



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

11:00 a.m.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

### WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Dolly Jacobs

A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP .....Doug Stone

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God, our Lord Jesus asks us,

All: **“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?”**

One: Children of God, the Holy One asks us,

All: **“Will you let my love be shone, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

One: Children of God, the Spirit of the living God whispers to us,

All: **“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you love the ‘you’ you hide, will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?”**

One: Family of faith, we call ourselves to worship  
as we respond with joyful affirmation:

All: **“Lord your summons echoes true when you but call our  
names. We will use the faith we’ve found, reshape the  
world around; we will love and live and grow in you  
and you in me.”**

*– adapted from the hymn, “The Summons”*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION ..... Dolly Jacobs

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE WORD READ: *Philippians 2:1-13*

*Reader: Dallas Cooke*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

THE WORD READ: *Matthew 21:28-32*

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.



## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### CONFIRMATION

Pastoral Interpretation of Confirmation .....Dolly Jacobs

Introduction of the 2020 Confirmation Class .....Kevin Murray

Questions of Faith.....Dolly Jacobs

1. Do you proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
2. Do you put your trust in Jesus Christ?
3. Do you intend to be his disciples, to obey his word and show his love?
4. Will you be a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church?

### Questions to Mentors and the Congregation

**Pastor:** Confirmation mentors, will you stand.... Having mentored these students through discussion and study do you commit your continued support, knowing you have helped them in one of many important steps in their faith journey?

**Mentors: We do.**

**Pastor:** Congregation, will you stand.... Will you, members of this church, welcome these these new members of First Presbyterian and entrust them with the responsibility of leading our church into the future?

**Congregation: We do.**



PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS .....Kevin Murray  
*concluding with 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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Dolly Jacobs

**I believe in the eternal God. God overflows with love, grace, and forgiveness for us. God is with us even through our sins, but God always leads us to right paths.**

**I believe in God's mystery. As all things in this universe have their source in God, we know our minds cannot fully understand the vastness of God. We humbly use the words we know and understand to express our love for the mystery always surrounding us.**

**I believe in God's creative power and love. As God has created us and loves us, when we cry out to God God hears us and is with us.**

**I believe in God's works. Through nature and the changing seasons God shows us life and death, beauty and tranquility, light and hope. God offers joy to those who notice.**

**I believe in serving others. When we serve God's light is spread throughout the world. Our witness of God offers peace to those who see it.**

**I believe in God's strength. When we face trials or are afraid, God goes with us and never forsakes us. With God we gain strength.**

**I believe in God's promises. Through Jesus Christ, God promises resurrection into a new life. We hope and believe our future is with God.**

*– adapted from faith statements of the Confirmation Class of 2020*

BLESSING OF CONFIRMANDS



### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
*Kevin Murray*, Director of Youth Ministry  
*Alexandra Mauney*, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident  
*Lisa Witherspoon*, Associate Director of Children's Ministry  
*Dallas Cooke*, Lay Reader

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The following eighth-grade Confirmation Class members complete their journey to church membership during today's service.

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| <b>Gretchen Elliot Cimino</b>      | <b>Caitlyn Rose Medley</b>         |
| <b>Carter Reid Cockman</b>         | <b>Vivian Kate Morrison</b>        |
| <b>Sienna Coker</b>                | <b>Ellie Forrester Niven</b>       |
| <b>Lillian Meredith Coladonato</b> | <b>Sarah Elizabeth Parrish</b>     |
| <b>Mary Rose Coladonato</b>        | <b>Ashlyn Hollowell Showers</b>    |
| <b>Dallas Allen Cooke</b>          | <b>McCarty Moore Spencer</b>       |
| <b>Andrew Coleman Dover</b>        | <b>Grayson Elizabeth Stanley</b>   |
| <b>Eugenia Sullivan Edmunds</b>    | <b>Fuller Trimble Stewart</b>      |
| <b>Jacob Greene Haverland</b>      | <b>Alan Winfield Sutton</b>        |
| <b>Thomas James Hunt</b>           | <b>Caroline Lee Tilley</b>         |
| <b>Audrey Leona Jenkins</b>        | <b>Elizabeth Reece Tisdale</b>     |
| <b>William Allen Jordan</b>        | <b>Hanna Grace Walters</b>         |
| <b>Molly Elaine Lovvorn</b>        | <b>Grace Elizabeth Weathersbee</b> |
| <b>Elijah Daniel McAlister</b>     |                                    |

## 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](http://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](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.

## 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 is 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.

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.*)

**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 ("1stpresgo") to get more of our posts in your newsfeed. Click on these links:



**TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH FOR 2021 MINISTRY** – This morning Stewardship chair Doug Stone is our last speaker for our campaign to support ministry in 2021. You can [pledge online here](#), and while you're there, take a look at the Leap of Faith scrapbooklet.

## A PEPPERMINT PARADE TO WELCOME JILL DUFFIELD!

Our new pastor will be here in three weeks! Join us for a drive-thru car parade with friends, fun & fellowship. Saturday, December 5, noon to 2 pm, 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.

**ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS:** The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our third anniversary by John and Carole Simms.

**TODAY IS** Rev. Alexandra Mauney's last day at FPC. She is taking a position as Associate Pastor for Families, Youth, & Children at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Christ the King Sunday. 9 am livestream worship. 11 am in-person worship (*up to 100 worshippers, reservations required, see previous 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.

## IN MEMORIAM

David Lee Grimes  
November 11, 2020

Beverly Bell Armfield  
November 11, 2020