

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 17, 2021

11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: Adagio from *Symphony no. V*..... Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
John Alexander, organ

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

ANTHEM OF PRAISE: Lord, We Are Your People..... Mark Patterson
Canticle Choir

Lord, we are your people,
led by your love, fed by your grace,
Lord, we are your people.
Lead us today, teach us we pray,
help us to follow your ways.

Help us to know
which way to go
help us obey your commands.
When others turn away,
give us the strength to stay
faithful and true, following you to the end.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE: Sing "Alleluia" to the Lord!..... Carol McClure
Cherub, Credo, and Canticle Choirs

Sing "Alleluia!" to the Lord!
Praise the Father,
And the Son,
And the Spirit,
Three in One!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Micah 6:6-8*

Claire Cook, lay reader

"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?

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 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

ANTHEM: God Is So Good John Horman
Cherub, Credo, and Canticle Choirs

I see God in trees and flowers,
in each raindrop, flake of snow;
all the beauties of creation,
day by day to us bestowed.

God is so good.
God's so good to me.

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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: Fruit of the Spirit
5. A Kingdom of KindnessJill Duffield

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Together We Serve SAN ANSELMO
Chancel Choir Ensemble

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

Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
though sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITHNewton 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

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.

OFFERTORY: Children of the Heavenly Father.....arranged by Paul Christiansen
Chancel Choir

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers: your Protector never slumbers.
At the will of your Defender ev'ry foeman must surrender.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

- text: Carolina Sandell Berg

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise
God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* 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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 757 – Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples.....KINGSFOLD

Please join us in singing together.

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, proud; store we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who fast, to serve the Our dis - cord a world that poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last. spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life. was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace. calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

VOLUNTARY: Epilogue.....Norman Gilbert (1912-1975)
John Alexander, organ



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
Claire Cook, Lay Reader
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Anne Albert, Worship and Music Coordinator
Chancel Choir
Cherub, Credo, and Canticle Choirs

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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. YMBL 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:Gerard.Davidson@wardblacklaw.com), [gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com](mailto:g davidson@wardblacklaw.com)

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.

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!



ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Short Ayers by Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Ayers, Jr. and Andrea Ayers

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.

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.

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.