NICAEA

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ: *Psalm 133*

Reader: Parker Stroud

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Donna Chase and Lisa Witherspoon

ANTHEM: Psalm 23Stuart Townend

Rejoice! Ensemble

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.

[Chorus]

And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone.
For Your endless mercy follows me.
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup it overflows with joy,
His mercy will follow me.

[Chorus]

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one.
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

[Chorus]

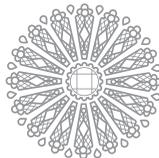
THE WORD READ: *Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-30*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: Mutual ForbearanceDanny Massie

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal reflection.



THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 310 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord..... ST. THOMAS
(verses 1, 2 and 3)

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND/OR INSTALLATION SEE PAGES 8 THROUGH 10

Presentation of Candidates for Ordination and/or Installation

Neil Dunnivant

Questions to the Candidates Dolly Jacobs and Nate Sell

Questions to the Members of the Congregation Nancy Abrams

Prayer of Ordination and Installation..... Danny Massie

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.

Declaration of Ordination and/or Installation

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 310 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS
(verses 4 and 5)

OFFERINGDolly Jacobs

OFFERTORY: Jesus Calls UsJoel Martinson (b. 1960)
Summer Choir

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding, saying "Christian, follow me."
As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
In our joys, and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

– Cecil F. Alexander

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

* CLOSING HYMN: No. 432 – How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord.....REPTON

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Danny Massie

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY: Offertoire from *Messe pour les Couvents*.... François Couperin (1668-1733)
John Alexander, organ



* Please stand as you are able.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident
Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry
Parker Stroud, Lay Reader
Nancy Abrams, FPC Elder
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Summer Choir
James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!
Rejoice! Ensemble

"The Church's One Foundation" Text: Samuel John Stone; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" Text: Reginald Heber; Music: John Bacchus Dykes.

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" Text: Timothy Dwight; Music: St Thomas.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" Text: Fred Pratt Green; Music: C. Hubert Parry.

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

On March 3, 2019 the congregation elected elders to the service in the class of 2022 and two youth elders to service in the class of 2020. They elected two elders to fill unexpired terms in the class of 2021. These officers will be ordained and installed as part of today's worship service.

Class of 2022 to be Ordained and Installed

Wells Brabham	Jim Hoeger	John Redhead
Lisa Cook	Griffin Jones	Joe Vartanian
Mary Eagle	Beau McIntosh	Adrienne Woods
Jill Hare	David Patterson	

Class of 2022 to be Installed (*previously ordained*)

Erik Albright	Dolly Jennings	Kelly Seymour
Anne Brown	Doris Kiser	Steve Warren
Jean Goodman	Tom Nelson	Debbie West

Class of 2020 (Youth Elders) to be Ordained and Installed

Ellie Cowan Clara Pope

Class of 2021 to be Installed (*filling an unexpired term*)

Larry Bowden Sara Stroud

The congregation expresses appreciation to elders in the Class of 2019 and trustee in the Class of 2019 for leading the congregation in the way of Jesus Christ:

Elder Class of 2019

Nancy Abrams	Layne King
Trip Adams	Dave Maner
Ginger Booker	David Newman
Ty Buckner	Kay Rule
Vic Cochran	Josh Showers
Cheryl Crago	Andrew Spainhour
Susan DeVaney	Ashley Stewart
Atim Idika	John Vanderwerff
Frank Johns	Gay White
Amy Jordan	Mark Yarbrough

**Youth Elders
Class of 2019**
Kristine Shaw
Kate Yarbrough

Trustee Class of 2019
Gerard Davidson

Questions for elders being ordained and/or installed

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in the government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions for members of the congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these persons standing before us as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2020

Melanie Albright
John Atkinson
Elizabeth Bostian
Elizabeth Brumbeloe
Richard Cimino
Andy Cochrane
Key Compton
Carrie Cowan
Ed Cox
Tricia Faircloth
Clint Farabow
Betsy Farmer
LaVonne Fisher
Mike Godwin
Hoke Huss
Doug Key
Paul Leonard
Terri Maulsby
Penne Priggee
Anne Shoemaker

Class of 2021

Larry Bowden
Louise Bristol
Sheri Evans
Ed Galloway
Terri Hammer
Michael Hunt
Tessa Kirkpatrick
Will Martin
Robert McIver
Rosa McNairy
Felix Ndayisenga
Phyllis Parker
Parrish Peddrick
Paula Pile
Carole Simms
Doug Stone
Sara Stroud
Tom Tilley
John Whisnant
Brantley White

Class of 2022

Erik Albright
Wells Brabham
Anne Brown
Lisa Cook
Mary Eagle
Jean Goodman
Jill Hare
Jim Hoeger
Dolly Jennings
Griffin Jones
Doris Kiser
Beau McIntosh
Tom Nelson
David Patterson
John Redhead
Kelly Seymour
Joe Vartanian
Steve Warren
Debbie West
Adrienne Woods

Youth Elders

Ellie Cowan
Clara Pope

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES

(Responsible for L. Richardson Trust)

Class of 2020: Hoke Huss

Class of 2021: Betsy Harrington

Class of 2022: Ginni Lineberry

Class of 2023: Lisa Anderson

Class of 2024: Alex Maulsby

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 memory of my husband Mose Kiser, Jr. by Doris Egerton Kiser and family ... Catherine Egerton, David and Katie Egerton, Jean and Mose Kiser III, and Lilia and Pat Kiser.

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](mailto:cwow@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.

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).

HYMNS FOR THE UPCOMING REVIVAL – Congregation members are invited to request favorite hymns that we will hear and sing as part of revival services. Send your favorites to Debby Foster, dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4702, by Thursday, September 12.

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

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 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 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

Julian Richard Rogers
August 19, 2019

Walter Wiley Hitchcock
August 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 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.

(new start time, 9:15 a.m., begins Sept. 8)

- **TED Talks Faith** – Bring your coffee from fellowship time to watch & discuss a short talk, curated by our Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Residents and Discipleship director Matt Logan. Meets in the Spencer Love Room, Memorial 200.
- **Parents study** – Kara Powell's *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teens and Young Adults Thrive in Faith, Family and Future*. Class meets in Memorial 304.
- **A discussion on lessons from Samuel** led by Dr. Charles Howell in YMBC. Class meets in Redhead Hall.
- Sandie Gravett will lead a discussion on **the People of the Plain**. The Agape Class meets in the Garden Room, down the hall from the Welcome Center.
- **Exodus** – A deep study of the second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers Class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.