

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

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

VOLUNTARY: Recit de tierce en taille ..... François Couperin (1668-1733)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Jill Duffield

MINUTE FOR MISSION.....Kevin Murray and Anne Albert

CALL TO WORSHIP .....Keith Dove

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

**People: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**People: For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*- Psalm 100:1-5*

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 409 – God Is Here! ..... ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, forgive us. We wrap our days in a shroud of busy routine that protects us from the rigors of what we believe. Our families are left too often lonely; our neighbors are left too often in need of a friend; our community is left too often in need of truth; our world is left too often in need of care; and your church is left too often in need of servants. Interrupt us with the gospel of Jesus Christ that our days may be filled with the work of faithfulness. Amen.**

*– adapted from a prayer by James Lowry*

## 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

THE WORD READ: *Isaiah 6:1-8*

*Reader: Asher Stroud*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me ..... Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to  
preach the gospel to the poor;  
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,  
to preach deliverance to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;  
to give unto them that mourn  
a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise  
for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they might be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,  
and as the garden causeth the  
things that are sown in it to spring forth;  
So the Lord God will cause  
righteousness and praise to  
spring forth before all nations.

*- Isaiah 61 vv. 1-3, 11*

THE WORD READ: *Luke 4:14-30*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor,

*SECOND SCRIPTURE* continues, over

cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: Really, the Lord is in THIS place? .....Jill Duffield

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 301 – Let Us Build a House..... TWO OAKS

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God’s chil - dren dare to seek  
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
 Gm C7 Bb F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
 Gm C F Bb

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

*Refrain*

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)  
 F Bb A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F Bb F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Dolly Jacobs

**Gathered around the Word and sacraments, those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, together with their children, have formed a corporate, visible body in pilgrimage with God across the centuries. The church has sought to order its life and ministry in obedience to the teaching of the first apostles. It has attempted to carry out Christ's commission in various institutional forms and structures that demonstrate both continuity and change. We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world through this community of ordinary people, therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church. Christ is the head of the church, therefore we are responsible to Christ when we make policy and decisions in the church. Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. We are confident that the Lord of the church will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions, help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his purposes.**

*– from A Declaration of Faith*

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Nearer, My God, to Thee.....arr. Dan Forrest

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,  
E'vn though it be a cross that raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee,  
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

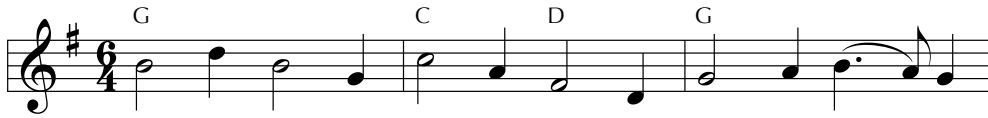
Oh, let the way appear, leading to heav'n,  
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n.  
Nearer, Thy Spirit beckons me, nearer, my God, to Thee,  
Nearer my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.



There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,  
 There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest.  
 Age after age to be nearer, My God to Thee!  
 Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION.....Jill Duffield

CLOSING HYMN: No. 394 – Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation.....WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

VOLUNTARY: Postlude Deuxième Fantasia ..... Jehan Alain (1911-1940)  
*John Alexander, organ*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor*  
*Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident*  
*Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*  
*Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry*  
*Asher Stroud, Lay Reader*  
*John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist*  
*Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir*  
*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 7

A congregational meeting will be held on Zoom, Sunday, March 7, at 5:30 pm, to vote on a slate of church officers. [See the nominees here.](#) The webinar link will be emailed to members the Friday prior to the meeting.

**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)*

**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:



## FPC'S COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Because of the community spread of the coronavirus in Guilford County, *the church is in Phase 0*. These policies are to support the safety and well-being of our FPC members, staff, and the larger community. Until further notice:

- Sunday worship will be pre-recorded video only.
- All church groups, Bible studies, committees, etc. must meet virtually.
- No outdoor gatherings or use of indoor rooms permitted.
- Drive-by events coordinated by staff may be held.
- Staff will work from home, with no in-person or indoor staff gatherings.
- Weekday Preschool remains open at this time.
- Hot Dish & Hope continues with take-out only, with volunteers following safety guidelines.
- Food Drive-by continues with proper safety precautions.

When metrics indicate we can move to Phase 1, we will return to in-person worship of no more than 100 with all safety precautions in place.

## UPDATES ON OUR COVID GUIDELINES

are posted at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/TOGETHER](https://fpcgreensboro.org/together).

## WORSHIP AND STUDY ONLINE

- ▷ Worship services are available on our [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#), beginning at 5 pm Saturdays. The link is also posted on our home page, [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](https://fpcgreensboro.org).
- ▷ This week's online ministry (for all ages!) is listed on the [DIGITAL FORMATION](#) page.
- ▷ The [NORTH ELM NOTES](#) blog has new posts from our pastors and staff each week.
- ▷ Our [DIGITAL FORMATION LIBRARY](#) offers videos, special studies, children's programs, and more you may have missed.

## STAY CONNECTED

- ▷ The [MEMBER RESOURCES](#) page has our online directory, staff list, and other information.
- ▷ Sign up for the [WEEKLY E-NEWS AND SUNDAY PREVIEW](#) emails.
- ▷ **Join our text-alert system** to receive text updates about schedule changes. Make sure the church has your correct mobile number by emailing your information to [Jennifer Gaddy](mailto:Jennifer.Gaddy@fpcgreensboro.org), [jgaddy@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:jgaddy@fpcgreensboro.org).

## NEED HELP?

- ▷ If you have a **PASTORAL EMERGENCY**, contact the Pastor on Call at 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number.
- ▷ **REQUEST PRAYER** from our pastors using this [confidential form](#).

**ABOUT THE ROSEBUD IN THE CHANCEL** – The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Kathryn McKinley Hood, daughter of Morgan and Harrison Hood, born February 17, 2021. Kathryn joins sibling Parker. The family resides at 400 Parkmont Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** *Second Sunday in Lent*. Pre-recorded worship service video posted by 5 pm Saturday; the congregation is encouraged to worship together online at 10:30 am Sunday. Rev. Jill Duffield will be preaching. Scripture: Mark 8:31-38. Music from the Rejoice! Ensemble.

- Sandie Gravett video series: *Dreaming Big, Constructing Hope: Lessons from Isaiah 40-55*. Known for envisioning hope in times of despair and embracing the future in difficult times, the words of this prophet still inspire.
- Commitment Class will discuss faith-based studies focusing on the intersection of the Gospel with the world in which we live. 10 am on Zoom; for link [contact Mary Eagle](mailto:MaryEagle@eaglem0314@gmail.com) at [eaglem0314@gmail.com](mailto:eaglem0314@gmail.com).
- Homebuilders & Faith Matters: "Weekly Faith Questions" on Zoom at 10 am. [Contact Doug Key](mailto:doug@dougkeyartist.com), [doug@dougkeyartist.com](mailto:doug@dougkeyartist.com)
- Seekers class meets on Zoom, with a study of the Epistle of James. [Contact Gerard Davidson](mailto:gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com), [gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com](mailto:gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com).
- Church school on Zoom for elementary age children, 9:30 am. Our Lenten series will focus on the practice of prayer. Links will be in weekly emails; [contact Lisa Witherspoon](mailto:LisaWitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org) at [lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:LisaWitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org). Emails will list any needed supplies.

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

## IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Townsend Stevens  
February 10, 2021

Walter D. Underwood, Jr.  
February 10, 2021

Gloria Elizabeth Stadler  
December 9, 2020

## IN MEMORIAM

John Herman Snider  
March 3, 1929 – October 17, 2020

John Herman Snider was a big man—with a big laugh, a big spirit, a big zest for life, and a big heart. If you were fortunate enough to be a friend, a colleague, a customer, a member of his family, you experienced all that firsthand. If you only met him once, you likely experienced an uncommon kindness and sensed an impeccable integrity. John Snider died October 17, 2020, following a life lived to the fullest and after several years of declining health.

John was born March 3, 1929, in Haynesville, Louisiana, but as a youngster moved to Price, Texas, a small town in the East Texas oil fields. Many friends made there as a young child became friends for life. John graduated from Kilgore College (Kilgore, Texas) and also from Denver University (Denver, Colorado) where he earned a BS degree in Business Administration. John attended both schools on a football scholarship.

He married Mamie Kendrick in 1949, just before graduating from Denver University, and the couple lived first in Denver and then in a variety of locations in Texas as John began his lifelong career within the tire industry. While in Texas, two children, daughter Cheryl and son John were born.

Next, John's career brought the family to Charlotte. Then, after a subsequent move to Greensboro, John became the owner of a General Tire store, and his family became a fixture in the Greensboro community. In 1976, John founded Snider Tire Company which grew into the fifth largest commercial tire business in the country, today with over 80 locations and 1400 employees. And today, the family is actively involved in the continuing success of the business. During his career, John served on the boards of the North Carolina Tire Dealers Association, the National Tire Dealers Association, and the North Carolina Trucking Association.

In the Greensboro community, John served on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Greensboro. He was a member of the board of directors of the Greensboro Country Club. Countless agencies and charities appreciated John's interest and advice. And he well might be recognized as the unofficial mayor of Parkmont Court where the family lived for many years before Mamie and John moved to Well-Spring.

First Presbyterian Church enjoyed the benefits of John Snider's many leadership abilities; he served as elder, on many session committees, and as enthusiastic member and past president of the Young Men's Bible Class.

John and Mamie enjoyed family vacations, especially long road trips back to fond memories and long-standing friendships in Texas and in Colorado. They reveled in involvement in their children's, grandchildren's, and great grandchildren's activities. Beyond family, Mamie and John and a close group of friends enjoyed travel and socializing together for decades, all centering around the playing of golf. In fact, a bench in honor of John Snider has been placed at the first tee of the Greensboro Country Club.

John Herman Snider's love for those around him and great sense of humor will remain in many memories eternally. His pride for family was limitless and he will be greatly missed by wife Mamie Kendrick Snider; daughter Cheryl Hunt (Russ); son John Snider (Carole); five grandchildren, Anne-Marie Brown (Dave), Jeffrey Hunt (Ashley), Graham Hunt (Kara), Kate Henry (Frank), and Kelly Anderson (Andy). In addition, eight great-grandchildren will grow up in the broad, invaluable legacy of his character and his love for them.

The session of First Presbyterian Church offers condolences to the family and friends of John Herman Snider and directs this memoriam be placed in its minutes and a copy sent to the family.