

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 14, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Please sign the online Welcome Pad.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Give me, O my Lord,
that purity of conscience
which alone can receive your inspirations.
My ears are dull,
so that I cannot hear your voice.
My eyes are dim,
so that I cannot see the signs of your presence.
You alone can quicken my hearing,
and purge my sight,
and cleanse and renew my heart.
Teach me to sit at your feet
and to hear your word. Amen.

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Sicilienne from *Suite for Organ* Maurice Durufé (1902-1986)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Dolly Jacobs

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

All: **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.**

One: In him, the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

All: **in whom you are also built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.**

- Ephesians 2:19-22

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 688 – Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim-ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa-tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* 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.**



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 55:6-11*

Reader: Joyce D'Arconte

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Donna Chase

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 2:1-7*

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands: “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.”

SERMON: What Christ Expects of His Church

The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia

2. Ephesus: Love.....Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 828 – More Love to Thee O ChristMORE LOVE TO THEE

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*SUMMARY OF THE LAW*).....Nate Sell

**Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

**This is the greatest and first commandment.
And second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

- Matthew 22:37-40

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: And now, with one voice as we make our pastoral search
journey, let us pray:

People: **Almighty God, we ask your guidance and clear discernment
for our Pastor Nominating Committee and for this
congregation as we seek a new pastor for our family of faith.
Be present in all deliberations; make all aware of your will for
us; and keep us mindful of our calling to serve you in faithful
ministry and mission through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Ubi caritas Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has bound us together in one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in His love;
Let us fear and adore the living God, and
Let us love Him with a pure heart.
Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING Danny Massie

CLOSING HYMN: No. 361 – O Christ, the Great Foundation..... AURELIA

1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

VOLUNTARY: Festal Flourish.....**Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)**
John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care | Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Nate Sell, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident | Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Joyce D'Arconte, Lay Reader | John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | Chancel Choir Ensemble

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2020 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SLIDESHOW – Click here to take a look back at our high school seniors as we celebrate their new journeys and time here at FPC. We are proud to always be a home for them.

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 until further notice. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, fpcgreensboro.org, and also on our live streaming page, fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live. Also check our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina) as we air the service there as well.

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

- ▷ On our home page, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG, messages on our North Elm Notes blog from pastors and staff
- ▷ At FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION you will find the latest online classes, plus an archive of things you may have missed.

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- **SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS AND OUR THURSDAY MORNING SUNDAY PREVIEW** at fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media.
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