

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 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

God invites us into his healing presence with these words:
"I am the Lord, who heals you."
Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated,
We come hungering for health that only God can provide.
God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears,
And tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.
We bow before him in faith and expectancy!

*– from The Worship Sourcebook
based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10*

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Adagio from *Concerto in a minor* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
John Alexander; organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Alexandra Mauney

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
All: **Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.**
One: Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
All: **Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.**
One: Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.
All: **I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.**

- Isaiah 55:1-3

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 610 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first five lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God,
 You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
 We confess that we have not bowed down before him
 and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
 We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
 and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, Lord.
 Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
 that we may be his loyal ambassadors, obeying his commands,
 heeding his expectations for the church,
 and responding to his overtures of love. 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 47*

Reader: Lisa Allen

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Donna Chase

ANTHEM: The Light of the World Andrew Carter (b. 1939)
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Behold, I stand at the door and knock:
If any man hear my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
Jesus said, "I am the light of the world:
he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."
Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: that giveth his life for the sheep."
Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."
Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and life."
Behold, I stand at the door and knock: I will come to you.
— from Revelation 3:20; John 8:12, 10:11, 14:6, 11:25

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 3:14-22*

‘And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

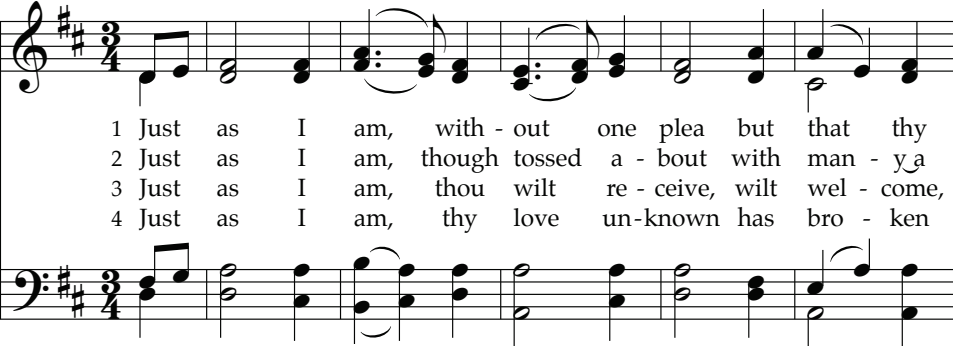
‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
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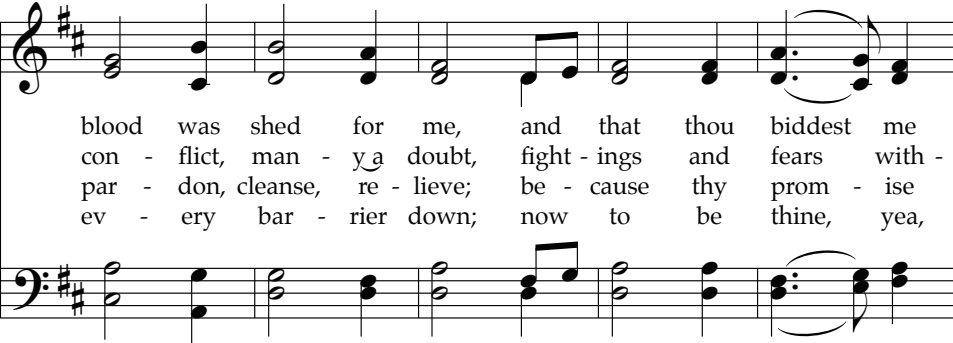
SERMON: What Christ Expects of His Church
The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia
8. The Letter to Laodicea: Submission.....Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 442 – Just as I Am, without One Plea..... WOODWORTH



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
I be - lieve, thine a - lone,

**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: E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul O. Manz (b. 1919-2009)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

- Revelation 22

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Danny Massie

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 682 – It Is Good to Sing Your Praises ELLESDIE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1 It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most
2 You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have
3 But the good shall live be - fore you, plant - ed in your dwell - ing

High, show - ing forth your lov - ing - kind - ness when the morn - ing lights the
wrought; you have made my life vic - to - rious; great your works and deep your
place, fruit - ed trees and ev - er ver - dant, nour - ished by your bound - less

sky. It is good when night is fall - ing of your faith - ful - ness to tell,
 thought. You, O Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, reign for - ev - er - more in might;
 grace. In his good-ness to the righ-teous God his righ-teous-ness dis-plays;

while with sweet, me - lo-dious prais-es songs of ad - o - ra-tion swell.
 all your en - e - mies shall per - ish, sin be ban-ished from your sight.
 God, my rock, my strength and ref-uge, just and true are all your ways.

VOLUNTARY: Allegro from *Concerto in a minor....*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Newton Cowan, Pastoral Care
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Lisa Allen, Lay Reader
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Chancel Choir Ensemble

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser.

“Just as I Am, without One Plea” Text: Charlotte Elliot; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury.

“It Is Good to Sing Your Praises” Text: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*; Music: Leavitt’s *Christian Lyre*.



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, and also on our live streaming page, 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 ministry for all ages.
- ▷ Our [DIGITAL FORMATION LIBRARY](#) offers videos, special studies, children's programs, and more you may have missed.

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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 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.](#)

NEXT SUNDAY: Rejoice! service, with Rev. Keith Dove preaching and music from the Rejoice! Ensemble. Neil Dunnivant leads by video in church school.

PRAYERS FOR PARENTS: This week we pray for parents sending their children back to school. Sunday evenings, we 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. Parents can also find support in our [new Facebook group](#), First Pres Parents. [More info here.](#)