

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

9:00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' 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

God of our salvation,  
we bless and thank you for calling us to be saints  
and to share every good gift with other members of your body.  
We pray that today's worship service  
will be a lavish sharing of these gifts.  
We pray for generous and open hearts  
for all who lead and all who offer worship.  
We pray for the active and powerful work of your Spirit  
in this gathering so that everyone here will experience  
the kind of fellowship that is only possible  
because of what Jesus has done for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Fugue on the name of Alain ..... Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Neil Dunnivant

A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP .....Art Winstead

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

All: **there is no end to his greatness.**

One: One generation shall praise your works to another

All: **and shall declare your power.**

One: All your works praise you, Lord,

All: **and your faithful servants bless you.**

One: They make known the glory of your kingdom

All: **and speak of your power.**

One: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

All: **Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

- based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 326 – For All the Saints .....SINE NOMINE



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,**

**In every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom your promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*– 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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ: *Psalm 34:1-10, 22*

*Reader: Joyce D'Arconte*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE .....Kevin Murray

A WORD OF THANKS TO DANNY MASSIE .....Trip Adams

THE WORD READ: *Revelation 22:1-5*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: The Communion of the Saints .....Danny Massie



## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 730 – I Sing a Song of the Saints of God..... GRAND ISLE



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and  
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'  
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a  
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a  
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of  
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,  
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Alexandra Mauney

**All saints – who are united to Jesus Christ with their head  
by his Spirit and by faith-have fellowship with him in his graces,  
sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory.  
And, being united to one another in love,  
they participate in each other’s gifts and graces  
and are obligated to perform those public and private duties  
that lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.**

**It is the duty of professing saints to maintain  
a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God  
and in performing such other spiritual services  
as help them to edify one another.**

**It is their duty also to come to the aid of one another  
an material things according to their various abilities and necessities.**

**As God affords opportunity, this communion is to be extended  
to all those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.**

*– from Westminster Confession, Chap XXVI, sec.1-2*

READING OF THE NECROLOGY .....Danny Massie and Alexandra Mauney

ANTHEM DURING NECROLOGY: The Souls of the Righteous..... Geraint Lewis (b. 1958)  
*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

The soul of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
And the pain of death shall not touch them.

To the eyes of the foolish,  
They seemed to perish,  
But they are in peace.

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

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: In paradisum from *Requiem* .....Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) *Chancel Choir Ensemble*

*In paradisum deducant te Angeli;  
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,  
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Ierusalem.  
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,  
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere æternam habeas requiem.*

May angels lead you into paradise;  
upon your arrival, may the martyrs receive you  
and lead you to the holy city of Jerusalem.  
May the ranks of angels receive you,  
and with Lazarus, once a poor man, may you have eternal rest

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ..... Danny Massie

## CLOSING HYMN: No. 375 – Shall We Gather at the River? .....HANSON PLACE

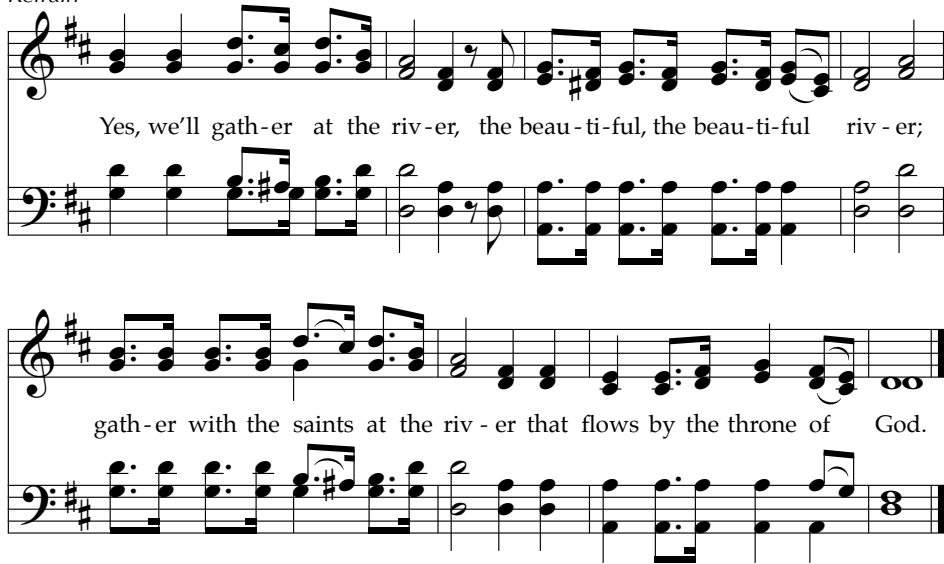
1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Shall We Gather at the River?'. 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 printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;  
gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

VOLUNTARY: Mors et resurrectio..... Jean Langlais (1907-1991)  
*John Alexander, organ*



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor*  
*Danny Massie, Interim Pastor*  
*Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident*  
*Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry*  
*Joyce D'Arconte, Lay Reader*  
*John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist*  
*Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir*  
*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

"For All the Saints" Text: William Walsham How; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams.  
"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Text: Lesbia Scott; Music: John Henry Hopkins.  
"Shall We Gather at the River?" Text and Music: Robert Lowry.

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On All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks to God for life eternal,  
and we recognize the seasons of this life.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NECROLOGY  
November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020

Betty Ann Powell Smith	November 19, 2019
Ann Carr Stroud	November 20, 2019
Margaret Hart Albright	November 22, 2019
Betty Lou Ward	December 9, 2019
Churchill Perkins Brown Jr.	December 31, 2019
Flossye Terrill Turner	January 8, 2020
Corinne Grimsley Donkle	January 22, 2020
Carolyn Watson Hines	January 24, 2020
Mary Louise Rhodes	February 23, 2020
Julie Anne Middleton	March 4, 2020
Cindy Brodax Schink	March 4, 2020
Marion Moore Weatherly	March 4, 2020
James Ronald Peggs	March 7, 2020
Elizabeth Shipley Heberer	March 8, 2020
Lucy Crisp Batts	March 9, 2020
Susanne Chamblee Banner	March 25, 2020
Kathleen Deans Cartland	March 27, 2020
Ellen Austin Williamson	April 6, 2020
Elbert Wray Farlow Jr.	April 9, 2020
Elmer Don Yost	April 14, 2020
Sandra Pope Thompson	May 10, 2020
Catherine Carson Davidson	May 29, 2020
William Stafford Knox	June 15, 2020
John Ralph Lore	June 30, 2020
Elizabeth Miller Strickler	July 5, 2020
Darthea Crenshaw Young	July 10, 2020
Helen Mason Coulter	July 28, 2020
James MacKenzie Scott	August 1, 2020
Betsy Barnes Simpson	August 3, 2020
Sarah Riddle Marsh	August 21, 2020
William Edward Elmore Jr.	August 27, 2020
Maurice N. Jennings, Sr.	September 19, 2020
Wyatt Hamilton McNairy Jr.	September 27, 2020
Dean Berlin Wiler	October 13, 2020
Jimmy Thomas Wilcox	October 16, 2020
John Lafayette Irvin	October 17, 2020
John Herman Snider	October 17, 2020
William Pryor Davis	October 23, 2020
Doris Crews Enochs	October 27, 2020

**WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING:** Our church campus remains closed; however limited-seating worship has begun. *See pages 10 & 11 for more info.* 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.

### TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH FOR 2021 MINISTRY –

This morning, we will hear from member Art Winstead as our campaign to support ministry in 2021 continues. We've learned these past seven months about "being church" in a new way; [hear what choir member Dan Kerns has to say](#) about it.

### 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](http://fpcgreensboro.org/pastor).

**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.](#)

### 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 honor of Danny Massie and his wonderful interim service to FPC by Chuck and Ashley Staton Scott.

**PRAYERS FOR PARENTS:** Today on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), we pray for parents who are afraid. Parents can also find support in our [Facebook group](#), First Pres Parents. [More info here.](#)

**ALL SAINTS' DAY CONCERT:** In lieu of an All Saints' Day concert offering in person this year we invite you to view the recorded performance of Mozart's *Requiem* by our Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra, from November 6, 2016. John Alexander is conducting, along with soloists: Emily Ford Coates, Julie Celona-VanGorden, Shelby Thiedemann, and Anne Albert sopranos, Stephanie Foley-Davis and Nicole Wood, mezzo-sopranos, Lane Ridenhour and Derek Jackenheimer, tenors; and Ralph Davison, Austin Jeffries and Willie Mack, basses. It will be available on [our YouTube channel](#) this afternoon.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Commitment Sunday. 9 am livestream worship. 11 am in-person worship (*up to 100 worshippers, reservations required, see next page*). Rev. Neil Dunnivant will be 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](#).
- Check our [Godly Play](#) and [Older Elementary](#) videos for children.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Livestream service has moved to 9 am. You can watch the recording at any time afterward. An in-person service with up to 100 worshippers begins at 11 am. Look for more information [on this page](#).

It is an ongoing process 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](http://fpcgreensboro.org)

- **Watch anytime afterward**

Click Replay Livestream on home page.

Click on player screen on home page, [fpcgreensboro.org](http://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 worshippers; *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](http://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.

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### IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESERVATIONS

On Tuesdays, you can go to the home page ([fpcgreensboro.org](http://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](http://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.