



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY

### 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: Praeludium in e minor.....Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY .....David Partington

\* CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)  
David Partington (10:30 a.m.)

**Leader:** Let us hear clearly what Jesus teaches us about right living.

**People:** **Obey all the commandments. Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal, cheat, or tell lies. Respect your father and mother.**

**All:** **Let us worship God and experience the joy of being the followers of Jesus.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 463 – How Firm a Foundation.....FOUNDATION

\* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION .....Neil Dunnivant

**Gracious and patient Lord, like the rich man unwilling to sell everything and give to the poor, we confess to holding back and playing it safe and not entrusting our lives to you fully. Give us the confidence and boldness to trust and take risks and open our hearts and minds to the words of Jesus. 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.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (10:30 a.m. only) .....David Partington  
"The Quiltmaker's Gift" by Jeff Brumbeau

*Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to Worship Enrichment,  
returning for the Hymn of Response*

OFFERING ..... Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)  
Newton Cowan (10:30 a.m.)

OFFERTORY: Lord Jesus, Gentle Savior..... Walter Pelz (b. 1926)  
*Chancel Choir*

Lord Jesus gentle Savior My Shepherd, Guardian Friend,  
 Oh take the hand I offer and lead me till the end.  
 Without Thee I would falter without Thee I would stray.  
 Oh take my hand I pray Thee and lead me all the way.  
 I have no strength O Savior be Thou my strength I pray.  
 Alone my footsteps wander be Thou my strength I pray.  
 No friend I have beside Thee to whom Lord shall I go?  
 Thou hast the words eternal to guide my steps below.  
 Thou art my only Savior My Master and my King.  
 Accept the heart I offer Accept the praise I bring,  
 Until I reach the portal of Thy blest fold above  
 And join with choirs immortal to sing Thy wondrous love. Amen.

– Herman W. Gockel

\* 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 ..... Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)  
 Newton Cowan (10:30 a.m.)

FIRST LESSON (10:30 a.m. only): Amos 5:6-7,10-15 ..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 853 AND 854)

Reader: *Eva Engebretson*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: Mark 10:17-26 ..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 46)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: The Word of the Lord??.....David Partington

HYMN: No. 455 – Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken.....LISTEN



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 459 – O Word of God Incarnate ..... MUNICH

PRESENTATION AND CONSECRATION OF GIFTS..... Myles Fish

EXPLANATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATION OF CARDS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: Our Talents, Time, and Treasure

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

***[Chorus]:***

***Our talents, time and treasure are gifts we gladly bring.  
As fam'ly bound together in faith and joy we sing.***

**We sing of Jesus' calling to children and to youth,  
to gather close beside him and learn of gospel truth.**

***[Chorus]***

**We sing of Dorcus' sewing her garments for the poor,  
With sturdy threads of kindness to show God's love is sure.**

***[Chorus]***

**We sing of words of comfort God's saints and prophets share:  
The balm of hope and promise, the healing pow'r of prayer.**

***[Chorus]***

**We sing of Psalmist David who raises up his voice,  
With harp and holy melody to worship and rejoice.**

***[Chorus]***

**We sing of Lydia's keenness to offer what she owns:  
A house where grace can fashion a church of living stones.**

***[Chorus]***

**We sing of men and women whose stories still inspire  
Our lives to lavish giving, for God, our heart's desire!**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

No. 712 – As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought..... FOREST GREEN

**As those of old their first-fruits brought  
Of vineyard, flock, and field  
To God, the giver of all good,  
The source of bounteous yield,  
So we today our first-fruits bring,  
The wealth of this good land:  
Of farm and market, shop and home,  
Of mind and heart and hand.**

**A world in need now summons us  
To labor, love, and give,  
To make our life an offering  
To God that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN* continues, over

**To make the dream come true;  
A world redeemed by Christ-like love,  
All life in Christ made new.**

**With gratitude and humble trust  
We bring our best to You,  
Not just to serve Your cause,  
but share Your love with neighbors too.  
O God who gave Yourself to us  
In Jesus Christ Your Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day  
Until life's work is done.**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 716 – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

**God, whose giving knows no ending, From your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
Gifted by you, we turn to you, Off'ring up ourselves in praise:  
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the Church made one,  
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants, Fit to answer, at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
Ours to use, for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by serving all.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)  
Newton Cowan (10:30 a.m.)

*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.**

\* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ..... David Partington

\* BENEDICTION



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*David Partington*, Parish Associate for Congregational Care  
*Neil Dunnavant*, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry  
*Newton Cowan*, Pastoral Care (10:30 a.m.)  
*Myles Fish*, Director of Discipleship and Stewardship  
*Eva Engebretson*, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.)  
*Nick VanGorden*, Acolyte  
*John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist  
*Robert Wells*, Director of Chancel Choir  
*Chancel 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:

*Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
*Nate Sell*, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident  
*Myles Fish*, Director of Discipleship and Stewardship  
*Ellie Wilcox*, Lay Reader  
*James Keith*, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!  
*Rejoice! Band*

“How Firm a Foundation” Text: “K” in John Rippon’s *A Selection of Hymns*; Music: American folk melody.

“Hear the Good News of Salvation!” Text: John B. Renville; Music: Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music*.

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

“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken” Text: Canadian; Music: Canadian.

“O Word of God Incarnate” Text: William Walsham How; Music: *Neuvermehrtes MeinigishcesGesangbuch*.

“Our Talents, Time, and Treasure” Text: Mary Louise Bringle; Music: Memmingen ms. 17th century.

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought” Text: Frank von Christierson; Music: English Folk melody.

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” Text: Robert L. Edwards; Music: *The Sacred Harp*.

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

**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 loving memory of our grandmother, Kitty McGuirt, by Mary Scott, Mac and Catherine Faircloth.

**ABOUT LAST SUNDAY'S FLOWERS:** The chancel flowers for November 4, 2018 were given to the glory of God and in memory of Carolyn J. McNairy and Dorothy McNairy by the Wyatt H. McNairy family.

**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](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).

**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 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.

**PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Among the next steps in FPC's search for new senior pastor is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Session has appointed a group to identify 11 members and 1 youth member for the PNC. That slate will be presented to the congregation for a vote in the new year. The PNC will be representative of our membership with respect to gender, age, and active engagement in and support of our ministries. All members are eligible, **except for** those serving on the PNC nominating group and their families (*Scott Faircloth, Nancy Godwin, Layne King, Al Lineberry, Alex Maultsby, Beau McIntosh, and Susannah Washburn*). Please prayerfully consider the skills and gifts needed for our pastoral search, as well as the qualities and talents of the people that you know. Send your suggestions by using forms available around campus, emailing [fristprespncnc@gmail.com](mailto:fristprespncnc@gmail.com), or calling Debby Foster at 336.478.4702. Names may be submitted until next Sunday, November 18.

**"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.

**CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING AS AN USHER:** We need additional door keepers to God's House. Do you want to see old friends and meet new people? Easy and fun experience only once a month with great benefits. Nice way to get involved at FPC. We would love to have your warm friendly smile to usher in God's presence. Info: Anne Albert, 336.478.4722 or [aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org).

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Helen Snyder Farrar  
November 1, 2018**

**Judith Ann "Judy" Futrell Mincher  
November 3, 2018**

**Frances Dudley Strickland  
November 5, 2018**

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.
- **Neil Dunnivant leads "Sin, Salvation, Redemption, and Transformation: How These Christian Teachings are Different and Similar in other World Religions"** through November in the Homebuilders and Faith Matters classes, meeting in Smith 239, Myers Loyalty Room.
- **Emily Rhyne** with Witness for Peace and the NC Sanctuary Coalition continues. She is accompanied by a friend from Honduras, in the US on a temporary visa, who will share some of his experiences as an immigrant in our country. The Commitment Class meets in Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100.
- **Seekers Class** meets in the Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125, for a study of *Exodus*.