



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
January 30, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*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: *With All Faith*

Don Harris

Please join us in singing together.

**Press in to the heart of the Father
Hold fast to the grace received
Breathe in the life of the Spirit
And with all faith believe
And with all faith believe [repeat]**

**Believe on this
The Word of Life
Our Lord the Christ
Has come to save us
Receive by faith
His love supplied
That His power be seen in us
And the Father be glorified**

**Press in to the heart of the Father
Hold fast to the grace received
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**Believe on this
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Receive by faith
His love supplied
That His power be seen in us
And the Father be glorified [repeat]**



**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**

**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 ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil**

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

**The solid rock
On Christ the solid rock I stand
Oh the solid rock
All other ground is sinking sand**

**Solid rock solid rock
Solid rock solid rock**

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

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

**The solid rock
On Christ the solid rock I stand
Oh the solid rock
All other ground is sinking sand**

* Call to Worship

Leader: Today, the words of God come to us, in love,

People: inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Leader: Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,

**People: inviting us to trust in the One who knows us,
to place our hope in the One who saves us.**

Leader: Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,

People: inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

– Rev. Thom Shuman (PCUSA)

* Song of Praise: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Brent Milligan / David Crowder / St. Francis of Assisi / William Henry Draper

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
Alleluia Alleluia**

**Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

**Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Alleluia Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Neil Dunnivant

**With our whole heart
we return to you, O God,
not that you have ever been absent from us
but that often we have been absent
from you
at the center of life.
You knew us and cherished us
even before our bodies were formed,
and consecrated us to life
even before we were born.
You surround us
and pour life upon us
in the light of the morning sun
and in the brightness of the moon at night.
Here in this set-apart place
we pause to listen
before running with the busyness of our days.**

Prayer of Confession *continues, over*

**Here we gather
to receive again your promise
that when we call
you will hear,
and that when we confess our wrongdoings
you will forgive us
and remember our sin no more.
In Christ's Name we pray, Amen.**

– adapted from J. Philip Newell, An Earthful of Glory

A brief silence is observed 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.

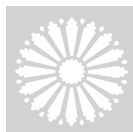
Response to the Peace: *The Peace of Christ*

Tommy Walker

**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: *Psalms 71:1-6*

Reid Wilcox

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children

Neil Dunnivant

The Word Read: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *Provision amidst Doubt*

Rachel Fitch

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Maria Hanlin

**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

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: *Green Pastures*

Finn Miller

Rejoice! Ensemble

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

Maria Hanlin

* Benediction

Rachel Fitch

* Song of Sending: *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

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor
Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Maria Hanlin, Pastoral Care
Reid Wilcox, Lay Reader
Flay Blalock, Guest Rejoice! Leader
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.

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



FOR MORE INFO ON CHURCH SCHOOL, UPCOMING SERVICES, AND OTHER EVENTS:

- Check out the "Coming Up" insert in your bulletin
- Subscribe to our e-news and Sunday preview emails at fpcgreensboro.org/connect
- Visit fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation






TAKING ATTENDANCE: The QR code, left, directs you to an online form; just open your smartphone camera, hold it over the code, and follow the prompts. If you do not have 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.

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.

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

USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED: contact Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4711.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to 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 app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions. fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Rosemary Roberts
January 26, 2022

Clara Byrd Holmes
September 4, 2021

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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ADVOCATE FOR SCHOOLKIDS

There is a letter-writing station in the Welcome Center this morning; stop by to write a quick letter urging representatives and legislators to increase funding for school nurses. Anyone who can hold a pen or a crayon can participate! You can participate from home also. Suggested wording is online ([FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION](https://fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation)), along with info about our ministry partner and the need for nurses.

SEND NEIL SOME LOVE!

Executive Pastor Neil Dunnivant is retiring Sunday, February 27, after 18 years in ministry with us. "Send Neil some love" by sharing photos, messages and memories at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/NEIL](https://fpcgreensboro.org/neil) before Valentine's Day, February 14. The Transition Team will compile these messages into a printed book for Neil.



Neil's encouragement and support for FPC's hunger ministries have been a central feature of his ministry with us. Accordingly, the Session has voted that our outreach budget focused on food insecurity and hunger will now be designated as *Neil Dunnivant Hunger Ministries*. Although this will be an ongoing designation, we are hoping to collect a sizable boost to its funding during Neil's last days on staff. Donate by check (payable to the church, put *Neil Dunnivant Hunger Ministries* in the memo line) or online ([FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/GIVE/WEB-APP-TEXT](https://fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text), use the box on the righthand side of the page and in the "Add a message" box put *Neil Dunnivant Hunger Ministries*).

THIS WEEK

TUES, JANUARY 31

PEACEHAVEN FARM SMALL GROUP, 6:30-7:30 pm on Zoom. Contact Rachel Fitch (RFITCH@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) for link and info.

WED, FEBRUARY 1

MEN'S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY, 7:30 am on Zoom; contact Jack Harrington (JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM) for the link.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 8:45 am on Zoom. Contact Betsy Harrington (BETSYHARRINGTON@TRIAD.RR.COM) for more info.

FOOD DRIVE-BY: Bring canned goods for Urban Ministry, 10 am to 2 pm on Elm Street in front of Redhead Hall. Be a greeter – sign up for a 2-hour shift under the tent ([FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpcgreensboro.org/signup))

FRI, FEBRUARY 3

GRACE BIBLE STUDY: Women's Bible study group meets 9:15-10:30 am in the Garden Room. Contact Lisa Witherspoon (LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) for more info.

NEXT SUNDAY

IN WORSHIP: *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.* Rejoice! at 9 am in Mullin Life Center, Sanctuary service at 11 am. Senior Pastor Jill Duffield preaches. The 11 am service will be livestreamed at fpcgreensboro.org.
Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-13 and Luke 5:1-11.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL, 10 am

- As a kickoff to the “Advocacy and the Local Church” series (*see below*), the *Commitment Class* facilitates a discussion on “Holy Discontentment” an advocacy resource by Presbyterian Mission Agency.
- *Families Growing in Faith* meets in the back of the Life Center Sundays at 10:15 am, for parents who seek community, support, and growth in their faith. Email Lisa Cook, ELISAWCOOK@GMAIL.COM, for more information.
- “*Light*,” video series by Sandie Gravett, continues. This study explores the idea of light in Biblical texts from Genesis to John, Isaiah to Matthew, Psalms to Revelation. YMBC in Redhead Hall, Agape in the Garden Room, or watch online.
- *Parables of Jesus* – Seekers class meets in Main 125, with conference call option. Contact Gerard Davidson, GDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM.
- *Faithbuilding 101* – Discuss the scriptures used in our worship services each week. Faith Builders Class, moving to Zoom for January. For link contact Doug Key, DOUGKEYART@GMAIL.COM.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- *Milestones in the Faith classes for grades K-5:* Kindergarten, “Beginner Bible,” Corl 304 / 1st grade, “Worship Education,” Corl 301 / 2nd grade, “Communion Education,” Corl 300 / 3rd grade, “Catechism Education,” Corl 303 / 4th grade, “Bible Skills,” Spencer Love Room / 5th grade Class, “Spiritual Practices,” Corl 306. Contact Lisa Witherspoon (LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) for more info.
- *High School* (grades 9-12) and *Middle School* (grades 6-7), Memorial 303.
- *Confirmation class* meets in Memorial 304. Session 4: Who Is Your Lord?

FAITH, POLITICS AND JUSTICE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6: 10 am, “*Advocacy and the Local Church: Faith, Politics and Justice*”, a series co-hosted by Salem Presbytery begins in the Commitment Class. Series continues Sunday mornings through February, with Tuesday Zoom events February 15, March 15, and April 26.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13: 10 am, Commitment Class hosts a discussion on *Public Schools* with Rev. Leigh Curl Dove, Margaret Arbuckle, and GCS Superintendent Sharon Contreras (by recorded interview).



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15: “*Advocacy and the Local Church: Faith, Politics and Justice*” event – Salem Presbytery hosts Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director for the Office of Public Witness, for a Zoom webinar on *Voting Rights*. 1-2 pm on Zoom.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20: 10 am in the Commitment Class. Follow-up discussion from the Tuesday, with Rev. Hawkins joining on Zoom.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27: 10 am in the Commitment Class. Rev. Frank Dew on *Hunger Advocacy*.

