

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 1, 2020

10:30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / COMMUNION SUNDAY

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.*

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Récit de Tierce en taille Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE..... Danny Massie

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We praise you, O God, for creating the world
out of the swirling darkness.

All: For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

One: We praise you, Lord Christ, for your redemption:
in the darkness of the cross and the cold tomb.

All: For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

One: We praise you, Holy Spirit, for sustaining us in our own dark nights.

All: For the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

One: Let us worship the Triune God together.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 165 – The Glory of These Forty Days (SEE PAGE 12)

* LITANY FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Leader: For forty days and forty nights the rain fell,
and the waters covered the face of the earth.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Leader: For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of promise.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Leader: Moses spent forty days on the mountain,
learning the commandments of God.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Leader: Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness,
to hear the voice of God in the silence.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Leader: Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh:
Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Leader: Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days, and was tested by the devil.

All: Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSIONMaria Hanlin

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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: Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days.....ST. FLAVIAN

A - bid e with us, that so, this life Of suf-fering o - ver - past, An
Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ: *Deuteronomy 8*.....(SEE PAGE 10)

Reader: Lisa Allen

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN..... Donna Chase

THE WORD READ: *Matthew 4:1-11*..... (SEE PAGE 11)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Nights in the Wilderness.....Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 167 – Forty Days and Forty Nights.....(SEE PAGE 13)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: In the Wilderness from *Despite and Still*Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
Nicole Wood, mezzo-soprano

He, of his gentleness,
Thirsting and hungering
Walked in the wilderness;
Soft words of grace he spoke
Unto lost desert-folk
That listened wondering.

He heard the bittern call
From ruined palace-wall,
Answered him brotherly;
He held communion
With the she-pelican
Of loneley piety.

Basilisk, cockatrice,
Flocked to his homilies,
With mail of dread device,

With monstrous barbed things
With eager dragon eyes;
Great bats on leathern wings

And old, blind broken things
Mean in their miseries.
Then ever with him went,
Of all his wanderings
Comrade, with ragged coat,
Gaunt ribs – poor innocent –

Bleeding foot, burning throat,
The guileless young scapegoat:
For forty nights and days
Followed in Jesus' ways,
Sure guard behind him kept,
Tears like a lover wept.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

The image shows three staves of musical notation for a congregational response. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise". The second staff contains: "God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye". The third staff contains: "heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The music consists of simple, rhythmic patterns suitable for congregational singing.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Danny Massie

GREAT THANKSGIVING Neil Dunnivant

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: ... we sing your praise.



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes



God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

followed by 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Neil Dunnivant and Danny Massie

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Detra Davis, Anne Albert, and Julie Celona-VanGorden, sopranos
Chancel Choir

I want Jesus to walk with me
all along my pilgrim journey.
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me
when my heart is almost breaking.
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Neil Dunnivant

* HYMN: No. 546 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (SEE PAGE 14)

* BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor | Maria Hanlin, Pastoral Care | Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation | Lisa Allen, Lay Reader
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist | Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Detra Davis, Anne Albert, and Julie Celona-VanGorden, Sopranos
Nicole Wood, Mezzo-soprano | Chancel Choir

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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THE LITURGICAL COLOR PURPLE seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the season of Lent.

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT preachers will engage "night scenes" from the Bible, remembering that Christ journeys with us in our own seasons of darkness, just as we journey together in these 40 days towards the cross and the empty tomb.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Marion Millican by his 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: May 17; July 26; August 23; December 27. Contact Carolyn Yow, 336.478.4768 or [cyow@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:cwow@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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of electing the next class of elders, and at-large members of the 2020-2021 Nominating Committee. Elder nominees are: Bill Benjamin, David Cashwell, Katherine Farless, Emily Faucher, Jack Harrington, Robby Hassell, Catherine Johns, Christie Mitchell, Allison Morrisette, Chuck Norman, Chip Permar, Lori Richardson, Hunter Ricks, Karen Rinehart, Karen Schaede, Doug Shaw, John Sullivan, Andy Supple, Camille Townsend, Martha Turner; youth elders, Mac Faircloth and Cameron Jones; and trustee of FPC, Jim Hegner.

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)

IN MEMORIAM

**Mary Louise "Weasel" Rhodes
February 23, 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

March 8, 9:15 a.m.

- Cassiopeia Eagle, Mary Eagle's transgender daughter, will speak about **the struggles of being part of the LGBTQ community in today's culture**. Commitment Class meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- Doug McLeroy will share **his experience as pastor to soldiers** in the Homebuilders and Faith Matters Class. Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **"Working Through Tough Theological Issues"** continues, led by Sandie Gravett in YMBC, with the Agape Class joining. This series addresses some of the toughest theological questions of the 21st century, and how contemporary theologians grapple with them. Redhead Hall.
- **TED Talks Faith** – Bring your coffee from fellowship time to watch & discuss a short talk, "The Strange Tale of the Norden Bombsight" and discuss whether war can ever lead to peace. Keith Dove will lead, all ages are welcome. Corl 305.
- **Seekers Class** begins a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans, led by Gerard Davidson. Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.
- **Confirmation Parents** meet in Memorial 300, and Donna Chase leads the discussion, "Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Teaching?"

FELLOWSHIP IN THE WELCOME CENTER with coffee & snacks: 8:45-10:30 a.m., hosted by Glenn Williamson.

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Deuteronomy 8

A Warning Not to Forget God in Prosperity

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

165 The Glory of These Forty Days

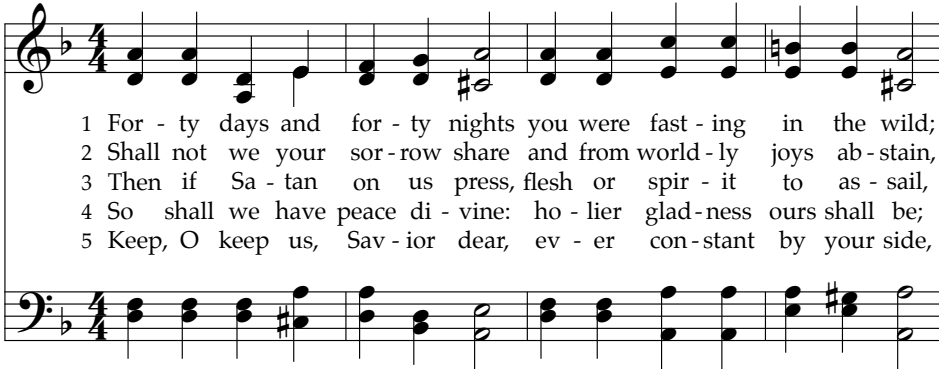
1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all
lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's
sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

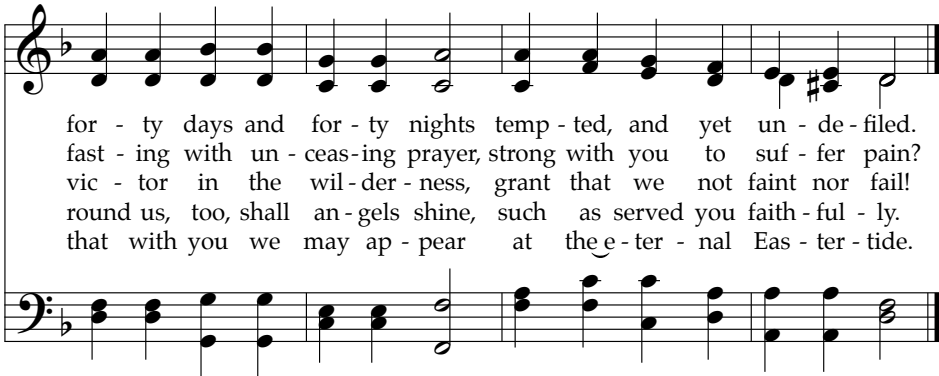
things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MARCH 1-8, 2020 • MORE AT FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

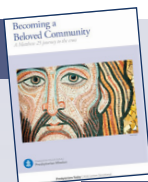
TODAY

CONCERT: SISTERS IN SONG – 4 pm, Sanctuary.

A duet recital featuring five singers and two pianists: Our Chancel Choir members Julie Celona-VanGorden, Emily Ford-Coates, and Anne Albert, sopranos; Stephanie Foley-Davis, mezzo-soprano; and Radha Upton, pianist; will be joined by Hilary Webb, soprano, and Christy Wisuthseriwong, pianist. The recital features duet works by Purcell, Quilter, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Britten, Chausson, Faure, Massenet, Schubert and Paladilhe.

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS opens online at fpcgreensboro.org/summercamps.

YOUTH LENTEN YOGA – Virginia Gilmer Room. 6:30-7:15 pm is beginner's yoga, led by certified instructor Nathan Vercaemert, with a weekly Lenten intention. Small group following yoga, 7:15-7:45 pm. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable exercise attire. Registration is needed (fpcgreensboro.org/signup), but you don't have to attend every week. \$5 per class, pay at the weekly sessions.



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE in Welcome Center, Tower Room, and MLC.

MONDAY

ENNEAGRAM RETREAT RSVP DEADLINE – *see back for more info.*

LENTEN LEADERSHIP STUDY OF MATTHEW 25 begins; Mondays, 5:30-6:45 pm, Solarium, led by Rev. Frank Dew and assisting FPC staff. Last fall, FPC joined the PC(USA) Matthew 25 vision, committing to Jesus' call in Matthew 25:31-46 by focusing on revitalization efforts within our congregation; dismantling racism; and eradicating systemic poverty.

TUESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

VESPERS – 6 pm, Memorial Chapel. Speaker: Neil Dunnivant, Parable of the Treasure Hidden in a Field.

serious playfulness
& wise foolishness

THE
PARABLES



FELLOWSHIP SUPPER – Eggplant parmesan, green beans, bread pudding. Children's alternative available. 5-6:30 pm, Mullin Life Center. TICKETS: Receptionist@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4799.

RSVP BY MONDAY:

fpcgreensboro.org/signup
or at reception desk

\$30 includes lunch, snacks.
Child care available.

ENNEAGRAM RETREAT

Saturday, March 7

9:30 am-2:30 pm



Gina Roes, counselor,
spiritual director &
Enneagram facilitator

Take the Enneagram test
to discover your type.

Free test:

[https://www.9types.com/
rheti/index.php](https://www.9types.com/rheti/index.php)

Paid test with more
information: \$10,
www.wepss.com.

LEARN HOW GOD HAS WIRED YOU!

Reformer, Helper,
Achiever, Individualist,
Investigator, Loyalist,
Enthusiast, Challenger,
or Peacemaker?

SATURDAY

L'ACADÉMIE DU ROI SOLEIL CONCERT – 7:30
pm-9 pm, Sanctuary. Presenting the Couperin
Lecons de Tenebres with two sopranos, viola da
gamba, and organ.

NEXT SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – "spring
forward" one hour.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP! Our
team delivers food to the elderly and shut-ins the
third Wednesday of each month. We need two
people to take over a regular route for a couple
who are retiring after many years of dedicated
service. 9:30-11 am. Contact Linda Allen, [liallen1@
yahoo.com](mailto:liallen1@yahoo.com) or 336.549.3367.

HELP MEET OUR LENTEN GOAL of 5,000 pounds
of canned goods by Easter! *As of last Monday, we
were at 1,499 pounds.*

MARCH 21

BACH CONCERT with Andrew Willis and John
Alexander, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary. Free.

A DAY OF LIGHT

PAISLEY TRAVELERS DAY TRIP, Thursday, April 23,
starting with *Painting with Color and Light*, an
exhibit of Tiffany glass at Reynolda House in
Winston-Salem, and then the Spectacular Spring
Tulip Bloom at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden
in Kernersville. \$35 cost covers transportation,
admission, and guided tours at both locations.
RSVP by April 9 by sending a check payable to FPC
55+ Travel Group to Dolly Jennings, 202 N. Holden
Road, Greensboro, NC 27410. More info: [dj6871@
gmail.com](mailto:dj6871@gmail.com) or 336.854.2663.