



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro  
September 6, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

## THE VISION OF GOD

*Please sign the online Welcome Pad.  
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

Gathering Music: Hymn No. 388 – *Come All You People (Uyai mose)*

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Welcome, Invitation and Congregational Life

Alexandra Mauney

Call to Worship

**All: Praise the Lord.**

Leader: Praise God in his sanctuary;

**People: praise him in his mighty heavens.**

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power;

**People: praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

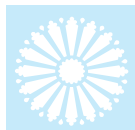
Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

**People: praise him with the harp and lyre,**

Leader: praise him with timbrel and dancing,

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

*– Psalm 150 adapted*



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## Come All You People

*Uyai mose*

*Leader*

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -  
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom

Ahom

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -  
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i  
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom

Ahom

ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

Ahom

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. Ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, no.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er, Lord.

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

Ahom

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This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

**We are a moment, You are forever,  
Lord of the ages God before time.  
We are a vapor You are eternal,  
Love everlasting reigning on high.**

*[Chorus]:*

**Holy holy Lord God Almighty,  
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.  
Highest praises honor and glory,  
Be unto Your name,  
Be unto Your name .**

**We are the broken, You are the healer.  
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever,  
Bowing before You blessing Your name.**

*[Chorus]*

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

**O God, early in the morning I cry to you.  
Help me to pray  
And to concentrate my thoughts on you:  
I cannot do this alone.  
In me there is darkness,  
But with you there is light,  
I am lonely, but you do not leave me;  
I am feeble in heart, but with you there is help;  
I am restless, but with you there is peace.  
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience.  
I do not understand your ways,  
But you know the way for me.....  
Restore me to liberty,  
And enable me so to live now  
That I may answer before you and before me.  
Lord, what ever the day may bring  
Your name be praised. Amen.**

*– Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*A brief period of silence is reserved for personal confession.*

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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Exodus 16:1-12*

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but" against the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Word Read: *John 21:1-14*

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Word Proclaimed: *Let's Just Go Back?*

Newton Cowan



## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: *Come and Find The Quiet Center*

BEACH SPRING

**Come and find the quiet center  
In the crowded life we lead.  
Find the room for hope to enter,  
Find the frame where we are freed.  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
Clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter,  
Be at peace and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,  
Cools the heat and slows the pace.  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
Knows our being, touches base.  
Making space within our thinking,**

**Lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking,  
Finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel  
Open to each other's pain.  
Let our lives and fears unravel,  
Celebrate the space we gain.  
There's a place for deepest dreaming.  
There's a time for heart to care.  
In the Spirit's lively scheming  
There is always room to spare.**

*– Shirley Erena Murray*

Affirmation of Faith

Doug McLeroy

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





*Rejoice! Ensemble*

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

*[Chorus]:*

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame.  
All who are broken lift up your face.  
O wanderer come home,  
You're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart.  
Come as you are .

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed.  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary,  
Rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

*[Chorus]*

There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

*[Chorus]*



Charge and Benediction

Newton Cowan

Song of Sending: *Benediction*

Matt Redman

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord smile on you,  
Shine His light upon you.  
May the Lord lift you,  
Turn His face towards you,  
Give you His peace give you His peace.**

**Blessed we came to this place today  
And blessed now we will go  
In the name of the Father the Spirit and the Son.**

**May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
May the Lord smile on us,  
Shine His light upon us.  
May the Lord lift us,  
Turn His face towards us,  
Give us His peace give us His peace.**

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident | Newton Cowan, Pastoral Care  
Doug McLeroy, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care | Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation  
James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice! | the Rejoice! Ensemble

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**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)*

## 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](mailto:dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org) or Parrish Peddrick at [parrish.lentz@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](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 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](http://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:** Livestream worship with Rev. Danny Massie preaching. Music from the Chancel Choir Ensemble. Two video studies continue in church school – in YMBC, Charles Howell leads "I am being crucified with Christ," based on Galatians 2:20; and in Agape, Sandie Gravett's study of the prophet Ezekiel features "Why Ingesting the Prophetic Word is Something to Think About" (Chapters 2-3).

**PRAYERS FOR PARENTS:** Sunday evenings, we offer a simple prayer with a Bible verse on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Parents can also find support in our [new Facebook group](#), First Pres Parents. [More info here.](#)

### IN MEMORIAM

William E. "Bill" Elmore Jr.  
August 27, 2020