

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 21, 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

Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Andante Sostenuto from *Symphonie-Gothique*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Keith Dove

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God,
you endure pain while suffering unjustly.

All: **If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong,
what credit is that?**

CALL TO WORSHIP continues, over

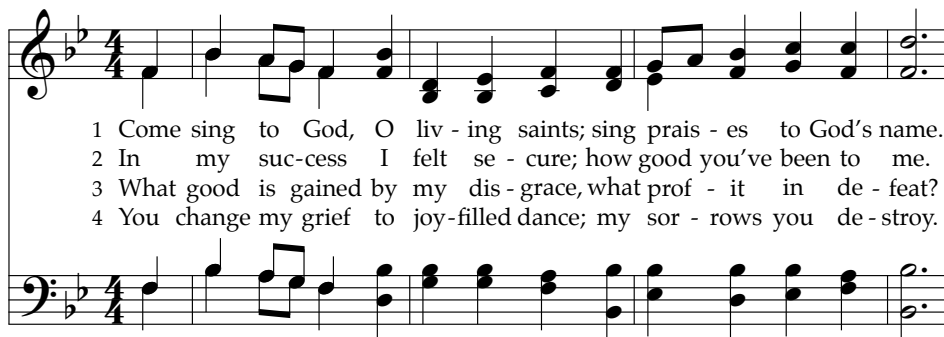
One: But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it,
you have God's approval.

All: **For to this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,**

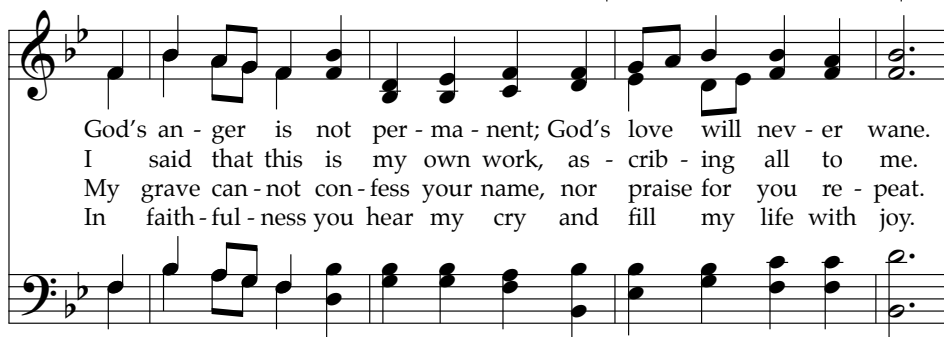
One: leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

- 1 Peter 2:19-21

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 805 – Come Sing to God.....ELLACOMBE



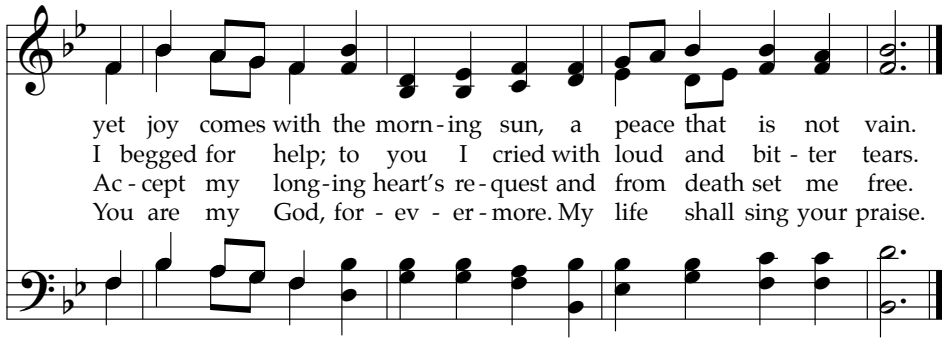
1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.



God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.



Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.



yet joy comes with the morn-ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long-ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Hold our requests in abeyance, Lord,
 Until we are willing to serve instead of being served;
 Until we are more concerned for justice than our comfort;
 Until we walk the second mile without complaint;
 Until we sacrifice so others may eat;
 Until we right our wronged relationships;
 Until we do our part to build the church for which Christ died.**

**We often run from the demands of the gospel
 While expecting our demands to be met.
 Forgive our cowardice and neglect.
 We repent of our posturing and pettiness.
 Energize our discipleship that we may serve you
 In meeting the needs of others, for your Kingdom's sake. 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: *Psalms 91:7-16*

Reader: Vivian Guthrie

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Kevin Murray

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 2:8-11*

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life: “I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.”

SERMON: What Christ Expects of His Church

The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia

3. Smyrna: Suffering Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 846 – Fight the Good Fight.....DUKE STREET

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

**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

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


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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Give Me Jesus Larry Fleming (1936-2003)
Chancel Choir Ensemble

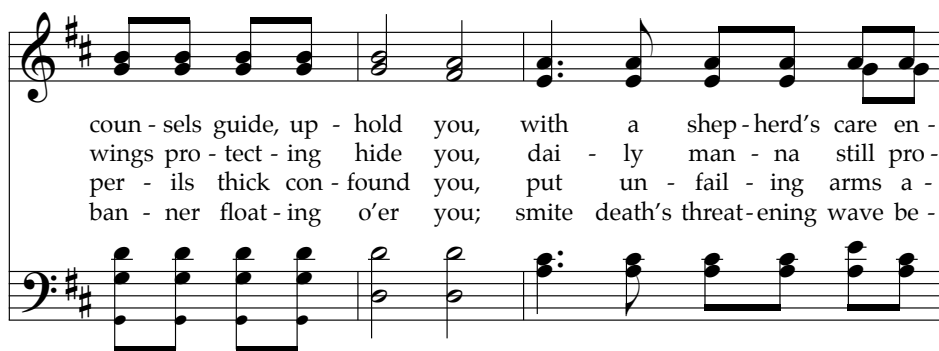
Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.
And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Danny Massie

CLOSING HYMN: No. 542 – God Be with You Till We Meet Again.....GOD BE WITH YOU



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you:

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue.....Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident | Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident | Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry
Vivian Guthrie, Lay Reader | John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | Chancel Choir Ensemble*



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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 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.

SECUREGIVE MOBILE APP – In addition to giving online (fpcgreensboro.org/give), you can download the SecureGive mobile giving app for Apple  or Android  (*scroll over for clickable links*). You can use the app as a guest or create an account. It's quick, easy, secure, and allows you to make a donation using a bank card.

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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** 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.
- **SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS:** Text FPCGSO to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (*Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.*)

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.

IN MEMORIAM

William "Bill" Stafford Knox
June 15, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Curtis Ray Lashley
July 21, 1934 – July 5, 2019

Anyone worshipping in our sanctuary owes a debt of gratitude to Curtis Lashley. He was the driving force behind the installation of the beautiful Letourneau organs which were dedicated in 2000. This was a project of the heart for Curtis and brings God's glory to our worship. This is just one example of what Curtis has contributed to our church.

Curtis was born in Roxboro, North Carolina to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dewey Lashley and grew up in Burlington before receiving his BS and MD degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. He was a member of the first class of interns at Cone Hospital. While at Cone he met his life-time partner, wife, Terry Garrison Lashley. He was in private practice in the Guilford College area before joining Pilot Life Insurance Company as Medical Director, and he ultimately retired from Lincoln Financial Corporation as Senior Vice President and Corporate Medical Director.

Curtis continued to use his professional skills for good as he served as chair of the Medical Section of the American Council of Life Insurance and chair of the Middle Atlantic Medical Directors among many others. In the community he was active on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity and other charitable entities. Curtis served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Greensboro and Lt. Governor of Kiwanis International. His work with many organizations led to his being named Greensboro's Civic Leader of the Year in 1986.

Curtis was known as the Chief of all Nations through his work with Indian Guides of Guilford County and that was a love that continued for him. He came to be known as "Chiefy" to his family and all those that loved him. He had a passion for Native Americans and participated in several mission trips sponsored by our church.

He was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church, serving as elder and trustee and as a member of many committees. His wisdom and counsel were immensely valuable to the church.

God blessed "Chiefy" with many gifts and he blessed all of us.

The Session gives thanks to God for Curtis's life and offers its deepest condolences to his family and friends. It requests that a copy of this memorial be placed in its minutes and a copy sent to his family.