

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: Praeludium in G..... Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Jill Duffield

COMMISSIONING YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER VICTORIA ALEXANDER

CALL TO WORSHIPNeil Dunnivant

Leader: Remember the promise of the Lord:

All: God will pour out the Holy Spirit on all people.

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

All: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

All: Bless the name of the Lord!



Chancel Choir Ensemble

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

Come down, O Love Divine;
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace,
till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you send your Spirit to empower us to do your will. You give your people a variety of gifts to reveal your love to the world. You never leave us or forsake us, yet we turn from your ways and refuse your guidance. Forgive our self-centeredness and selfishness. Renew our faith and grant us wisdom for the living of these days. Amen.

* 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.**

* CHORAL RESPONSE: No. 645 – Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above..... MIT FREDUEN ZART
Chancel Choir Ensemble

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

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Isaiah 11:1-9*

Victoria Alexander, lay reader

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP WITH GLADNESS: The Fruit Song Rick Muchow

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

God's apple is love, his orange is patience
Banana is self-control
His lemon is peace, his kindness a peach
And my life is the bowl
So fill me up, fill me up
Fill me up, Lord, fill me all the way up
With the fruit of the spirit
I want the fruit of the spirit

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Betsy Hyslop

THE WORD READ: *Galatians 5:16-25*

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: Fruit of the Spirit

1. In Step with the Spirit.....Jill Duffield



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 693 – Though I May Speak.....GIFT OF LOVE
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND/OR INSTALLATION*SEE PAGE 9*

Presentation of Candidate for Ordination and Installation..... Jill Duffield

Questions to the CandidateJill Duffield and Neil Dunnivant

Questions to the Members of the Congregation Robby Hassell

Prayer of Ordination and Installation..... Jill Duffield

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.**

Declaration of Ordination and/or Installation

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Jill Duffield

GREAT THANKSGIVING Rachel Fitch

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord..... LAND OF REST

Chancel Choir Ensemble

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Jill Duffield

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

If Ye Love Me Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Rachel Fitch

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

There are offering baskets located at each entrance.

You may also 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: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arranged by Mack Wilberg (b.1955)

Chancel Choir

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 thy redeeming 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.
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.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.
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.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring 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.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONJill Duffield

Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...

All: **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.
May we live by the Spirit.**

CLOSING HYMN: No. 546 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing..... SICILIAN MARINERS

Please join us in singing together.

Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
joy and peace; Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er - faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

VOLUNTARY: Allegro maestoso from *Sonata in G*.....Edward Elgar (1857-1934)



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor

Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Betsy Hyslop, Interim Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!

Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children's Ministry

Victoria Alexander, Lay Reader

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

Questions for elder being ordained and installed

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in the government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions for members of the congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept this person standing before us as a ruling elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

NEXT SUNDAY: Rejoice! service at 9 am in Mullin Life Center, Sanctuary worship at 11 am. Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield talks about “Love” as she continues her sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. The 11 am service will be livestreamed at fpcgreensboro.org.

Staff members will reflect on the Fruit of the Spirit in a weekly video devotional – subscribe by emailing Yolanda Baxter, ybaxter@fpcgreensboro.org.

- *2 Corinthians* – Paul’s words about affliction, humility, forgiveness, boldness, generosity, and all things comprising a Christian life make this the perfect study for our time. Led by Professor Sandie Gravett on video. YMBC to show in Redhead Hall, or watch online at fpcgreensboro.org.
- Jack Harrington will lead the Commitment class in a discussion on “*Spiritual Lessons of COVID-19*.” Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100
- *Fruit of the Spirit* – Faith Builders meets in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242, continuing the theme of Jill Duffield’s fall sermon series. Led by class members.
- *Parables of Jesus* – Seekers class meets in Main 125, with conference call option. Contact Gerard Davidon, [gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com](mailto:g davidson@wardblacklaw.com)

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.

MASKING IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES on campus and indoors, including small groups and church school classes. Please maintain social distancing for the health and safety of our most vulnerable siblings in Christ.

UPDATES ON OUR COVID GUIDELINES are posted at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/TOGETHER.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS: Pick up a “Boomerang Back to Church” sign for your yard! At the Discipleship tent on Greene Street. \$5 donation.

NOMINATE SOMEONE TO BE A CHURCH OFFICER

The 2021-2022 Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for church officers. You can find more information on the nomination ballot in the bulletin today; or at fpcgreensboro.org/member-resources; or email Debby Foster (dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org) with nominations or questions. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, September 26.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELDER TODAY:

During today’s 11 am worship service, Christy Botros will be ordained and installed as an elder in the class of 2024.



TAKING ATTENDANCE: In an effort to make attendance safer and more efficient, we are trying something new. There is a card in your bulletin with a QR code that opens an online form; just open your smartphone camera, hold it over the code, and follow the prompts. If you do not have access to a smartphone, the card can just be filled out as-is. If using the paper form, place it in the offering at the end of the service. On the back of the card is a prayer request form. Your submitted prayers will be prayed for by staff members and kept in strict confidence.

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY and all are welcome to the Lord’s table. Our Communion bread is gluten-free. We pray that as Christ meets you here you will be refreshed for the journey and strengthened in faith.

COMMISSIONING OUR YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER: Our member Victoria Alexander will be commissioned today for her yearlong work in Scotland through PC(USA)’s YAV program, serving at **Fintry Parish Church, Dundee**. Each volunteer is asked to raise \$5,000 to cover expenses. If you would like to contribute: use the link at fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation. Make sure to add the ECO number E210102 so that the contribution goes to her fund. You may also call 800-872-3283 (mention her code, E210102) or send a check to PCUSA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 (put E210102 on memo line).

THE PEACE LILIES IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God by Chuck & Ashley Staton Scott.

ROSEBUD IN THE CHANCEL – The rosebud on the chancel celebrates the birth of Lydia Frances Conklin, daughter of Catherine and Lee Conklin, born July 21, 2021. Lydia joins siblings Brooks and Marty. The family resides at 1802 Swannanoa Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

**Edward Nelson “Ed” Booker Jr.
September 6, 2021**

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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welcome back to church!

The fall worship series explores the Fruit of the Spirit. See a related devotional from our staff each Wednesday, on social media or sign up to receive in your inbox, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

Fall Kickoff continues this evening with activities and grilled burgers:

5:30 pm – Vespers on the Sanctuary steps. **Be sure to bring a chair!**

6 pm – Children & youth families enjoy food, other adults walk self-guided Fruit of the Spirit Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary

6:45 pm – Children go to Paisley Playground and youth go to Shetler deck for activities, other adults enjoy food and fellowship. Youth: Wear clothes that can get wet or ruined for Color Wars, Dunk Tank, Earth Ball Volleyball, and GAGA!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Sheroes of the New Testament – Monthly women's Bible study. Rev. Maria Hanlin on the Woman at the Well, on video. Zoom discussion next week. FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION.

TUESDAY

Combined Book Clubs – *Speechless No More: A Life Transformed by a Voice Disorder*, by our member Dot Sowerby, who will facilitate. 1:30 pm, Garden Room or Zoom (contact ybaxter@fpcgreensboro.org for link). Currie Library has copies for sale.

WEDNESDAY

Food Drive-by for Urban Ministry – Drop off in front of Redhead Hall, 10 am to 2 pm. Volunteer to be a greeter 10-noon or noon-2 pm, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ...

LOVE

Jill Duffield preaches. Read the scriptures:
Leviticus 19:9-17 & 1 Corinthians 13

FAITH FORMATION, 10 AM

2 Corinthians – Paul's words about affliction, humility, forgiveness, boldness, generosity, and all things comprising a Christian life make this the perfect study for our time. Led by Professor Sandie Gravett on video. YMBC to show in Redhead Hall, or watch from home.

Parables of Jesus – Seekers class, Main 125, with conference call option. Contact gDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM.

Spiritual Lessons of COVID-19 – Commitment class, Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100.

Fruit of the Spirit – Faith Builders class, Smith 242.

Children's Milestones – First Grade, Getting to Know My Bible; Second Grade, Worship; Third Grade, Communion; Fourth Grade, Catechism; Fifth Grade, Bible Skills.

Youth Church School – Third floor, Memorial

FPC 101 – For those considering membership & existing members. Explore the Bible, church history, theology, polity. Info: mlogan@fpcgreensboro.com. 10 am Sundays, September 19 - October 10.

Kids Clubs – Monthly Music, Yoga or Legos for K-5, Preschool Club for ages 3-4. Pre-register by September 22, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

Fall Gathering of Salem Presbytery Women – Senior Pastor Jill Duffield will be the guest speaker at this Zoom gathering, September 25, 9:15 am to noon. \$5, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

Greensboro Civil Rights

Pilgrimage – Spiritual walk to sites that shaped our community

and affect us today. September 26 at 2:30 pm. Zoom class led by retired Bennett College professor Linda Brown and spiritual director Marilyn Wolf, September 19, 4-5:30 pm. Driving map available for those who can't walk. Limited to 25.

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Youth small groups – Exploring Galatians with an emphasis on the Fruit of the Spirit. September 26, various days & times.

Elder nominations – The Nominating Committee seeks suggestions of members whose leadership will strengthen the church & its mission. Deadline is September 26. Contact DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

ATTENDANCE



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Name

Address

Phone

email

I am a:

1st-time Visitor

Guest

Member

I am seeking more information about:

Membership

Music & Worship

Outreach

Adult Events/Small Groups

Children's Ministry

Youth Ministry

PRAYER REQUEST

Your submitted prayers will be prayed for by staff members and kept in strict confidence.

Please pray for me...

This week, I felt the Spirit of God while...



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