

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2020

9:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Caricature of a Sunday School Song.....Dale Wood
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Neil Dunnivant

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The work of God surrounds us!

All: **We respond with praise.**

One: The love of God is visible!

All: **We respond with joy.**

One: The wind of the Spirit is moving!

All: **We respond in hope.**

One: O God, how marvelous are your works.

All: **In wisdom you made them all.**



HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 14 – For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you claimed us all as your children and created us in your image, but we fail to act as one human family and recognize your image in each other. We do not love our neighbors as you have loved us, and we look away from the suffering and needs of others. We pursue profit over community, refusing to share and ensure that there is enough for all. We fail to be stewards of your creation, laying waste to the very land that nurtures and feeds us. Lord, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Have mercy upon us. Hear our cry and save us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 145*

Reader: Reece Medlin

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Donna Chase

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *John 6:1-14*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Abundance for AllAlexandra Mauney

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 769 – For Everyone BornFOR EVERYONE BORN



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus-tice and joy!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITHKeith Dove

We remember that Jesus welcomed children and encouraged us to welcome them in his name, and he lifted up a child as an example of what the realm of God is like. Therefore, we hope for a church where we take seriously our baptismal vow to nurture all children committed to our care, where we bring good news to all those places where children are in need; where adults and children alike share in ministry. We covenant to act so that this vision may be made real for all children, now and in times to come. Amen.

– from A Vision for Children & The Church

TABLE LITURGY WITH PRAYERS

- One: The Lord be with you.
 All: **And also with you.**
- One: Lift up your hearts.
 All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

TABLE LITURGY continues, over

One: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?
All: **We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.**

One: With whom do we gather at this table?
All: **At this table, we gather with all the saints and ancestors who have gone before us.**

One: Whose life do we remember at this table?
All: **We remember and give thanks for the life of Jesus Christ.**

One: Why do we eat bread at this table?
All: **We eat bread remembering Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us.**

One: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?
All: **We drink of this cup remembering the Vine of Life, who gladdens our spirits.**

One: What do we remember at this table?
All: **We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.**

One: What do we ask at this table?
All: **We ask that your Spirit be with us in our eating and drinking and remembering.**

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: Children of the Heavenly Father

arranged by Paul Christiansen

Chancel Choir Ensemble

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

- text: *Carolina Sandell Berg*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONAlexandra Mauney

CLOSING HYMN: No. 748 – Go with Us, Lord..... TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.



INFORMATION MEETING TODAY

Today at 5:30 pm, please plan to attend an information meeting on a property matter via Zoom. A mailing with details was sent out last week. [Zoom info here](#) or call 646-876-9923. Meeting ID 310 446 9478.

Please also plan to attend and vote in the online Congregational Meeting (Zoom webinar) on Sunday, October 25.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor
Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry
Reece Medlin, Lay Reader
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Chancel Choir Ensemble

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher.
"For Everyone Born" Text: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Brian Mann.
"Go with Us, Lord" Text: Mary Jackson Cathey; Music: Thomas Tallis.

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WITH THANKS TO OUR INTERIM PASTOR

Rev. Danny Massie will close his interim ministry with us on November 1. He has led FPC with energy, deep faith, and steadiness, especially during the past seven months as we all had to reevaluate what "being church" really means. Because of ongoing concerns about the coronavirus, we will be unable to host our traditional reception after worship. Please share your appreciation of and love for Danny in these ways:

- *Write a note and mail it to the church.* The Transition Team will collect these and get them to Danny.
- *Email a note to thankyoudanny2020@gmail.com*
- *Greet Danny at the Food Drive-by for Urban Ministry on Wednesday, October 28.* He will be under the tent in front of Redhead Hall from 10 am to noon.





WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING: Our church campus remains closed; however limited-seating worship will begin Sunday, October 18. *See pages 8 & 9 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.

OUR 12TH SENIOR PASTOR ARRIVES DECEMBER 1 – Selected from 150 candidates in a nearly two-year process, Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield will lead worship at FPC for the first time on Sunday, December 6. Please keep Jill in prayer as she prepares to join us. Read more about her at fpcgreensboro.org/pastor.

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.](#)

FIND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ON SOCIAL MEDIA – Members are sharing great photos, comments and more! Follow and Like us on Facebook (search "First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro"), Youtube ("fpcgreensboro") and Instagram ("1stpresgso") to get more of our posts in your newsfeed. Click on these links:



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.*)

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Decatur Cunningham, Jr., by his family.

NEXT SUNDAY: Reformation Sunday. 9 am livestream worship. 11 am in-person worship (*up to 100 worshippers, reservations required, see next page*). Rev. Danny Massie will be preaching. Music from the Rejoice! Ensemble and the Chancel Choir 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.

PRAYERS FOR PARENTS: Today, we pray for parents who are married and parents who are single. 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

Dean Berlin Wiler
October 13, 2020

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES BEGIN TODAY

The Session has approved a return to in-person worship with modifications. NC's trends are steady, Guilford County's hospitalizations are down, and doctors know much more about treatment.

This has been a trying and often lonely time, and we are excited at the thought of being together again in the Sanctuary!

The Livestream service will move to 9 am. You can watch the recording at any time afterward. An in-person service with up to 100 worshipers will begin at 11 am. Look for more information in your mailbox and [on this page](#).

Many staff and members have been planning to make worship together safe and meaningful. You are the most important piece of this: *If you are in a high-risk category, or have symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with the virus, please keep yourself and others safe by staying home and worshiping via the Livestream.* Remember the believers in Acts, who "spent much time together in the temple" and "broke bread at home ... with glad and generous hearts."

We will try this schedule until mid-December, calling on our Spirit-fruit of patience as we learn and make changes.

LIVESTREAM SERVICE

- **Watch live at 9 am**
Click on player screen on home page, fpcgreensboro.org
- **Watch anytime afterward**
Click Replay Livestream on home page.
Click on player screen on home page, fpcgreensboro.org.
Service will show in player screen or at top of column on right, depending on how soon you choose to watch.

MODIFIED IN-PERSON SERVICE

- 11 am; same preacher & sermon as Livestream.
- Up to 100 worshipers; *reservations required*.
- No singing, communion, or bulletins.
- Pew cushions, Bibles, Welcome pads, hymnals have been removed.
- Offering baskets available at the door.
- *See next page for guidelines.*

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)*

MODIFIED IN-PERSON SERVICE: Guidelines for Participating

BECAUSE THIS IS WHO WE ARE: We care about the safety and well-being of our community. Please respect these guidelines from our Covid-19 Task Force and worship leaders. Let's hold each other accountable – if you see someone not abiding by guidelines, speak to them out of love and concern.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: May be made online 9 am Tuesdays - midnight Saturdays while spaces available; just go to the home page (fpcgreensboro.org) and click on the Worship Reservations button. For those unable to use online system, phone option 9-11 am Tuesdays. *See below for more.*

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON SUNDAYS

- Worshipers seated 10:30 - 10:50 am.
- Put on mask before leaving your car – cover nose and mouth, and end below chin. (No gaiters or face shields.)
- One entrance only, the Greene Street door to the Smith Building. Wait on marked spots. Use hand sanitizer provided.
- Only those on reservation list admitted. No exceptions. Please be considerate of our ushers and do not show up without a reservation.
- Ushers will seat those with reservations. Remain in seat with mask on throughout service.

AFTER SERVICE ENDS

- Ushers will release worshipers by pews.
- All exit at Sanctuary door to Greene Street. Use provided hand sanitizer as you leave.
- Remain masked until in your vehicle. If you greet other worshipers, stay 6 feet apart.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS

On Tuesdays, you can go to the home page (fpcgreensboro.org) and click on the Worship Reservations button. We are using SignUpGenius. You do not need to download software or create an account. Phone option for those without technology.

Reservations open each Tuesday at 9 am. Closes when all spaces are taken or midnight Saturday.

ONLINE

1. Go to fpcgreensboro.org. In the Sunday section, click on Worship Reservations.
2. The next page is a Self-Certify Checklist.
 - If you can answer "No" to all questions, you will be taken to the reservation page. Fill in the form and click Submit. You will receive a confirmation email.
 - If you can answer "Yes" to any questions, do not register and consult your doctor.

PHONE

Only for those unable to use online system

Between 9 and 11 am Tuesdays, call 336-478-4713 and speak with person on duty. Reservation is not made unless you speak with someone. Do not leave a message. You will be asked questions from the Self-Certify Checklist. If you can say "No" to all, the staff member will make your reservation.