



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2, 2020

10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

## 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

Everlasting God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being:  
You have made us for yourself,  
so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,  
no weakness keep us from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Soliloquy .....David Conte (b. 1955)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Neil Dunnivant

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Neil Dunnivant

One: As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,

All: **but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.**

One: They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,

All: **thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future,**

One: so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 504 – We Come as Guests Invited ..... WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,  
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,  
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;  
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;  
 our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured  
with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,  
re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.  
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. 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 111*

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Lisa Witherspoon

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 3:7-13*

““And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens: “I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: What Christ Expects of His Church

The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia

7. The Letter to Philadelphia: Trustworthiness .....Danny Massie

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 511 – Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven ..... LLANFAIR

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven  
2 All is read - y, come at - tend  
3 All who trust in God be - long Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.  
as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend; Al - le - lu - ia!  
at this ban - quet with this throng.  
here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:  
come from north, west, south, and east; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;  
here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."  
cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!  
taste and see: the Lord is good.  
All who share God's feast are blessed.

The musical score consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1 Come, behold! the feast of heaven; 2 All is ready, come attend; 3 All who trust in God belong Alleluia!; 4 As the Lord our God has willed, has to mortal flesh been given. as the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia! at this banquet with this throng. here the hungry soul is filled; Hear the Word of God declared: come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia! Share the mystical holy food; here the weary are refreshed. "Come! the banquet is prepared." celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia! taste and see: the Lord is good. All who share God's feast are blessed.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE ..... Danny Massie

GREAT THANKSGIVING..... Dolly Jacobs

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: ... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise.



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, —  
2. Bless - ed is he who comes



God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION..... Neil Dunnivant

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together..... arranged by William Lawrence

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees,  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION .....Danny Massie

CALL FOR THE OFFERING.....Dolly Jacobs

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Thee We Adore.....T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1894-1964)

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour,  
Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail.  
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.  
O blest memorial of our dying Lord,  
Who living bread to us doth here afford!  
O may our souls forever feed on Thee,  
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.  
Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,  
Cleanse us, unclean, in Thy most cleansing flood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.  
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face,  
The vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

*- founded on the Plainsong "Adoro te devote"*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ..... Danny Massie

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 523 – You Satisfy the Hungry Heart..... BICENTENNIAL

*Refrain*    D    Bm                    G            F#m    D/F#    Em                    A            D

You sat-is- fy the hun- gry heart with gift of fin- est wheat;

                  Bm                    F#m                    Em                    A            D    *Fine*

come give to us, O sav- ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

                  Bm                    G            F#m            G            A7            Bm

- 1 As when the shep- herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
- 2 With joy- ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat- i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys- tery of your pres- ence, Lord, no mor- tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your- self to us, O Lord; then self- less let us be,

                  Em                    A                    Em                    Em7            A    *to Refrain*

so when you call your fam- ily, Lord, we fol- low and re- joice.  
 that you should count us wor- thy, Lord, to share this heav- en- ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de- clare our one- ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can- not con- tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth- er in your name in truth and char- i - ty.

VOLUNTARY: Voluntary in D..... George Dyson (1883-1964)

*John Alexander, organ*



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor | Danny Massie, Interim Pastor*  
*\Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*  
*Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry*  
*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:** Our church campus will remain closed until early October. 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).

### 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.
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- **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.*)

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

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Rejoice! service, with Rev. Alexandra Mauney preaching. John Willett leads (by video) in church school.

**PRAYERS FOR PARENTS:** Sunday evenings, beginning tonight, we will offer a simple prayer with a Bible verse on Facebook and Instagram. We hope these prayers will offer comfort and reassurance as our families prepare for a challenging start to the school year. The first week of school we will offer prayers each morning for our children and all the wonderful people who have a part in forming them. [More info here.](#)