



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2020

10:30 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## The Service for the Lord's Day

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

### The Vision of God

VOLUNTARY

*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE.....Dolly Jacobs

MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

**God is our refuge and strength,  
A very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
Though its waters rage and foam,  
And though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

*- Psalm 46:1-3*

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 625 – O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art

(see pages 2 and 3)

## O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the \*worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then \*I shall bow in

hear the \*roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the  
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and  
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to  
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

*\*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

*Refrain*



u - ni - verse dis - played:  
feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
take a - way my sin:  
God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!



## We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON: Do Not Be Afraid.....Maria Hanlin

## We Respond to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Neil Dunnivant

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*– The Apostles’ Creed, traditional*

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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*Please participate in the offering by giving online at [fpcgreensboro.org/give](http://fpcgreensboro.org/give)  
or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

*Anne Albert, soprano  
Robert Wells, baritone  
John Alexander, piano*

CLOSING HYMN: No. 306 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds ..... (see page 6)

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE ..... Maria Hanlin

VOLUNTARY

*John Alexander, organ*



# Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*

*Maria Hanlin, Pastoral Care*

*Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor*

*John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist*

*Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir*

*Anne Albert, Worship and Music Coordinator*

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.

**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)*

### **WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING:**

All church-related events are canceled through end of day Sunday, March 29. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, [fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org), and also on our live streaming page, [fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live](http://fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live). Also check our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina) and YouTube channel ([fpcgreensboro](https://www.youtube.com/fpcgreensboro)) as we are working to air the service there as well.

### **WWW.FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION**

**FOR ONLINE STUDIES:** Beginning Sunday, Christian Formation plans to have several video study options available for all ages. Beginning Wednesday, March 25, video Vespers sermons will be available. .

We will continue to update you regularly and adapt as things change. Please keep in touch:

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