



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
November 22, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY / BAPTISM SUNDAY

THE VISION OF GOD

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

Gathering Music: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

BEACH SPRING

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

Welcome, Invitation and Congregational Life

Dolly Jacobs

Call to Worship

One: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

All: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Call to Worship *continues, over*

One: Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.
All: **Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

Song of Praise: *Your Great Name We Praise*

**Immortal invisible God only wise.
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days,
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light.
Not wanting or wasting You rule us in might.
Your Justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your Clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

[CHORUS]:

**Most holy most glorious the Ancient of Days,
Almighty victorious Your great Name we praise.**

**All life comes from You Lord to both great and small,
In all life You live Lord the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail,
We wither and perish but You never fail.**

[CHORUS]

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

**Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God.
We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.
Come to us, O God.
Forgive our doubts and fears.
Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.**

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

A Time for Children

Kevin Murray

Baptism of Julia Monroe White

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Prayer over the Baptized

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

The Word Read: *Hebrews 11:32-38*

Erwin Fuller

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Keith Dove

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

– A New Creed from the United Church of Canada

Prayers of the People

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: *I Will Not Be Broken*

Ben Harper / arr. Sam Frazier

Rejoice! Ensemble

Give and you give,
And you give till it's gone.
Then the people you fight,
Hardest for say you're wrong.

Before me flash all of
My memories and days,
So don't stand insincere
At the side of my grave.

I will not be broken,
I won't be turned away,
When it's too cold to breathe,
And too dark to pray,
I will not be broken.

I go too far then,
I go further still.

Time starts to collapse.
Leaves a void none can fill.
Nothing you can say to
Hurt me with your forked tongue.
Through blood shot eyes,
I watch the world come undone.

I will not be broken,
I won't be turned away,
When it's too cold to breathe
And too dark to pray.

I've come too far to give up
Or to be turned around.
I will not be broken.
I will not go down.

Charge and Benediction

Neil Dunnivant

Today's Worship Leaders

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor

Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry

Erwin Fuller, Lay Reader

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Ensemble

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 worshipping 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. On next page, service will show in player screen or at top of column on right-hand side of the page, 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) 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.



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, 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.

TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH FOR 2021 MINISTRY – Our campaign to support ministry in 2021 continues. You can **pledge online here**, and be sure to check out the scrapbooklet, posted on the same page.

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.*)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today during the 9 a.m. service to Julia Monroe White, daughter of Thomas and Jill White.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert (Bob) Williams, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, by BJ Williams and family and in memory of BJ's parents Gwen and Dewey Farrell.

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

OUR 12TH SENIOR PASTOR ARRIVES DECEMBER 1 – 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.

A PEPPERMINT PARADE TO WELCOME JILL DUFFIELD! Join us for a drive-thru car parade with friends, fun & fellowship. Saturday, December 5, 10 am to noon, starting at Fisher & Greene at the Life Center. Decorate your car for the occasion – prizes awarded! Bring a welcome card! Include your picture with names – she has a lot of faces to learn! Pick up kits for Advent & Communion Sunday, and donate canned food for Urban Ministry and coats for Backpack Beginnings.

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday in Advent. 9 am livestream worship. 11 am in-person worship (*up to 100 worshippers, reservations required, see pages 6 & 7*). Rev. Dolly Jacobs will be preaching. Music from the Chancel Choir Ensemble.

- Sandie Gravett leads a *combined video class in Agape and YMBC, Paul's Letter to the Romans*.
- *Seekers*, socially distanced. Continuing study of the Book of Romans. Contact **Gerard Davidson**.
- Check our **Godly Play** and **Older Elementary** videos for children.