



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1, 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

O God, our guide and guardian,
you have led us apart from the busy world
into the quiet of your house.
Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth,
to the comfort of our souls
and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.
Enable us to do more perfectly
the work to which you have called us,
that we may not fear the coming of night,
when we shall surrender into your hands
the tasks which you have committed to us.
So may we worship you not with our lips only at this hour,
but in word and deed all the days of our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Allegro from *Concerto in F*..... George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)
John Alexander, piano

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Danny Massie

CALL TO WORSHIPKeith Dove

Leader: Praise the Lord, my soul;
All my inmost being praise his holy name

People: Praise the Lord, my soul

Leader: and forget not all his benefits. Praise the Lord, you his angels,
You mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**People: Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
You his servants who do his will.**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

All: Praise the Lord, my soul.

– from Psalm 103:1-2, 20-22 NIV

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 619 – Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven.....LAUDA ANIMA

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in shame we confess before you the sin that has marred our discipleship. The hypocrisy we condemn in others is evident in our own lives. You have loved us but we have failed to love others. You have been faithful to us but too often we are faithless. You have kept your promises to us but our vows are so easily broken and forgotten. Forgive us, Lord, and by your grace enable us to live out the faith that we profess. Fashion us into the people and the church that you are calling us to be, 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: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!.....MARION

Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your

King. Re - joice! re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ: *Matthew 6:24-33*

Reader: Catherine Freeze

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN.....Matt Logan

ANTHEM: If Ye Love MeThomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Summer Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

THE WORD READ: *1 Kings 4-9, 10, 11 (selected verses)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: Ivory, Apes, and PeacocksDanny Massie

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal reflection.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 175 – Seek Ye First LAFFERTY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Matt Logan

**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 *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: Nearer, My God, to Theearr. Dan Forrest

Peter Swanson, cello

Summer Choir

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,
E'vn though it be a cross that raiseth me.
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee,
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Oh, let the way appear, leading to heav'n,
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n.
Nearer, Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest.
Age after age to be nearer, My God to Thee!
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

- text: Sarah F. Adams, 1841

* 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. 286 – Breathe on Me, Breath of GodTRENTHAM

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Danny Massie

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY: Tuba Tune in D Craig Sellars Lang (1891-1971)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Danny Massie, Interim Pastor | Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident |
Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship | Catherine Freeze, Lay Reader |
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist |
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | Peter Swanson, Cello | Summer Choir*

“Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven” Text: Henry Francis Lyte; Music: John Goss.
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre; Music: Arthur Henry Messiter.
“Seek Ye First” Text: Karen Lafferty; Music: Karen Lafferty.
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Text: Edwin Hatch; Music: Robert Jackson.

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:

*Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation |
Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident |
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 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 Dr. Edward "Ted" Sharpless by his family.

DECEMBER 29: LAST FLOWER DATE 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.

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.

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.

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).

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

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.

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

Mary Elizabeth Irvin
August 25, 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!"

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: FPC welcomes children of all ages in worship and affirms that children are an integral part of our faith community. In order to ensure their safety, we ask that children be accompanied by an adult at all times inside and outside the Sanctuary, including restrooms and hallways.

Nursery care is available for children up to 6 years old on the first floor of the Mullin Life Center. They may stay in the nursery during the entire service or parents may walk children to the nursery after the children's message.

Children's worship bags are available on a cart in the Tower Room. Children may assemble a bag with crayons, coloring pages, small toys, and other items to help them engage in the worship service. Please return the bag and all items at the end of the worship service.

Restrooms, including a family room, are located off the hallway behind the sanctuary. If you need to step out of the service temporarily with a child, the service can also be viewed via live stream in the Virginia Gilmer Room behind the Sanctuary,

Questions about FPC children's ministries?
Please contact Lisa Witherspoon,
lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org.

NEXT WEEK IN CHURCH SCHOOL

9:15 a.m. – new start time!

- **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. For this first meeting, Alexandra Mauncey leads discussion of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TED Talk, "The Danger of a Single Story." All ages are welcome! Meets in the Spencer Love Room, Memorial 200.
- **New fall study** – Donna Chase provides an overview of *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teens and Young Adults Thrive in Faith, Family and Future*. Class meets in Memorial 304 Class meets in Memorial 304.
- **Keith Dove will lead a discussion on "Growing Spiritually"** in the Homebuilders and Faith Matters Class. Class meets in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **Join in a lively discussion on spiritual growth and social justice issues** in the Commitment Class, which meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- 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.
- **A discussion on lessons from Samuel** led by Dr. Charles Howell in YMBC. Class meets in Redhead Hall.
- **Exodus** – A deep study of the second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers Class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.