



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2020

10:30 a.m.

FIFTH 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Danny Massie

MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

**O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;  
Whose steadfast love endures forever.  
Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord,  
For God's wonderful works to humankind.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story,  
Those whom God redeemed from trouble.  
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

*- based on Psalms 32 and 107*

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 307 – God of Grace and God of Glory..... (SEE PAGE 2)

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Lisa Witherspoon

SCRIPTURE READING: *Exodus 12:37-42; 13:17-22*

The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. A mixed crowd also went up with them, and livestock in great numbers, both flocks and herds. They baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt; it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves. The time that the Israelites had lived in Egypt was four hundred thirty years. At the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the companies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. That was for the Lord a night of vigil, to bring them out of the land of Egypt. That same night is a vigil to be kept for the Lord by all the Israelites throughout their generations.

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, "If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, "God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here." They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

SERMON: "Keeping Watch" ..... Doug McLeroy

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Alexandra Mauney

**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

*Susan Fancher, soprano saxophone*

CLOSING HYMN: No. 39 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness ..... (SEE PAGES 5 AND 6)

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE .....Doug McLeroy

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## 39

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Danny Massie*, Interim Pastor | *Doug McLeroy*, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care  
*Alexandra Mauney*, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident  
*Lisa Witherspoon*, Associate Director of Children's Ministry  
*John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist | *Susan Fancher*, Soprano Saxophone

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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.

**WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING:** All church-related events are canceled through end of day Sunday, April 26. 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.

### WHILE THE CAMPUS IS CLOSED, PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION ONLINE

- ◆ On our home page, [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG), messages on our First Elm Notes blog from pastors and staff
- ◆ At [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION)  
*For adults:* Church School studies • Lectio Divina with David Partington on Mondays • Study of Romans on Tuesdays || *For youth:* Lenten Yoga and journaling || *For children:* Story Time • Godly Play

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

- **IF YOU HAVE A PASTORAL EMERGENCY**, contact the Pastor on Call at 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number.
- **CHECK [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CORONA-VIRUS](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CORONA-VIRUS)** and our social media for updates
- **SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS AND OUR THURSDAY MORNING SUNDAY PREVIEW** at [fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media](http://fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media).
- **SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS:** Text [FPCGSO](tel:3364784724) to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (*Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.*)

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE** – The current plan is for videos of Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, and Holy Wednesday services to be posted on our website at 6 pm on each of those days. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be livestreamed, both at 7:30 pm. No Saturday Easter Vigil service this year. Easter Sunday will be livestreamed at 10:30 am.

**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.

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