

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2020

10:30 a.m.

WORLD 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

Almighty God,
you built your church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone.
Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit,
that it may manifest your power among all peoples
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

– from the Book of Common Worship

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Toccata per l'elevatione from *Messe delli Apostoli*

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Neil Dunnivant

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,

All: to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us
in our acts of peace.

Leader: This God of peace accompanies us in each
and every circumstance around us.

All: We praise God's name! Amen!

– from Peace and Global Witness

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 372 – O For a World AZMON

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the vocal line.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have ordered us to live as loving neighbors. Though we are scattered in different places, speak different languages, or descend from different races, we are all your beloved children. Forgive us for our need to segregate and exclude those who look, think, or act differently than we do. Empower us to seek common concern for one another so that we may be one people. Teach us to share in the governing of your world under your guiding purpose. Stop the lust for greed, power and war so that all people may enter the community of love promised in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

— from the Book of Common Worship

* 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 133*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lisa Witherspoon

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *John 17:1-9, 20-23*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on

SECOND SCRIPTURE continues, over

earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

”I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

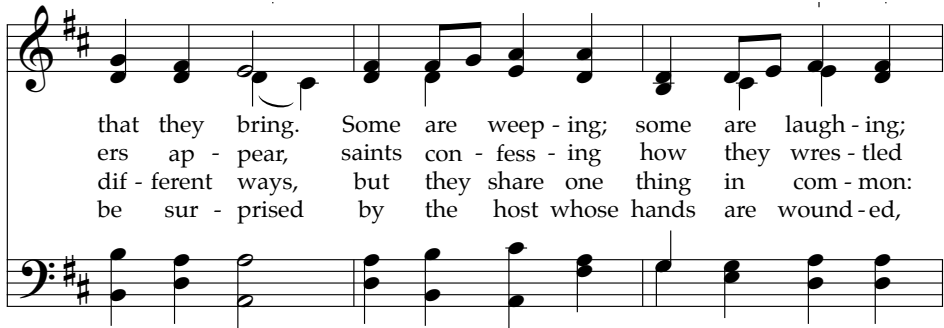
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Being One in a Divided World.....Danny Massie

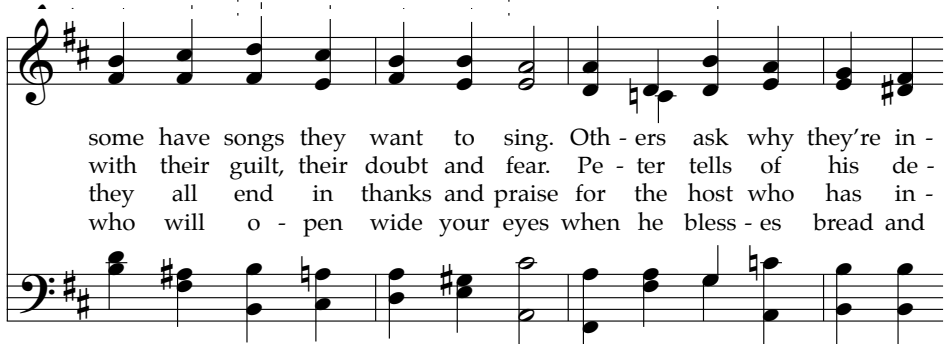
WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 506 – Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table COPELAND

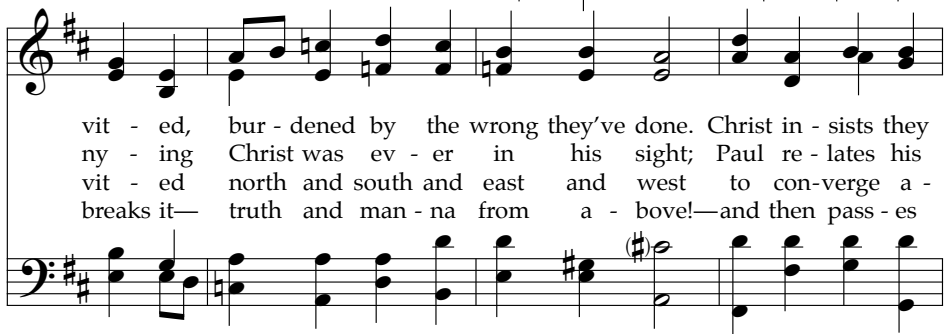
1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Danny Massie

GREAT THANKSGIVING Alexandra Mauney

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..... Danny Massie

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

As We Gather At Your Table K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

- Carl P. Daw, Jr

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONAlexandra Mauney

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.**

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: It Is Well with My Soul..... arranged by Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir Ensemble

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Though Satan should buffet, tho’ trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul.

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
It is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.
– *Horatio E. Spafford*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Danny Massie

CLOSING HYMN: No. 317 – In Christ There Is No East or West MCKEE

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ There Is No East or West'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four verses numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no; 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -; 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your; 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet.

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

VOLUNTARY: In Christ There Is No East or West Dale Wood (1934-2003)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor

Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

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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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

for the purpose of the presentation and election of the 12th pastor of First Presbyterian Church. We will also approve the call and financial compensation package. The meeting will be held at 5 pm via Zoom, with capacity for up to 1,000 members. It will last about 30 minutes.

Here's the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620844517?pwd=dTNNdjJFR1lmMEoxVFY0Z1pJUKFQQT09>



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WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING: Our church campus remains closed; however limited-seating worship will begin Sunday, October 18. *See page 8 for more info.* 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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- **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!-style livestream worship, with Rev. Danny Massie preaching. Music from the Rejoice! Ensemble.

- Sandie Gravett leads a combined video class in Agape and YMBC, **Paul's Letter to the Romans**.
- Commitment, meeting via Zoom. The Fruit of the Spirit, through November 22. Contact **Mary Eagle** for link.
- Seekers, socially distanced. Continuing study of the Book of Romans. Contact **Gerard Davidson**.
- Two video series continue in children's church school. **Godly Play** features Stories from the Old Testament, for pre-K through second grade. **An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation**, for grades 3-5, is available on the Older Elementary Playlist.

IN MEMORIAM

Wyatt Hamilton "Sandy" McNairy
September 27, 2020