

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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3:00 p.m.



**GATHERING**

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in D Major..... J.S.Bach (1685-1750)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME.....Marshall Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Jasmine Evans

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

*– Psalm 95, selected verses*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Come All You People ..... UYAI MOSE

*Chancel Choir and Rejoice! Ensemble*

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

*Uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose zvino.*

Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;

come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come now and worship the Lord.

Come all you people,  
come and praise the Spirit;  
come all you people,  
come and praise the Spirit;  
come all you people,  
come and praise the Spirit;  
come now and worship the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as the people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION .....Ernie Thompson

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Psalm 34:1-10*

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,  
and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: He's Always Been Faithful.....Sara Groves

*Rejoice! Ensemble*

Morning by morning, I wake up to find  
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine  
Season by season, I watch Him, amazed  
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways  
All I have need of, His hand will provide  
He's always been faithful to me

I can't remember a trial or a pain  
He did not recycle to bring me gain  
I can't remember one single regret

In serving God only and trusting His hand  
All I have need of, His hand will provide  
He's always been faithful to me

This is my anthem, this is my song  
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long  
God has been faithful, He will be again  
His loving compassion, it knows no end  
All I have need of, His hand will provide  
He's always been faithful  
He's always been faithful  
He's always been faithful to me

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Mark 9:14-27*

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand.

SERMON: Imposter ..... Sharon Blount

CHORAL RESPONSE: Come, Believers in the Gospel .....John D. Horman

*Chancel Choir*

Come, believers in the Gospel, share the good news we have heard:  
God in Jesus Christ is with us! How amazing, how absurd  
that such Love should dwell among us, conquer death, and live today,  
offering humankind salvation, making known the Truth, the Way!

Holy people, God still calls us, like the saints of long ago,  
to be one in faith and purpose as we worship, learn, and grow.  
Be forgiven and forgiving, with your neighbors reconciled;  
And in love, befriend the stranger, be God's grace to every child.

Children, pour the living water, consecrate the bread and wine,  
bring a towel and humble basin, human symbols, yet divine.  
Tell the ancient Gospel story of a cross and empty grave;  
sing of Resurrection's glory to the world Christ came to save.

Heirs, with Christ, of truth and promise, People of the Book and Way,  
God has gifted us with wisdom from the past to use this day.  
Let the scriptures guide your thinking, and tradition shape your will,  
That you may discern God's purpose and your mission thus fulfill.

Members of Christ's new creation, Love's great laws bind us as one,  
calling us to righteous living, showing us the wrong we've done.  
Live, repentant and forgiven, in obedience to the Way,  
seeking justice for your neighbors, offering hope for life today.

*- text: Mary Nelson Keithahn*



## INSTALLATION

A LITANY OF GIFTS .....Ernie Thompson

**Leader:** As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own  
function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all  
belong to each other.

**People:** **We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.**

**Leader:** If your gift is to hear God's Word,

**People:** **speak it out in faith.**

**Leader:** If your gift is service,

**People:** **live to serve others.**

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

**People: teach what is true.**

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

**People: let officers work diligently for the people,  
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

**People: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering,  
constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT ON THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH .....Marshall Brown

Leader: The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church.

In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ.

Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

**All: The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

Leader: The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ.

The particular responsibility of the ministry of a teaching elder is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated.

The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery.

Therefore Salem Presbytery, by means of this commission, now installs Jill Duffield as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro.

In her baptism, Jill was clothed with Christ. She was ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament by Charlotte Presbytery and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

**All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our sibling to serve among us as pastor.**

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Leader: Do you trust in the Lord 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?

**Jill: I do.**

Leader: 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?

**Jill: I do.**

Leader: 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?

**Jill: I do and I will.**

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

**Jill: I will.**

Leader: 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?

**Jill: I will.**

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

**Jill: I will.**

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

**Jill: I do.**



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

**Jill: I will.**

Leader: Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**Jill: I will.**

Leader: Do we, the members of the church, accept Jill as our pastor chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**People: We do.**

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

**People: We do.**

Leader: Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**People: We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION .....Avys Massey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

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

Leader: We praise you, gracious Lord, for you alone are God. You have made us, and we are your people, the sheep of your pasture. You have led us to green meadows by cool waters, satisfying our every need with your love. You have shown us paths that are right. Through shadowed valleys of despair, you have been our comfort and our hope. Over long generations, your presence has sustained your people. In your good time, you sent Jesus, your only Beloved, to be our shepherd. He knew and loved your own, calling all who would hear to follow him. The Good Shepherd laid down his life for

us, risking the cross for the hope of resurrection. By the power of the risen Christ you gathered the church together to live for you in newness of life, a holy nation, a priestly family, a people chosen as your own and called to proclaim your marvelous love.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful as your people and fruitful in the ministries you have given us. Grant diligence to those who lead, faith to those who teach, truth to all who speak, compassion to all who heal, wisdom to those who counsel, generosity to those who give, and cheerfulness to all who serve. To your servant Jill, and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people, give vision and strength, hospitality, humility, and peace. Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people with joy and power in the gospel. Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION .....Marshall Brown

**Leader:** Jill, as a minister of Word and sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor of this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

**Jill: Amen.**

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR.....Keith Curl-Dove

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION .....Kim Priddy



# SENDING

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 826 – Lift High the Cross.....CRUCIFER

*Please join us in singing together.*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

\* BENEDICTION..... Jill Duffield

VOLUNTARY: God of Grace..... Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*John Alexander, organ*

*After the service, please join us for a reception on the green.*

## CELEBRANTS

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Marshall Brown

*Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC*

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Betsy Hyslop, *Interim Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!*

*Rejoice! Ensemble*

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