



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
July 25, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Gathering Music: *Brethren We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

We invite you to worship through listening and refrain from singing at this time.

Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

Welcome, Invitation and Congregational Life

Neil Dunnivant

Hunger Ministry Moment

Camille Townsend, Hot Dish & Hope

Call to Worship

Maria Hanlin

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!**

– Psalm 100; selected verses

Hymn of Praise: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

We invite you to worship through listening and refrain from singing at this time.

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.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

– Book of Common Worship

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

The Word Read: *John 21:24-25*

Erwin Fuller

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Worship with Gladness: Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

*Please refrain from singing, but we invite you to sign the song with us
as we prepare our hearts for the children's message.*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

A Time for Children

The Word Proclaimed: *Things I Wish Jesus Had Said: Stories I Wish He Had Told*

Neil Dunnivant



RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Doug McLeroy

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

– Traditional Apostles' Creed

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: *Peace Train*

Cat Stevens

Rejoice! Ensemble

Now I've been happy lately
Thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun

Oh, I've been smiling lately
Dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be
Someday it's going to come

'Cause I'm on the edge of darkness
There ride the Peace Train
Oh, Peace Train take this country
Come take me home again

Now I've been smiling lately,
Thinkin' about the good things to come
And I believe it could be,
Something good has begun

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now Peace Train
Yes, Peace Train holy roller

Everyone jump upon the Peace Train
Come on now, Peace Train

Get your bags together,
Go bring your good friends, too
'Cause it's getting nearer,
It soon will be with you

Now come and join the living,
It's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer,
Soon it will all be true

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now Peace Train
Peace Train

Now I've been crying lately,
Thinkin' about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating,
Why can't we live in bliss

'Cause out on the edge of darkness,
There rides a Peace Train
Oh Peace Train take this country,
Come take me home again

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now, Peace Train
Yes, Peace Train holy roller

Everyone jump upon the Peace Train
Come on, come on, come on
Yes, come on, peace train
Yes, it's the peace train

Come on now, peace train
Oh, peace train.

* Commissioning of Montreat Youth Trip

Neil Dunnivant

Youth: We promise to live faithfully and authentically in Christian community, being open to how the Holy Spirit deepens as disciples of Jesus while we attend the Montreat Youth Conference this coming week.

Congregation: We as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to pray for and celebrate these youth who are attending the Montreat Youth Conference.

* Communal Prayer

**Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us;
and by your Spirit you are working in our lives,
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.**

**We thank you for leading these youth
to this time and place of spiritual deepening
at the Montreat Youth Conference.**

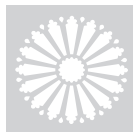
**May they reaffirm the covenant you made
with them in their baptism to seek you in their daily living.**

**As we create space for our youth,
May they learn to create space for Jesus to reveal truth.**

**May they be grounded in your truth,
and be guided by your Spirit,
that, together with all your people,
they may grow in faith, hope, and love,
and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

– Book of Common Worship

* Benediction



* Song of Sending: No. 543 – *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

Please join us in singing together.



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es - en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

** Let us rise in body or spirit*

Today's Worship Leaders

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor

Maria Hanlin, Pastoral Care

Doug McLeroy, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

Erwin Fuller, Lay Reader

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Ensemble

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith.
We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship
is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.



YOUTH DEPART FOR MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE:

Please keep our youth in your prayers as they head to the mountains today for the Montreat Youth Conference! *Students:* Mac Faircloth, Sydney Hunt, Cameron Jones, Macy McAlister, Howell Pierce, Parker Stroud, and Addison Wall. *Leaders:* Kevin Murray, Dolly Jacobs, and Lahna Crutchfield. "They will leave knowing their faith matters. They are loved as they are. They are part of a community of faith."

SUMMER CAMPAIGN FOR HUNGER MINISTRIES:

PCUSA has recognized FPC as a Hunger Action Congregation. We use our hands and our financial gifts to support our many hunger ministries, and each week in July, we will hear speakers from those ministries. Our goal this summer is \$10,000. Please send a contribution to the church (note Hunger Campaign on your check) or make a gift online (go to <https://app.securegive.com/FPCGreensboro/main/donate/category> and select FPC Hunger as your category).

PRAYERS FOR PARENTS: Today on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, pray for parents who are riding the waves of summer parenting. Parents can also find support in our **Facebook group**, First Pres Parents.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to participating in the in-person offering, you may also give by web, app, or text. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text to download the SecureGive mobile app (Apple  or Android ) and for full instructions for giving via text. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.

CALL FOR LAY READERS: Are you interested in serving as a lay reader this coming program year, beginning in October? If so, please email Paul Parker, our Lay Reader Ministry Team Leader at paulparker47@gmail.com or Anne Albert at aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org.




NEXT SUNDAY: One service in the Sanctuary, 10 am, with Rev. Doug McLeroy preaching. Music from the Chancel Choir Ensemble. The 10 am service will be livestreamed at fpcgreensboro.org.

Registration is not be required for in-person worship, but masking is still be required for Sanctuary services and for movement throughout the buildings.

- A curated repeat of a Sandie Gravett series, hosted by YMBC. Look for the link Sunday morning, on our Digital Formation and home pages.
- The Agape Class hosts a video series from our pastors, beginning with Rev. Dolly Jacobs. Look for the link Sunday morning, on our Digital Formation and home pages.
- Seekers class meets 8:45 am in Main 125, continuing a study of James. Contact **Gerard Davidson**, [gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com](mailto:g davidson@wardblacklaw.com).
- Faith Builders and Commitment classes will not meet during the month of August.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE – You can honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sunday morning worship service in the Sanctuary. The flowers are accompanied by a note in the bulletin explaining their significance. The following dates are open: August 1 & 22; September 5, 12 & 19; and November 21. To learn more, contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org.

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We seek to serve as the hands of Christ in the world.
Our creation care and hunger ministries have been
recognized by the Presbyterian Church USA

