

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 30, 2022

11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: Fantasia in d..... Jan Pieterse Sweetinck (1562-1621)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Neil Dunnivant

* 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)

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 275 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FEST BURG
Please join us in singing together.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

* CALL TO CONFESSION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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.
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 period of silence is reserved for personal confession.

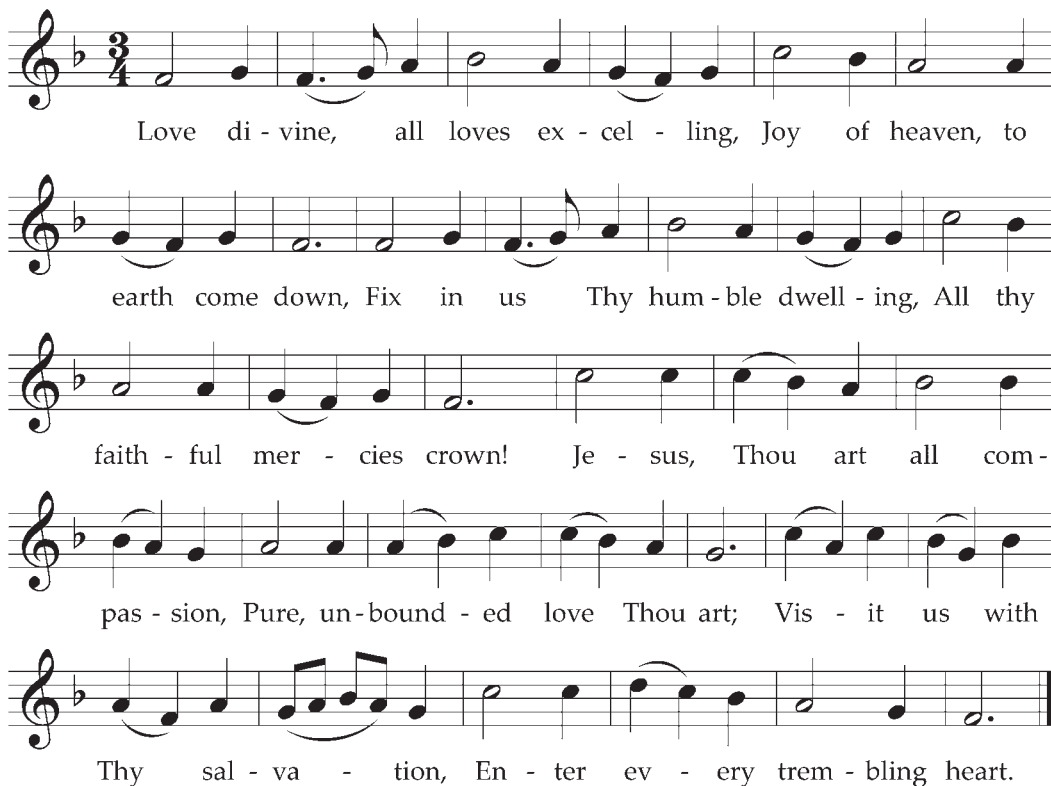
* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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 ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling..... HYFRYDOL



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy

faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Psalm 71:1-6* Ty Buckner, Lay Reader

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Neil Dunnivant

ANTHEM: O Lord, In Thee Have I Trusted from the *Te Deum Laudamus*

G.F Handel (1685-1759)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

O Lord, in Thee, have I trusted,
Let me never be confounded, O Lord!

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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 303 – God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian.... (SEE PAGES 8 & 9)
Please join us in singing together.

* 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.**

303 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b



1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped
2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made
3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -
4 Tri - une God, mys - ter - ious be - ing, un - di -

(D) (Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
E^b Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm



flame and hov - ering dove, breath of life and
flesh, Love cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er,
yond all thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom,
vid - ed and di - verse, deep - er than our

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm



voice of proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love:
suf - fering ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride:
womb of mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all:
minds can fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse:

(C) (G) (D)
D^b A^b E^b




give to those who lead your peo - ple fresh a -
in your tend - ing may all *pas - tors learn and
as you know our strength and weak - ness, so may
help us in our var - ied call - ings your full

*Or "elders" or "deacons"


Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

(Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
 B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm



noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as
 live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age
 those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its
 im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm



bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.
 and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.
 life stead - fast - ly, yet not o - ver - look its faults.
 tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

This text affirms that the church's ministry is the combined witness of all its members. The first half of each stanza addresses either one of the divine Persons or the full Triune God, and the second half forms a prayer drawing on the attributes recalled in the first half.

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: Dear Lord and Father C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) *Chancel Choir Ensemble*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe thro' the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm.
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak thro' the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

– John Greenleaf Whittier

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!"

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.....Maria Hanlin
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONRachel Fitch
- * RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 307 – God of Grace and God of Glory.....CWM RHONDDA
Please join us in singing together.

VOLUNTARY: Jubilate William Mathias (1934-1992)
John Alexander, organ



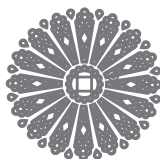
TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Neil Dunnivant, *Executive Pastor*
 Rachel Fitch, *Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident*
 Maria Hanlin, *Pastoral Care*
 Ty Buckner, *Lay Reader*
 John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
 Robert Wells, *Director of Chancel Choir*
Chancel Choir Ensemble

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Text: Martin Luther; Music: Martin Luther.
 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard.
 “God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian” Text: Carl P. Daw Jr.; Music: Alfred V. Fedak.
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng.*
 “God of Grace and God of Glory” Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick; Music: John Hughes.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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



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- Visit fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation

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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.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Olin by his wife, Julie, and family.

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.

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](https://fpcgreensboro.org/together).

IN MEMORIAM

Rosemary Roberts
January 26, 2022

Clara Byrd Holmes
September 4, 2021

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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), 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 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, 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)

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, GDVIDSON@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*.

