

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 30, 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

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

– from The Worship Sourcebook

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 531

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Laura Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Neil Dunnivant

A MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: WHEELS4HOPE.....Adriane Scott-Singleton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: But speaking the truth in love we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

People: **So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.**

Leader: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

People: **Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,**

All: **and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.**

– from Ephesians 4 selected verses

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 403 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty UNSER HERRSCHER

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Therefore, since we are members of one another,
put away falsehood and speak the truth in love.

People: **Forgive us, O God, for we deceive one another.**

Leader: Be angry, but do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your anger.

People: **Forgive us, O God, since we are prone to hold grudges.**

Leader: Do not steal, but work honestly;
make yourselves able to give to those in need.

People: **Forgive us, O God, for we squander your mercies
and take no delight in sharing our means.**

Leader: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths,
only talk that builds up your neighbor.

People: **Forgive us, O God, for we slander one another without
being conscious of the destruction we cause.**

Leader: Know that Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

People: **If we are sorry and truly repent of our sins,
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

* 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: *Leviticus 19:9-18*

Reader: Joyce D'Arconte

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Witherspoon

ANTHEM: If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-15859)
Chancel Choir Ensemble

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *James 3:1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

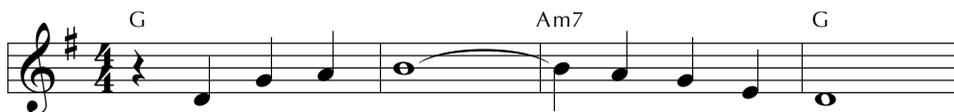
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Words That Are Worthy” Danny Massie



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

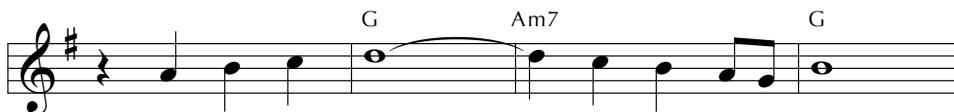
HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 693 – Though I May Speak.....GIFT OF LOVE



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

**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: Cantate domino Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

*Cantate Domino canticum novum:
cantate Domino omnis terra.*

*Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus:
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.*

*Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus,
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.*

*Quoniam magnus Dominus,
et laudabilis nimis:
terribilis est super omnes deos.*

Sing unto the Lord a new song:
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord, bless His name;
show forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen,
His wonders among all people.
For the Lord is great,
and greatly to be praised:
He is to be feared above all gods.

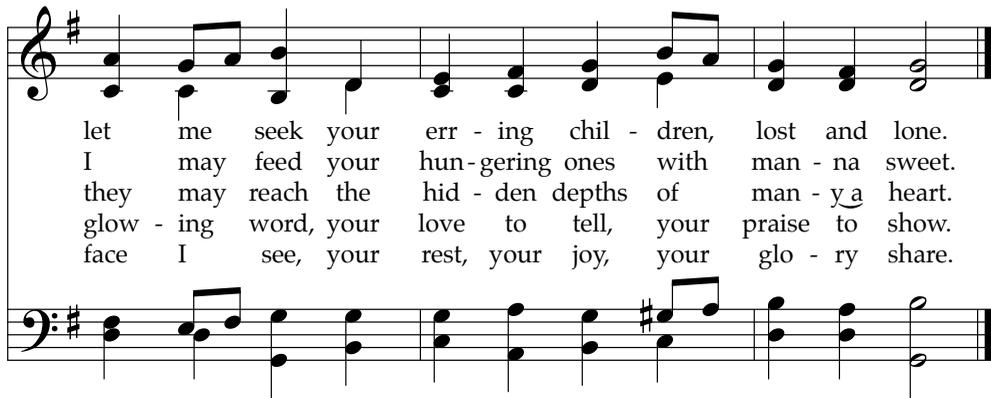
- from Psalm 96

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Danny Massie

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 722 – Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak CANONBURY

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

VOLUNTARY: Allegro maestoso e vivace, Sonata No. 2 in C Minor
 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Laura Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor | Danny Massie, Interim Pastor
Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry
Joyce D'Arconte, Lay Reader | Laura Alexander, Guest Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir | Chancel Choir Ensemble

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The congregation expresses appreciation to elders in the Class of 2020 and trustee in the Class of 2020 for leading the congregation in the way of Jesus Christ:

Elder Class of 2020

Melanie Albright
 John Atkinson
 Elizabeth Bostian
 Elizabeth Brumbeloe
 Richard Cimino
 Andy Cochrane
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 Carrie Cowan
 Ed Cox
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Clint Farabow
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**Youth Elders
 Class of 2020**
 Ellie Cowan
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Trustee Class of 2020
 Hoke Huss

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2021

Larry Bowden
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Ed Galloway
Teri Hammer
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Felix Ndayisenga
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Doug Stone
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John Redhead
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Joe Vartanian
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Class of 2023

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Allison Morrisette
Chuck Norman
Chip Permar
Lori Richardson
Hunter Ricks
Karen Rinehart
Karen Schaede
Doug Shaw
John Sullivan
Andy Supple
Camille Townsend
Martha Turner

Youth Elders

Cameron Jones
Mac Faircloth

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES

(Responsible for L. Richardson Trust)

Class of 2021: Betsy Harrington

Class of 2022: Ginni Lineberry

Class of 2023: Lisa Anderson

Class of 2024: Alex Maultsby

Class of 2025: Jim Hegner

Please consider the following in suggesting your nominee(s):

- **Elders are chosen by the people:** Together with the ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church, as well as the Church at large, including Ecumenical relationships. (*Book of Order*)
- **Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment:** Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel both with the Church and in the world. (*Book of Order*)
- **Church involvement:** Persons who have invested themselves actively in the life and ministry of our church through worship, stewardship, service, teaching, caregiving, outreach and missions, work with children and youth, music ministry and or/committee and administrative work. Persons who are committed to Presbyterian forms of governance.
- **Personal characteristics and skills:** Persons who are cooperative, willing to learn, open to new ideas, dependable, and motivated.
- **Trustees for the Richardson Trust:** Current responsibility is the investment and disbursement of the L. Richardson Trust.

2020-2021 Nominating Committee:

Parrish Peddrick, *chair*; Beau McIntosh, *vice chair*; Ginger Booker, Ty Buckner, Lisa Cook, Ed Galloway, Jean Goodman, Teri Hammer, Jim Hoeger, Lorie Jones, Carole Lesley, Emily Scott, Sam Simpson, John Vanderwerff

Nominations for Church Officers

Members of FPC influence the direction of our church through nominating and electing our leaders. As the Nominating Committee prepares a slate of elders and a trustee for next spring's election, we ask you to suggest members whose leadership will strengthen the church and its mission for Jesus Christ.

Please see more information to the left.

The deadline for nominations is September 27.

There are three ways to submit nominations:

- **MAIL** this form to First Presbyterian Church, 617 North Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, in an envelope marked "Confidential: Nominating Committee."
- OR**
- **EMAIL** Debby Foster at dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org or Parrish Peddrick at parrish.lentz@gmail.com. with the subject line "Confidential: Nominating Committee." Please include the name of the person you are recommending and why you think they would be a good leader; and also note E for Elder, YE for Youth Elder, or T for Richardson Trust Trustee.
- OR**
- **SUBMIT A FORM ONLINE**, found under the "Session" heading at fpcgreensboro.org/member-resources

I recommend:

(Why do you think they would be a good leader?)

Please note **E** for Elder, **YE** for Youth Elder, and **T** for Richardson Trust Trustee

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.

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.

TEXT-TO-GIVE: Give from your phone via text. [See full instructions here.](#)

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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.*)

NEXT SUNDAY: Rejoice! service, with Rev. Newton Cowan preaching. Music from the Rejoice! Ensemble. Two new video studies begin in church school – in YMBC, Charles Howell leads "I am being crucified with Christ," based on Galatians 2:20; and in Agape, Sandie Gravett begins a study of the prophet Ezekiel with "A Vision of God for Troubled Times."

PRAYERS FOR PARENTS: Sunday evenings, we offer a simple prayer with a Bible verse on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). This week we pray for parents who are facing a parenting challenge. Parents can also find support in our [new Facebook group](#), First Pres Parents. [More info here.](#)

IN MEMORIAM

Sally R. Marsh
August 21, 2020