

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 26, 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.

## THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Theme and Cantabile on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

John Behnke (b. 1953)

John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Neil Dunnivant

CALL TO WORSHIP (SUNG): This Is the Day .....Nate Sell

This is the day, this is the day,  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day,  
that the Lord has made.



## HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 611 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ..... HYMN TO JOY

Text: Henry van Dyke / Music: Ludwig van Beethoven



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



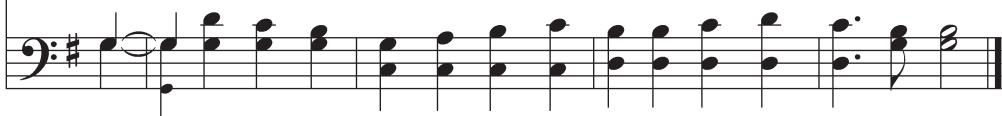
Hearts un-fold like flowers be - fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are sorry for all the ways we are wrong.  
We are sorry for when we don't share well.  
We are sorry when we say mean things,  
When we don't love people,  
And when we make messes that we don't clean up.  
Please forgive us. Help us to do better.  
We know that you love us no matter what.  
Help us love like You do.  
In Jesus' name, 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: Psalm 23

Reader: Evan VanGorden

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are  
with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint  
my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I  
shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Donna Chase

**ANTHEM:** For the Beauty of the Earth ..... John Rutter (b. 1945)  
Julie Celona-VanGorden and Anne Albert, sopranos

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

– text: F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 7:1-5

Reader: Nick VanGorden

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON:** A Story for Children: The Rose Colored Glasses ..... Neil Dunnavant

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (SUNG):** Jesus Loves Me ..... Keith Dove

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

## 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](http://fpcgreensboro.org/give)  
or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Hymn to Him.....Dion DiMucci  
Rejoice! Ensemble

Do you walk in the shadows  
Are your dreams swept with fear?  
Does your heart fill with sadness  
With the night drawing near?

Do you yearn for the moment  
When you'll be safe and warm?  
Do you search for the shelter  
From life's oncoming storms?

[Chorus]:  
Come to Him through the darkness,  
Come to Him through the rain.  
Walk with Him from misfortune,  
Walk with Him from the pain

He's the light of salvation.  
He's the head that's never bowed.  
He's the first step of wisdom.  
He's the sun through the clouds.

If the winds of disaster  
Have blown through your night,  
And the dreams you have cherished  
Can't begin to take flight,

Take his hand through the sunlight,  
Lift your head high above,  
Let your blood flow forever,  
With the warmth of his love.

[Chorus]  
Blend your life with his blessings,  
Drink the wine of tomorrow.  
Yesterday must be banished  
With the seeds of your sorrow.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ..... Neil Dunnavant

VOLUNTARY: Fantasia on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

John Behnke (b. 1953)

John Alexander, organ



### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Nate Sell, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor

Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Donna Chase, Director of Spiritual Formation

Evan VanGorden and Nick VanGorden, Lay Readers

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Julie Celona-VanGorden and Anne Albert, Sopranos

Rejoice! 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.

**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:

Our church campus will remain closed until early October. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page and also on our live streaming page..

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

- ▷ On our [home page](#), messages on our North Elm Notes blog from pastors and staff
- ▷ On our [DIGITAL FORMATION](#) page, you will find the latest online classes, plus a library of things you may have missed.
- ▷ Our [DIGITAL FORMATION LIBRARY](#) offers videos, special studies, children's programs, and more you may have missed.

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 OUR MEMBER RESOURCES PAGE** for our online directory, staff list, and other information.
- **SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS AND OUR THURSDAY MORNING SUNDAY PREVIEW** on our [Connect](#) page.
- **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.*)

**SECUREGIVE MOBILE APP** – In addition to giving online, 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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### TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**FOR HUNGER MINISTRIES:** Our Hot Dish & Hope take-out dinners, canned food collection on Wednesdays, and Giving Back Garden are more important than ever. Please [make a gift](#) to support these ministries.

**GOD'S DREAM MURAL UNVEILED THIS MORNING:** The Children's Mural for Peace has been traveling from house to house for several weeks, with families each painting a portion of it. Designed by member Kelly Rightsell, it was inspired by the children's book *God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The finished mural will hang on the Prayground fence on Elm Street as a witness to our community.

**MEMBER SURVEY** – Please share your thoughts with our COVID-19 Task Force, ministry committees, and staff using the [online survey](#). Session has affirmed the task force's recommendation to work toward a return to in-person worship (with appropriate safety measures) in October. Should circumstances change an earlier date can be considered.

**JOIN THE 30-DAY JOURNEY** to learn about issues of power, privilege, and systemic racism. Coordinated by the Race Equity Task Force. Start [your journey here](#).

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Danny Massie continues the summer sermon series, "What Christ Expects of His Church: The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia," with "Philadelphia: Perseverance." In church school, Danny opens a video study of the Book of Ruth.

**COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY** – During next Sunday's livestream worship service, we will celebrate communion. The Sacraments Team invites you to pick up a home communion kit in advance. Kits will be handed out at the semi-circle drive on Elm Street:

- Wednesday, July 29, 10 am-noon and 4-6 pm; and
- Saturday, August 1, 9-11 am.