



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro  
January 22, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

Gathering Music: *Arise My Soul, Arise*

Kevin Twit

**Arise, my soul, arise;  
Shake off the guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice  
In my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands:  
My name is written on His hands.**

*[Chorus]:*

**Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise**

**He ever lives above,  
For me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love,  
His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for all our race,  
His blood atoned for all our race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.**

*[Chorus]*

**Five bleeding wounds He bears,  
Received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual pray'rs,  
They strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"**

*[Chorus]*

**My God is reconciled;  
His pard'ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child;  
I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.**

*[Chorus]*

Welcome and Announcements

Jill Duffield

Minute for Mission

Ralph Davison

\* Call to Worship

Deborah Conner

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**All: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For the LORD will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

**All: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

*– from Psalm 27*

\* Song of Praise: *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

BEACH SPRING

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,  
newborn creatures of your womb.  
Number them among your people,  
raised like Christ from death and tomb.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.**

**Every day we need your nurture;  
by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking  
cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us; guide our footsteps,  
free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

**O how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Re-create us; God, transform!**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

### \* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, help us to admit our sin so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus our redeemer. Amen.**

*A brief period of 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.**

### \* Passing of the Peace

Response to the Peace: *May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)*

Wendell Kimbrough

**Let the nations sing and be glad  
For the Lord is coming with justice.  
Let the nations sing and be glad  
For our God is coming with peace.  
Now let all the ends of the earth  
Fill with holy wonder and joy  
For our God is coming to reign as King!**



## THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Isaiah 9:1-4*

Emma Forbes Fields

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

A Moment of Godly Play for Children of All Ages

Lisa Witherspoon

The Word Read: *Matthew 4:12-23*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith

Newton Cowan

**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

Newton Cowan

*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](https://fpcgreensboro.org/give)  
or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

Offertory: *Give Me Jesus*

**In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus**

**Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
But give me Jesus**

**And when I am alone  
Oh, and when I am alone  
And when I am alone, give me Jesus**

**Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
But give me Jesus**

**And when I come to die  
Oh, and when I come to die  
And when I come to die, give me Jesus**

**Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
You can have all this world  
You can have all this world  
But give me Jesus**

Song of Response: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Sing praises, Alleluia.  
Praise God Creator, God the Son,  
Praise God the Spirit three in one.  
Sing praises, sing praises,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

Newton Cowan

\* Song of Sending: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

\* Benediction

Jill Duffield



### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Deborah Conner, Interim Associate Pastor for Outreach

Newton Cowan, Transitional Director for Pastoral Care

Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children's Ministry

Emma Forbes Fields, Lay Reader

Will Edwards, Director of Music for Rejoice! and Discipleship Associate

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.



**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.

**COVID GUIDELINES** – Masks are optional on our campus. Updates are posted at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/TOGETHER](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/together).

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**ABOUT THIS MORNING'S ROSEBUD** – The rosebud in Rejoice! this morning celebrates the birth of Isaac Bradley Fitch, son of Rachel and Stephen Fitch, born January 16, 2023. The family resides at 6869 Shiloh Rd., Liberty, N.C. 27298.

**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](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/connect) • Visit [fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation)

**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](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text) to download the SecureGive app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions for giving via text. Go to [fpcgreensboro.org/give](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/give) for more ways to give.

**USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED:** contact Anne Albert, [aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336.478.4711.

**PASTOR ON CALL:** When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.



# COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 22, 2023 • [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG)

## LATER TODAY

- **YOCO:** Greensboro Youth Collective – join Presbyterian youth from across the city at 6 pm at St. James Presbyterian, 430 Ross Ave.

## WEDS, JANUARY 25

- **MEN'S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY:** 7:30 am on Zoom. Info: Jack Harrington, [JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM).
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WOMEN:** 8:45 am in Main 125. Contact Betsy Harrington, [BETSYHARRINGTON@TRIAD.RR.COM](mailto:BETSYHARRINGTON@TRIAD.RR.COM).
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP:** 10-11:45 am, Garden Room. Handcraft blankets & more for nonprofits. Contact B.J. Williams, 336-288-8601, or Hannah Britt, 336-288-9289.
- **FOOD DRIVE-BY:** Last week 600 pounds of food came in! Drop off cans for Urban Ministry 10 am-2 pm in front of Redhead Hall. Greeters needed – sign up at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP).

## THURS & FRI, JANUARY 26 & 27

- **RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE TRAINING:** As part of FPC's commitment to being a Matthew 25 church, we are offering training to help us grow our understanding and analysis of structural racism. It will be held on Zoom. Info: Deborah Conner, [DCONNER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:DCONNER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) or 336-478-4709.

## NEXT SUN, JANUARY 29

- See details on back.

## CLOSING OUT JANUARY

- **THE EARTH CARE TEAM** invites anyone interested in caring for God's creation to join us at our meeting Monday, January 30, at 4 pm in the Garden Room.
- **PEACEHAVEN FARM BIBLE STUDY** holds its first gathering of the year at Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 pm on Zoom. Scripture reading, discussion, song, laughter, and prayer. Get the link from Yolanda Baxter, [YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).

## BEING A PLACE WHERE THE COMMUNITY MEETS

Last week the League of Women Voters met for lunch in Mullin Life Center, joined by the mayor and a state Supreme Court justice. This room and its lights, tables, technology and kitchen can be a place for important conversations because of your support. As



of January 19, 440 families have pledged a total of \$2,457,895! We are only \$142,105 from fully funding our proposed ministries for this year. Please make a pledge – call or email Christine Ciaccio, 336-478-4750 or [CCIACCIO@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:CCIACCIO@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).

## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- **COFFEE & DOUGHNUT FELLOWSHIP:** **ADULT CLASSES, 10 AM**  
8:30 am in Mullin Life Center, before the Rejoice! service at 9.
  - *Burning Faith*: Chip Bristol closes this series on his new book. Garden Room. *Books in the classroom or at the Welcome Center, \$20.*
  - *Jeremiah: A Guide for Living in Turbulent Times*. Sandie Gravett begins a look at the prophet's 40-year career, including some of the most troubled times in Israel's history. We look to discover the movement of God and find hope in difficult days. Redhead Hall, through March.
  - *Letter to the Ephesians* in Seekers, M125.
- **TWO WORSHIP SERVICES:** 9 am Rejoice! in Mullin Life Center and 11 am Sanctuary, with livestream.
- **MILESTONES IN THE FAITH** for children, 10 am. Info: Lisa Witherspoon, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.
- **YOUTH CLASSES**
  - Confirmation: *What Does it Mean to Show Love?* Newton Cowan leads Confirmands in Memorial 304 and Jill Duffield leads parents in Memorial 300.
  - Middle & high school, Memorial 303
- **LATER IN THE DAY**  
**YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT** at Backpack Beginnings, for grades 8-12, 2-4 pm. Info: Lisa Witherspoon, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

## February Highlights



**WHO IS JESUS, THROUGH SCRIPTURE & ART:** From Raphael to Rembrandt, led

by Jerry Beavers. February 4, 11 and 18 at 10 am, Garden Room.

**SOUPERBOWL OF CARING**, February 12 after 11 am service in Mullin Life Center. Donations support youth missions.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS 101**, presentation, panel Q & A. February 19, 4 pm, Garden Room.



**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22:** Imposition of Ashes service at 6 pm, also at Preschool Chapel, 9:30 am and open to all.

**BEING A WITNESS:** PCUSA takes the call of Christ to Washington and the United Nations. Hear from Public Witness Director Jimmie Hawkins and our member Victoria Alexander, a Young Adult Volunteer at the U.N. February 26, 10 am, Garden Room.



**MIDDLEFEST CHORAL FESTIVAL** finale concert, Saturday, February 11, 4 pm.

**UNCG UNIVERSITY CHOIRS CONCERT**, Sunday, February 19, at 5 pm.

