



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
October 17, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
CHILDREN'S SABBATH

*We invite you to light a candle on the screen as you enter the worship space
to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

Gathering Music: *Blessing and Honor*

Bumphrey/Bonar

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

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore;
Praises we sing to you glorious Lord,
Yours are the kingdom the crown and the throne.

Heaven above will resound with your wisdom,
All of the earth will rejoice in your grace;
Ocean and mountain and forest and flower
Echo your praises and tell of your power.

Blessing and honor, honor and glory,
Blessing and honor and glory and power.
Blessing and honor, honor and glory,
Glory and power be ever the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Ever ascendeth the song and the praises,
Ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honor and glory and praise,
This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to our maker;
Take up the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of your marvelous name,
Echo your mercy and shout of your fame.

Sweeter

Lakewood Church

Everyday with You, Lord is sweeter than the day before
Everyday with You, Lord is sweeter than the day before
Every morning I will worship, every evening I'll adore
'Cause everyday with You is sweeter, sweeter than the day before

What a privilege to know You, like I know You
To be loved like You loved me
What an honor to worship, truly worship
From this heart that You have freed
From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same

What a wonder to live life, really live life.
Overcoming anything
What a reason to lift up, freely lift up...
Everyday my everything
From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same

Welcome & Announcements

Jill Duffield

Call to Worship

Kevin Murray

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

**People: For great is the LORD's loving kindness toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

– from Psalm 117

Song of Praise: *The Solid Rock*

Edward Mote

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

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
Oh, the solid rock, on Christ the solid rock I stand
Oh, the solid rock, all other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and recognizing your goodness among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. 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.

Response to the Peace: *The Peace of Christ*

Tommy Walker

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The peace of Christ it holds me
The peace of Christ surrounds me
It's greater than what I can comprehend
The perfect peace of Christ

The love of God it holds me
The love of God surrounds me
It's greater than what I can comprehend
The endless love of God

Amen Amen
Amen Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Micah 6:6-8*

Lana Burske

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: 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 as the children come forward.*

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

Donna Chase

Song of Preparation: *River of Mercy*

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

Mercy, compassion, kindness and love
Justice, forgiveness, poured out from above
There's a river of mercy flowing on high
Waters of justice cross the sky
There's a river of mercy that shines in the night
A river of mercy that flows through you and I
Thirsty, hungry strangers in need
Lonely, outcast prisoners to free
Jesus, Son of God, Savior and Lord
Mighty, Prince of Peace, the One we adore

The Word Read: *Mark 9:33-37*

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *Fruit of the Spirit*

5. A Kingdom of Kindness

Jill Duffield

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Newton Cowan

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

– *A Brief Statement 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 or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

Offertory: *Pardon My Dust*

Chris Rice

Rejoice! Ensemble

Pardon my dust, excuse the mess
We're making somethin' new out of all of this
I'm saying my prayers, and I'm trying to change
So give me some time, 'cause I'm still finding my way
Why are you lookin' at me this way?
Pointing your finger, shakin' your head
How 'bout some love along the way, instead
Pardon my dust, excuse this mess
I've left a trail of debris, so you've gotta be
Very careful where you step
I've made some mistakes, so what?
Done quite a few things wrong
Could you roll up your tidy sleeves and help a brother along?
Pardon my dust, excuse the mess
Please don't be another judge I need to try to impress
Stop calling me names, stop casting your stones
Let the good Lord sort this all out when we are all at home
Pardon my dust, excuse my mess
Help me believe there's gonna be something beautiful on the other side of this
Have patience with me, I'm still sweeping floors
So pardon my dust, I'll pardon yours

* Song of Response: *Doxology*

Please join us in singing together.

**Praise for the Father
Praise for the Father
Praise for the Son and Holy Ghost
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Benediction

Jill 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.**

* Song of Sending: No. 547 – *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

Please join us in singing together.

**“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.**

In my love’s baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

**Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.**

**Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.**

Here my Spirit’s power filled you;

here my tender comfort stilled you.

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**

Today’s Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry

Newton Cowan, Transitional Director of Pastoral Care

Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation

Lana Burske, Director of Weekday Preschool Center / Lay Reader

Betsy Hyslop, Interim Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Ensemble

** Let us rise in body or spirit*

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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.

JILL DUFFIELD'S INSTALLATION: Join us today, 3 pm in the Sanctuary, as Jill officially becomes the 12th Senior Pastor in our history. Lemonade reception outside after the service. The service will also be livestreamed at fpcgreensboro.org

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Drop-in history exhibit in the Welcome Center, today, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

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

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

- Families with children & youth are invited to coffee and fellowship, 9:45-10:05 am in the Solarium courtyard.
- *Children's Milestones* – First Grade, Getting to Know My Bible | Second Grade, Worship | Third Grade, Communion | Fourth Grade, Catechism | Fifth Grade, Bible Skills.
- *Confirmands* meet in Memorial 304.
- *Youth* meet in the Spencer Love Room, Memorial 200.
- *Confirmation Parents' class* – Kevin Murray leads on "Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Teachings?" in Memorial 300.
- *A Lens of Love* – Led by Rachel Fitch, based on Jonathan Walton's book *A Lens of Love*. Join us in the Solarium for an opportunity to get to know our Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident and delve into a fresh and relevant way to interpret scripture through a lens of love.
- On video, Sandie Gravett will continue the series: "For whenever I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10): A Bible Study on 2 Corinthians. YMBC will watch in Redhead hall. Agape will watch in the Graden Room
- *Fruit of the Spirit* – Faith Builders meets outdoors in Memorial Columbarium, 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 Davidson](mailto:gdaavidson@wardblacklaw.com), gdaavidson@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.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH is a national multi-faith observance of the urgent problems and needs facing our country's children, in hopes of inspiring a response of outreach and advocacy. This year's theme is *Where Does It Hurt: Listening to Heal Our Children* and focuses on the many challenges present in the outcomes of the pandemic, childhood poverty and racial inequities. We lift up all children on this day!

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**  ("1stpresgo") to get more of our posts in your newsfeed.

WE CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE of Allison Michelle Fligel to Nicolas Kyle Margis on October 2, 2021.

TAKING ATTENDANCE: In an effort to make attendance safer and more efficient, we are trying something new.

To the right, there is 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, you can pick up a physical copy of an attendance card as you enter the Life Center or Sanctuary. 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.



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.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS: Pick up a "Boomerang Back to Church" sign for your yard! Available at the Welcome Center front desk and at the Welcome tent on Sundays.

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.

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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TODAY: CHILDREN'S SABBATH

- **Weekday Preschool 75th anniversary celebration** – exhibit in the Welcome Center, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. WPC will celebrate all week!
- **Scholastic Book Fair in the MLC Gallery.** Books may be purchased and donated to Backpack Beginnings.
- **Last day for our diaper drive:** Children's Outreach has been collecting sizes 4 & 5, size 4T & 5T pull-ups, and baby wipes. Later today, grades K-5 are invited to join us, 2-4 pm at the Greater Triad Diaper Bank, as we deliver all the diapers we've collected, hear about why the diapers are needed, and work to help sort and count diapers to prepare them for families who need them.

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MONDAY

Monthly Women's Zoom Bible Study – *Sheroes of the New Testament*: Donna Chase on the Canaanite Woman. Follow up discussion from last week's video, 2 pm on Zoom. Contact Yolanda Baxter (YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) for Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY

Where Does It Hurt? Listening to Heal Our Children – What does trauma/anxiety/stress look like in children who have very little language for expressing their feelings? What should parents look for? How do WE help? When do we seek professional help? Member Maddy Lowman leads a presentation for parents. 9:15-10:30 am, Redhead Hall. Contact Lisa Witherspoon, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG for more info.

Meals on Wheels on the road again – Our volunteers deliver meals to homebound seniors on the third Wednesdays of each month and on fifth Mondays during the year. *Want to help? Join a team or be a substitute!* Contact Linda Allen, LKWALLEN70@GMAIL.COM or 336-549-3367.

SATURDAY

All-Youth Parking Deck Fall Gathering – 7-8:30 pm. Games, devotion, and s'mores at the firepits on the parking deck.

Our fall worship series includes a weekly video devotional and a Spotify playlist curated by Pastoral Resident Rachel Fitch, with music ranging from Springsteen & Casting Crowns to Tim McGraw & the London Philharmonic! Connect at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION.

NEXT
SUNDAY



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ...

GOODNESS

Scriptures: Exodus 33:12-32 & Matthew 7:7-10

A Lens of Love: Get to know our pastoral resident Rachel Fitch and delve into a fresh and relevant way to interpret scripture from the book *A Lens of Love* by Jonathan Walton, dean of the Wake Forest School of Divinity. Continues through November 14. Reading the book is optional.

Peacehaven Farm Harvest Celebration: 3-5 pm. Live music from JDC, the Peacehaven Band, an apple cider press, fun and games & more! CDC guidelines will be followed.

FPC is forming a team to help a refugee family from Afghanistan who will be settling in Greensboro. If you're interested, contact Tamara Slaughter, tamaravs@me.com or 336-456-8022.



MORE IN
OCTOBER

Reformation Sunday, October 31. Wear your plaid! Take a selfie with Martin Luther outside the Life Center and Father Paisley in front of the Sanctuary!

Church & Treating! – Sunday, October 31. Children gather at the back of the Life Center (with an adult) at 10 am. Wear your favorite costume – special prize if it includes plaid or a Bible character! We will walk the church for treats, then head to the playground for doughnuts & cider.

HELP FILL THE RED WAGONS



In addition to canned food, the following items are being collected. Drop off at the Wednesday Food Drive-By, or in the red wagons located in the Welcome Center, Mullin Life Center & Tower Room.

- **BIBLES:** for the chaplain's office at the county jail.
- **HOUSE STUFF:** Beginning October 24, youth elder Howell Pierce will collect items for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Especially needed are:

Clorox wipes; toilet bowl cleaner; Dawn dish soap; 13-gallon trash bags; paper towels; Ziploc bags in sandwich, quart, and gallon sizes; single-serve snacks and treats, breakfast items, meals, and fruits; microwaveable paper bowls and plates; cream and powdered creamer; preemie and newborn diapers, onesies, and outfits; teen & Adult BINGO prizes/gifts (DVDs, playing cards, sports trivia books, baseball hats, umbrellas, small tool kits or tools, older child craft projects, older child/adult puzzles, travel games); and gift cards for gas. Continues one month.