



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro  
August 8, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.  
COMMUNION SUNDAY  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Gathering Music: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

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

All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers,  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

Welcome, Invitation and Congregational Life

Jill Duffield

## Call to Worship

Matt Logan

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** **O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**All:** **O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

– Psalm 136:1-3

## Hymn of Praise: *Holy Spirit*

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

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

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude

Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see



## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

### \* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from your wisdom and Word. 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

The Word Read: *2 Kings 4:42-44*

Vivian Guthrie

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

Neil Dunnivant

### The Word Read: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

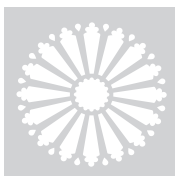
Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Word Proclaimed: *Rooted, Grounded and Surrounded by Christ's Love*

Jill Duffield



## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith

Neil Dunnavant

**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*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jill Duffield

Great Thanksgiving

Neil Dunnavant

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise...  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven  
and with the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sanctus [IN UNISON]*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!***

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.**

Words of Institution

Jill Duffield

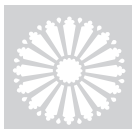
Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Neil Dunnivant

Call for the Offering

*Please participate in the offering by giving online at **[fpcgreensboro.org/give](https://fpcgreensboro.org/give)**  
or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*



*Rejoice! Ensemble*

Will Your grace run out if I let You down?  
'Cause all I know is how to run.

I am a sinner,  
If it's not one thing it's another.  
Caught up in words tangled in lies,  
But You are a Savior,  
And You take brokenness aside.  
And make it beautiful, beautiful.

Will you call me child, when I tell you lies?  
Because all I know is how to cry. You make it beautiful.

*[Chorus]*

\* Benediction

Jill Duffield

\* Song of Sending: *I'm Gonna Live*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*Please join us in singing together.*

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anytime, Lord, and anywhere.  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anytime, Lord, and anywhere.  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anytime, Lord, and anywhere.**



*\* Let us rise in body or spirit*

## Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor

Vivian Guthrie, Lay Reader

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Ensemble



**NEXT SUNDAY:** One service in the Sanctuary, 10 am, with Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield preaching. During the service, we will celebrate the life and ministry of Rev. Dolly Jacobs. Music from the Chancel Choir and Rejoice! Ensembles. The 10 am service will be livestreamed at [fpcgreensboro.org](https://fpcgreensboro.org).

Masking is 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. 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](mailto:gerard.davidson@wardblacklaw.com), [gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com](mailto:g davidson@wardblacklaw.com).

**NURSERY CARE RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY:** Nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 on the first floor of Mullin Life Center. Our Child Protection Policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

**ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS:** The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gwen and Dewey Farrell by their daughter, B.J. Williams and family.

**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](https://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](https://fpcgreensboro.org/give) for more ways to give.

**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. September 19 and November 21 are our remaining 2021 available dates. To learn more, contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or [cyow@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:cyow@fpcgreensboro.org).

**PRAYERS FOR PARENTS:** Today on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), pray for parents who are standing at the edge of a high dive about to jump into something new. Parents can also find support in our [Facebook group](#), First Pres Parents.

**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](mailto:paulparker47@gmail.com) or Anne Albert at [aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org).

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### IN MEMORIAM

William "Will" Walton Finch  
July 28, 2021

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

