

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 26, 2020 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.

FOR REFLECTION

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

 $-Albert\ Schweitzer,\ The\ Quest\ for\ the\ Historic\ Jesus$

THE VISION OF GOD

Voluntary: Allegro moderato e serioso from "Sonata I"

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

John Alexander, organ

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

People: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves

and take up their cross and follow me.

Leader: For those who want to save their life will lose it,

All: and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the

gospel, will save it."

- from Mark 8:34-35

* Processional Hymn: No. 170 – You Walk along Our Shoreline (SEE PAGE 10)

* Prayer of Adoration

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, your voice has called us to take up our crosses and follow you, but we confess that we have failed to live up to that high calling. We admit that we are hesitant and half-hearted followers of our Lord. We claim to be servants of the Master but seldom ask what he would have us do. We claim to be loyal to the church, but convenience and ease dictate the extent of our involvement. We claim to be concerned about the world, but too often leave the problem solving to others. Forgive our weak and hesitant faith, our apathetic and mediocre discipleship. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and enable us to show the sincerity of our repentance by a renewed devotion to Christ in all our living and a clear following of Christ in all our tomorrows. 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.

As you share the good news of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, please offer one another these words: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Congregational Response	No. 585 – Glor	y to God	(SEE PAGE 11)
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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for	ILLUMINATION
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The Word Read: Jonah 3:1-10 (see page 9)

Reader: Murphy Townsend

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

A Time for Children Lisa Witherspoon

based on "Caithness" Scottish Psalter, 1635 Chancel Choir

They cast their nets in Galilee Just off the hills of brown. Such happy simple fisherfolk Before the Lord came down.

Contented peaceful fishermen Before they ever knew The peace of God That fill'd their hearts Brimful and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, Homeless, in Patmos died. Peter, who hauled the teeming net, Head-down was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace, But strife closed in the sod, Yet, brothers, pray for but one thing— The marvelous peace of God.

- William Alexander Percy

The Word Read: Matthew 4:18-22 (See page 9)

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn of Response: No. 721 - Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

(SEE PAGES 12-13)

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

 $- from \ A \ Declaration \ of \ Faith$

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: Followers of the Lamb.......Philip Dietterich (b. 1931) Chancel Choir

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

Sing on, dance on, followers of the Lamb.

O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb.

O sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

O sing on, dance on, followers of the Lamb.

O I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

Sing on, dance on, followers of the Lamb.

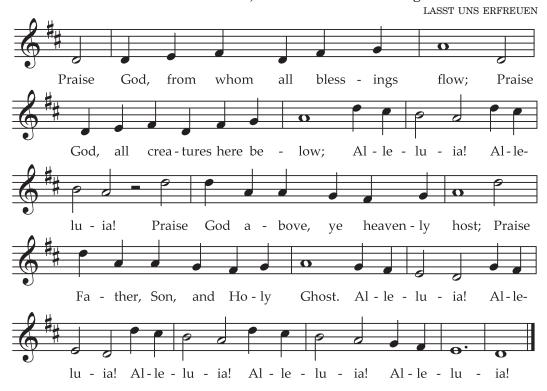
O, I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

Sing on, dance on, followers of the Lamb.

- Shaker text

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



- * Prayer of Dedication



NEXT SUNDAY, DANNY WILL PREACH ON GENESIS 15:1-18:15

Please read these chapters before coming to church on February 2, so that we may worship together more effectively. These scriptures will not be read as part of the service.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry
Murphy Townsend, Lay Reader
Lizzie Albert, Acolyte
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Chancel Choir

"You Walk along Our Shoreline" Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan; Music: Johann Steurlein.

"Glory to God" Text: Anon; Music: Peruvian melody.

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" Text and Music: Cesáreo Gabaráin.

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

"Will You Come and Follow Me" Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule; Music: Scottish melody.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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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 ROSEBUD IN THE SERVICE TODAY celebrates the birth of Deklyn Rose McElroy, who was born December 18, 2019. Deklyn is the daughter of Kristin Ginther & Sean McElroy. The family resides at 3405 Whitehurst Rd., Apt. A, Greensboro, NC 27410.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of JoAnne Wilson by David Wilson and family.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE – You can honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sunday morning worship service in the Sanctuary. The flowers are accompanied by a note in the bulletin explaining their significance. The following dates are open: March 29; May 17; June 28; July 26; August 23; December 27. Contact Carolyn Yow, 336.478.4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org to learn more.

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).

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.

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)

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 pastor-on-call at 336.908.8615 and let us know so that we can extend a hand in prayer and care.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL NEWS: You can sign up for our weekly E-News and our Thursday morning Sunday Preview at fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media.

WINTER IS UPON US! 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.*)

IN MEMORIAM

Corinne Grimsley Donkle January 22, 2020 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

February 2, 9:15 a.m.

- TED Talks Faith meets in Corl 305. Bring your coffee from fellowship time, all ages are welcome. Donna Chase will lead the discussion, "An Enneagram Journey to Self Discovery and Spiritual Formation."
- Confirmation Parents meet in Memorial 300, and Danny Massie will lead the discussion, "Who is your Lord?"
- "Working Through Tough Theological Issues" begins, new series led by Sandie Gravett in YMBC, with the Agape Class joining. This series addresses some of the toughest theological questions we face in the 21st century, and looks at how contemporary theologians are grappling with them. Meets in Redhead Hall.
- In the Homebuilders and Faith Matters Class, Eloise Hassell leads a discussion on the Dale Carnegie book, "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living." Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- Seekers Class continues a study of Exodus, led by Gerard Davidson, in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.

FELLOWSHIP IN THE WELCOME CENTER with coffee & snacks: 8:45-10:30 a.m., hosted by the Seekers Class, Gay White and Chris & Rhonda Holloway.

Jonah 3:1-10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Matthew 4:18-22

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

You Walk along Our Shoreline 170



Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.

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Glory to God

Gloria a Dios



¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!

¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén! May be sung in call and response pattern.

TEXT: Anon.

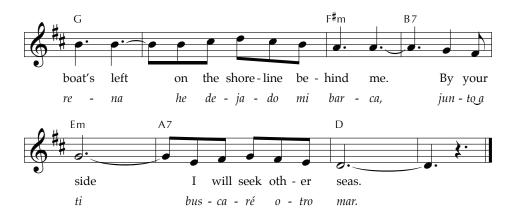
MUSIC: Peruvian melody

MACHU-PICHU

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore



This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.



SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos, tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas, tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos, ansia eterna de almas que esperan, amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



will be grown in you and you me?" you let my life in Will you let an - swer prayer in you and you me?" me in ad - mit what I mean in you and you me?" and in through my sight and touch and sound in you and you me?" in Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.



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JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Go to **FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP** for church events which require an RSVP.

WED

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: 5 pm in Mullin Life Center: Rigatoni with sausage, and ricotta cheesecake. Children's option available. Tickets: receptionist@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4799.



VESPERS – 6 pm, Memorial Chapel. Danny Massie begins a new series on the parables of Jesus. Hear the familiar stories in a new light, become acquainted with the less familiar ones, and open yourself to seeing the world turned upside down by Christ. Led through the spring by Danny Massie and FPC staff.

PARABLE TALK BACK: After vespers, talk more with the preacher and have refreshments in the Blair Hagan Room behind the chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY

Youth-sponsored **SOUPERBOWL LUNCHEON** in Redhead Hall after worship. Soup is free; donations accepted for youth missions. To-go containers available. If you have a favorite soup to share, sign up now at *fpcgreensboroyouth.org*; click the *Upcoming* tab for the link. Wear your favorite jersey for Super Bowl Sunday!



AND A FEW DAYS LATER ...

FEBRUARY 4

Ale-leluia – Join Matt Logan & pastoral residents for conversation at the crossroads of faith & current events. 7 pm at Double Oaks, 204 N. Mendenhall St.

FEBRUARY 5

Women's new six-week **study of** *Ephesians* begins, 3:30-5 pm Wednesdays in Main 125. Led by Peggy Rice, peggyrice01@bellsouth.net.

IT'LL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

FEBRUARY 9

Our new church directories are on the way! They will be distributed beginning Sunday, February 9, from 9 am to noon in the Welcome Center. They will be available at the reception desk after that date. As a reminder: One free copy is provided to each household who had a photo taken by Lifetouch. Households who submitted their own photos may purchase a copy for \$10, and households who did neither may purchase a copy for \$15.



The Session and pastoral staff invite you to a **celebration of the long** and fruitful ministry of our church visitor, Russell Sherrill. 3-4:30 pm at Well-Spring Retirement Community, in the Special Occasions Room in the main building. Please stop by and bring a card or note of thanks for Russell's pastoral care to our congregation.

Kids Disciple Club & Faith Friends, jumping fun at Skyzone. 3:30-5:30 pm, \$10 per child. RSVP to Lisa Witherspoon (lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4726) by February 5.

FEBRUARY 10

Monday Book Club 10:30, Solarium, Mary Piper's Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age; facilitated by Alexa Aycock.

PW Luncheon – Quiches, salads, and seasonal fruit with mascarpone sauce. RSVP by Feb. 5, 336.478.4799 or receptionist@ fpcgreensboro.org.

Lectio Divina, 11:30 am, Myers Loyalty Room.

FEBRUARY 11

Tuesday Book Club 1:30, Garden Room, Tara Westover's *Educated: A Memoir*; facilitated by Donna Chase.

RSVP NOW:

Understanding Dementia-Related Behavior: Thursday, March 5, 10:30 am to noon in the Garden Room, Smith 124, presented by Well-Spring Solutions. RSVP by Feb. 27 by contacting Maggie Turner, mturner@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4724.

Enneagram Retreat for Adults: Saturday, March 7, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. \$30, lunch and snacks included. Child care available upon request.

FEBRUARY 23 IS MULLIN FORUM SUNDAY with guest preacher Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, dean of Duke University Chapel. Lunch after worship is open to everyone, \$10. RSVP by February 16 to Stephanie Olson, solson@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4799, or at the reception desk.

FEBRUARY 26 IS ASH WEDNESDAY Services and imposition of ashes at 7:30 am in Memorial Chapel with coffee and biscuits afterward in the Welcome Center; 9:45 am children's chapel; and 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.