

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAREWELL SUNDAY FOR SID BATTS

OCTOBER 14, 2018

10:30 a.m.

## 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: Choral no. 3 in a minor .....César Franck (1822-1890)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY  
Sid Batts and Dolly Jacobs

\* CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Nate Sell

Leader: Lord, we will trust you.

**People: Help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.**

Leader: Give us the faith to leave old ways

**People: and break fresh ground with you.**

\* BAGPIPE PROCESSIONAL: Highland Cathedral  
*Stuart Marshall, bagpipes*

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 275 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God..... EIN' FESTE BURG

\* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Nate Sell

**Christ of the mysteries, can we trust you to be stronger than the unknown  
that dwells inside of us? We still yearn for your glory to light upon us.  
Grant us the will to show others the care that you have given us. We are  
determined to always trust you. Amen.**

*A brief period of silence is reserved for personal confession*

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We choose to live beyond regret.

**People: We will let Christ recreate our lives.**

Leader: We believe in God's will and we will trust and obey.

**People: The good news is that God's mercy is  
from everlasting to everlasting.**

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

CHORAL RESPONSE: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above ..... Jody W. Lindh

*Cherub Choir, Credo Choir and Canticle Choir*

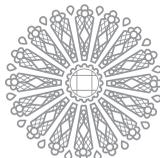
*Chancel Choir*

*Radha Upton, piano*

Praise the Lord who reigns above,  
And rules the earth below;  
Praise the holy God of love  
And all God's greatness show;  
Praise God for great and noble deeds,  
Praise God for Power and love adored;  
Praise God for whom all good proceeds,  
Let all things praise the Lord.

Celebrate the eternal God with harp and psaltery,  
Timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;

Praise with every tuneful string;  
All the reach of heavenly art,  
All the powers of music bring,  
The music of the heart.



# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: *Psalm 118:1-4, 26-29*

*Reader: Catherine Freeze*

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

**Leader:** Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**People:** **Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

**Leader:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**People:** **The Lord is God, and he has given us light.**

**Leader:** Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

**People:** **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

**All:** **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN..... Lisa Witherspoon

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

ANTHEM: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship..... HOLY MANNA

*Rejoice Ensemble*

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, that holy blessings will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners around you slumb'ring on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray, that holy blessings will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, that holy blessings will be showered all around.

Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound;  
Pray, oh, pray that holy blessings (may be scattered all around).

SECOND LESSON: *1 Peter 2:4-10* ..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 233)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Get Off The Bus ..... Sid Batts

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 321 – The Church's One Foundation..... AURELIA

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Dolly Jacobs

**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*

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: Let the People Praise Thee, O God .....William Mathias (1934-1992)  
*Chancel Choir*

Let the people praise thee, O God:  
yea, let all the people praise thee  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad  
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously  
And govern the nations upon earth

Let the people praise thee, O God:  
yea, let all the people praise thee  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase  
And God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing  
God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him.  
God be merciful unto us and bless us  
And shew us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us  
That thy way may be known upon earth thy saving health among all thy nations

Let the people praise thee, O God:  
Yea, let all the people praise thee  
Glorious be to Father and to the Son and the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end, Amen.

*- Psalm 67*

\* 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-  
lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL RECOGNITION ..... Transition Team

CHORAL BENEDICTION: God Be In My Head ..... LYTLINGTON

*Children's Choirs will sing the benediction the first time through,  
and the Congregation will join on the second time.*



God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;  
God be in my head, and in my think - ing;  
God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

\* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ..... Sid Batts

\* BENEDICTION

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.**

\* BAGPIPE RECESSIONAL: Scotland the Brave  
*Stuart Marshall, bagpipes*



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Sid Batts*, Senior Pastor

*Nate Sell*, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

*Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

*Lisa Witherspoon*, Associate Director of Children's Ministry

*Catherine Freeze*, Lay Reader

*Lizzie Albert and Sarah Parrish*, Acolytes

*John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist

*Robert Wells*, Director of Chancel Choir

*James Keith*, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

*Stuart Marshall*, Bagpipes

*Radha Upton*, Piano

*Chancel Choir*

*Cherub Choir*

*Credo Choir*

*Canticle Choir*

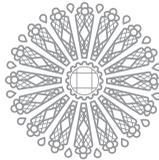
*Rejoice! Ensemble*

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Text: Martin Luther; Music: Martin Luther.

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

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

"God Be In My Head" Text: *Sarum Primer*; Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson.



\* 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.

**THE LITURGY FOR THIS SUNDAY** is adapted from Brenden The Navigator's prayer, "Prayers for the spiritual journeys". It is Sid's favorite prayer.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** The rosebud in the chancel celebrates the birth of Mason Gray Ivey on October 9, 2018. Mason is the son of Chuck and Ashleigh Ivey, and joins four-year-old siblings Charles and Hunter. The family resides at 1817 Colonial Avenue, Greensboro, N.C. 27408.

**ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS:** The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Peg and Skip Moore on their wedding anniversary by Sara Moore Stroud and Taylor Stroud.

**EXECUTIVE PASTOR NEIL DUNNAVANT** is away this morning leading a group of twenty First Presbyterians on a trip to Canada, and will return Tuesday.

**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.

**USHERS NEEDED** for Sanctuary worship services! If you can help out on Sunday mornings, contact Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4711.

**OUR 10:30 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED** on the web, and can be accessed at [fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live](http://fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live), or [livestream.com/fpcgreensboro/fpclivestreaming](http://livestream.com/fpcgreensboro/fpclivestreaming). You can also sign up for reminders and alerts at [livestream.com/fpcgreensboro](http://livestream.com/fpcgreensboro), and you can stream the service on mobile devices by installing the Livestream app (free account sign-in required).

**"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY ..."** First Presbyterian Church would like to pray for you. Please fill out one of the prayer request cards, available in the Sanctuary, the Quiet Center on the second floor of the Smith Building, or the Mullin Life Center foyer outside of the Rejoice! service. Pastors read and pray these petitions each week. You may also email prayer requests to Rev. Dolly Jacobs, [djacobs@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:djacobs@fpcgreensboro.org). The FPC Intercessory Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Quiet Center, Smith 231. Contact Dolly Jacobs for information or to join.

**THE SADYE BOWLES FUND CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE:** Funds are currently available to help pay for needs such as assisted living at home or in a facility, prescription drugs, and medical and dental care for FPC members aged 55 and over. Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance, live within 50 miles of Greensboro, and complete an application. For more information, contact Maggie Turner at 336.478.4724.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP ENRICHMENT** during our 10:30 am service this year. Please contact Lisa Witherspoon ([lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336.478.4726) if you are able to help out with this valuable experience.

**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.

**WHAT'S GOING ON:** Connect with our media to keep in touch with upcoming programs and events.  
Start at [fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media](http://fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media).

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.

- **Sandie Gravett: "Reconsidering the Parables of Jesus"** in YMBC, meeting in Redhead Hall. Agape Class joins YMBC for this series through November.
- **"The Doctrine of the Trinity: Scripture, Tradition, Art"** in the Gather Class, led by our Director of Young Adult Ministry, Matt Logan, in Cannon's Solarium.
- **Reflecting on Rob Bell's NOOMA video series** through October in the Homebuilders and Faith Matters classes, meeting in Smith 239, Myers Loyalty Room.
- **FPC Elder Hilda Courter leads a discussion** on a chapter of Rob Bell's *What is the Bible?* The Commitment Class meets in Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100.
- **Seekers Class** meets in the Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125, for a study of *Genesis*.