



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

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

CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST

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: Adagio from *Concerto for Violin*..... Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Lentz McNeill, violin

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Dolly Jacobs

* CALL TO WORSHIP Nate Sell (8:30 a.m.)
Dolly Jacobs (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: For God alone our souls wait in silence; for our hope is from him.

People: **He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress;
we shall never be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests our deliverance and our honor;
our mighty rock, our refuge is in God.

People: **Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;**

All: **God is a refuge for us.**

– adapted from Psalm 62

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 267 – Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nate Sell (8:30 a.m.)
Donna Chase (10:30 a.m.)

**Open unto us ... light for our darkness.
Open unto us ... courage for our fear.
Open unto us ... hope for our despair.
Open unto us ... peace for our turmoil.
Open unto us ... joy for our sorrow.
Open unto us ... strength for our weakness.
Open unto us ... wisdom for our confusion.
Open unto us ... forgiveness for our sins.
Open unto us ... love for our hates.
Open unto us ... Thy Self for ourselves. Amen.**

– adapted from Writings of Howard Thurmond

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: At the Name of Jesus KING'S WESTON

At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
ev - ery tongue con - fess — Him King of glo - ry now;
'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,'. The second staff continues: 'ev - ery tongue con - fess — Him King of glo - ry now;'. The third staff continues: ''Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call Him Lord,'. The fourth staff concludes: 'who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.' The score ends with a double bar line.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON (10:30 a.m. only): *Isaiah 43:1-4, 9, 10, 18, 19* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 672)
Reader: Ellie Cowan

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (10:30 a.m. only) Donna Chase
(Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to Worship Enrichment)

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only): *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
Chancel Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 12 (selected verses)*..... FROM *THE MESSAGE*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Changed from the Inside Out*Dolly Jacobs

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 39 – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*..... FAITHFULNESS

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (10:30 a.m. only).....Nate Sell

**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH continues, over

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..... Nate Sell

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: Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts..... K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)
Chancel Choir

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of heav'n,
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
to them that seek Thee, Thou art good,
to them that find Thee, all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee
where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad, when Thy gracious smile we see,
blest, when our faith can hold Thee fast.

Come, holy Jesus, and ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world Thy holy light!

– Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

* 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!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Dolly Jacobs (8:30 a.m.)
Nate Sell (10:30 a.m.)

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Go With Us, LordTALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through
this and ev-ery com-ing day, That in Your Spir-it



VOLUNTARY: Praeludium und Fuge Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care | *Nate Sell*, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation (10:30 a.m.) | *Ellie Cowan*, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.)
Lizzie Albert and Emma Ballenger, Acolytes
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist | *Lentz McNeill*, Violin
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:

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry
Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry | *Hilda Courter*, Lay Reader
James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice! | *Rejoice! Band*

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” Text: Christian Henry Bateman; Music: Spanish folk melody.
“At the Name of Jesus” Text: Caroline Maria Noel; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams.
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Text: Thomas O. Chisholm; Music: William Marion Runyan.
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.
“Go With Us, Lord” Text: Mary Jackson Cathey; Music: Thomas Tallis.

* Please stand as you are able.

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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.

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 Perky Hayes by Nancy and his 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.

OUR 10:30 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED on the web, and can be accessed at fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live, or livestream.com/fpcgreensboro/fplivestreaming. 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).

WINTER IS COMING! To begin receiving FPC alerts for weather and closings, text FPCGSO to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.)

SEEKING SMILING FACES AND HELPING HANDS: Worshipers with mobility challenges are met on Greene Street by volunteers with our Parking Assistance Ministry. If you can help greet these folks and give them a hand into the Sanctuary once a month, please contact Jerry Leimenstoll, jleimenstoll@triad.rr.com or 336.209.2834..

"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. 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 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.

ADVENT

PREPARE YE
THE WAY
OF THE LORD

2018

CELEBRATE A DEEP BLUE FAMILY CHRISTMAS children's activity books available (limited quantity).

CHRISMON TREES, with ornaments made by our members, in the Tower Room & Mullin Life Center circulation gallery.

ANGEL TREES: Nov. 25–Dec. 17. Bags of Hope, for our Hot Dish & Hope guests, can be picked up at the trees in the Welcome Center and Corl Building, and include a list of suggested items. They are due back by Monday, December 17.

Honor family and friends this season with a POINSETTIA PLANT in our Sanctuary for *Lessons & Carols* and Christmas Eve. Order at fpcgreensboro.org/memorialandhonor or pick up a paper form in the Welcome Center, Life Center, Tower Room or narthex. Deadline Dec. 3.

HOT DISH & HOPE HONOR CARDS are available in the Welcome Center, featuring artwork by Shannon Stewart, one of our regular guests. Cards are \$5 or \$25/pack of 5.

DEDICATE A GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL to honor or remember a loved one at Christmas. Dedications are acknowledged on the inside front cover. Make your dedications (\$50 each) by December 10 online at fpcgreensboro.org/giving; or pick up a paper form in the Welcome Center, Life Center, narthex, or Tower Room.

GO AND DO, a collection of Sid Batts' sermons at FPC, is available for \$10 in the Welcome Center. Proceeds will benefit the Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Residency Fund.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES POP-UP STORE
December 2, Welcome Center, 9 am–1 pm. Hand-made, fair-trade crafts & housewares from Asia, Africa, Latin America & the Middle East.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS: *December 2, 9:30 am, Mullin Life Center.* During children's church school, sing Happy Birthday to Jesus and decorate the gingerbread FPC!

ADVENT STUDIES IN CHURCH SCHOOL, 9:30 am, begin *December 2*: Doug McElroy on the birth of Jesus, Agape, Garden Room. • "Preparing, Not Waiting: Christ Is Born, Christ Has Risen, Christ Will Come Again." Matt Logan and Nate Sell lead Solarium Class, Cannon's Solarium. // *December 9*: Wreath making with grades K-5 and Agape class, Garden Room. • "Preparing, Not Waiting..." in Cannon's Solarium. • "Preparing for Christmas," Homebuilders & Faith Matters class, Myers Loyalty Room (Smith 242). // *December 16*: Nate Sell on Advent, Agape class, Garden Room. • "Preparing, Not Waiting..." in Cannon's Solarium. • "Preparing for Christmas," Myers Loyalty Room. // *December 23*: Lane Ridenhour music program, YMBC and Agape classes, Redhead Hall. • "Preparing, Not Waiting..." in Cannon's Solarium. • "Preparing for Christmas," Myers Loyalty Room.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- *December 2* — One combined service, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, as we welcome interim pastor Danny Massie — meet and greet following worship. At 3:30 pm, Kufurahi African Service (Memorial Chapel) celebrates its second anniversary with Dolly Jacobs preaching, Felix Ndayisenga translating, and a potluck supper after worship.
- *December 9, 16 & 23* — 8:30 & 10:30 am Sanctuary, 10:30 am Rejoice! (MLC), 3:30 pm Kufurahi African Service (Memorial Chapel).
- *December 30, Seminary Student Sunday*, 10:30 am Sanctuary service only. No nursery, church school or youth group.

KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: *December 2, 3:30–5 pm, Mullin Life Center.* Decorating cookies and prayer cards for Hot Dish & Hope guests, Advent games.

A LITTLE ADVENT MUSIC, 5 pm, Sanctuary, special offerings for Music Ministry

- *December 2* — A Mountain Bluegrass Christmas led

by James Keith and friends. Free.

- *December 9* — *Messiah Sing-a-long* — Come sing Part 1 of *the Messiah*, joined by soloists and orchestra. Come at 4 pm for a run-through. Free.
- *December 16* — *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, with Chancel Choir, Canticle Choir, and orchestra. Handbell prelude at 4:30 pm. Free. Child care available.

MORNING ADVENT PRAYER begins *December 4, 7:30–7:45 am, Sanctuary.* Tuesdays and Thursdays through December 20.

WEDNESDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICES

6 pm, Sanctuary.

- *December 5*: Nate Sell with cellist Karl Ronnevik
- *December 12*: Neil Dunnivant with soprano saxophonist Susan Fancher
- *December 19*: Nate Sell with music TBD.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Thursday, December 6, 12:15 pm, Memorial Chapel. For those grieving a loss.

FAMILY ADVENT MOVIE: *THE STAR, December 9, 3 pm, Mullin Life Center.* No RSVP needed, parents need to attend with their children. Snacks provided.

PW LUNCHEON & NATIVITY: *December 10, noon, Mullin Life Center.* Weekday Preschool children present *The Christmas Story & nativity.* Get lunch tickets (\$8) by *December 5, 336.478.4799, receptionist@fpcgreensboro.org.*

DARKNESS TO LIGHT FAMILY ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK — *Wednesday, December 12, children's Welcome Center space.* A nativity story followed by a candlelight walk in our outdoor labyrinth. Cookies & cocoa afterward. 4:45–5:30 pm, elementary children & parents. 5:45–6:15 pm, preschool children & parents.

ADVENT PRAYER STATIONS, *December 16, 9:30 am, for children K–5 grade, third floor of Corl Building.*

PRESCHOOL CHAPEL AND NATIVITY:

December 19, 9:45 am, Sanctuary, with nativity presented by Five-Year-Old Class.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

- 10:30 am, Family service.
- 5:30 pm, Candlelight Communion.
- 11 pm, Youth-led Candlelight Communion.