



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
February 11, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

Gathering Music: *Shine Jesus, Shine!*

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.**

[Refrain]:

**Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *[Refrain]***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *[Refrain]***

* Call to Worship

Newton Cowan

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

Leader: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: The Lord our God is holy!

* Song of Praise: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

[Refrain]:

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. *[Refrain]*

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

**Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *[Refrain]***

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

**When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *[Refrain]***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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: *Psalms 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: *Mark 9:2-9*

Ryan Mills

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Moment of Godly Play for Children of All Ages

Donna Chase

The Word Read: *2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *Shining Bright*

Rachel Fitch

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Jill Duffield

**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 using the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. Information for giving by other options, including text, app, and regular mail, can be found there as well.

Offertory: *Thou Lovely Source of True Delight*

**Thou lovely source of true delight,
Whom I unseen adore;
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight,
That I may love Thee more.**

**Thy glory o'er creation shines;
But in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines,
My bleeding, dying Lord.**

**'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop,
And sins and sorrows rise,
Thy love with cheerful beams of hope,
My fainting heart supplies.**

**Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light,
O come with blissful ray,
Break radiant through the shades of night,
And chase my fears away.**

**Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love;
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above.**

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

Jill Duffield

* Song of Sending: *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everyday in every way, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everyday in every way, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everyday in every way, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

* Benediction

Rachel Fitch



Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor
Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Ryan Mills, Lay Reader
Will Edwards, 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.

We seek to be God's changemakers for good in the world.
FPC is a Matthew 25 church, and 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.



WHAT TO DO – UNWELLNESS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: If during the service you or someone who is with you begins to feel unwell, or is having a medical emergency; or if you notice someone else having a medical event; please contact the closest usher, who can assist in the situation.

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.

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.

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/events.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S ROSEBUDS – The rosebuds in Rejoice! and in the sanctuary celebrate the births of Lillian (Lily) Grace Henschel, born January 31, 2024; and Conrad Lane Stamey born February 4, 2024. Lily is the daughter of Will & Hannah Henschel, and the family resides at 4911 Jessup Grove Road, Greensboro, N.C. 27410. Conrad is the son of Craver & Hannah Stamey, and the family resides at 1703 Independence Road, Greensboro N.C. 27408.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you may also give by mail, web, app, or text. Scan the QR code (right) to give online. You can also go to fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text to download the FellowshipOne Giving mobile app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions for giving via text. You may also mail your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.



PARKING MINISTRY: This ministry helps members with mobility issues get from their cars to the sanctuary for the 11 am service on Sundays. Two volunteers work on Greene Street 10:15-11:15 am. Passengers may be dropped off at the Greene Street door and will be escorted into the sanctuary. Drivers will be directed to a reserved space as needed. *Want to help?* Choose a Sunday at fpcgreensboro.org/signup. Info: Tim Millisor, tmillisor@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4793; or Nancy Courts, nancy_courts@uncg.edu or 336.273.1617.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Wood Wannamaker III
February 1, 2024

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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LATER TODAY

Souper Bowl of Caring



• **Souper Bowl of Caring** in the Life Center after 11 am worship; donations will go toward summer trip scholarships and hunger ministries. Take-out is available!

SHETLER DECISION



• **Shetler decision:** Several members of the Property Committee will be available at 12:30 in the Garden Room to share information on Session's decision not to move forward with this project.

RESCHEDULED
February 11



• **Winter Walking Group** will meet on the sanctuary steps at 3 pm for brisk air and conversation.

THIS WEEK

FEBRUARY Book Clubs

MONDAY **The GREAT GATSBY** TUESDAY

FEB 12 10:30 AM FEB 13 1:30 PM

NEIL DUNNAVANT

Neil Dunnivant leads discussion in the Garden Room, both book clubs

• **Impostion of Ashes service,** 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. *Beginning at 6:15, child care will be available for ages 7 and under, MLC 101.*

• **Lenten Dinner & Devotions** begins, continues Wednesdays in February & March. Join the FPC family for fellowship, food, and a simple Lenten devotion. Dinner will be served 5:15-6:45



pm in Mullin Life Center. Staff will lead the devotion at 6 pm. Reservations are required by 5 pm Monday each week. Ages 12 and up, \$10; ages 6-11, \$6; under 5, free. Household max, \$30. Sign up online (FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP) or with the QR code, *left*.



• **24-hour Prayer Vigils** – Join us as we begin and end our Lenten season in prayer. Participants are invited to pray from their homes in 30-minute time slots starting at 5 am on Ash Wednesday and on Holy Saturday. We encourage you to pray for our church during this time. Sign-up with the QR code, *right*.



FRIDAY, FEB 16

• **Memorial service for Warren Buford,** 2 pm in Memorial Chapel. Family visitation afterward in the Solarium.

SATURDAY, FEB 17

• **Memorial service for Martha Sharpless,** noon in the sanctuary. Visitation following in Mullin Life Center.

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- **First Sunday in Lent.** Jill Duffield preaches.
- **Capital Campaign kickoff** – At 10 am and noon, (after worship services), take a tour of work to be done.
- **New church school series begins**, *Making Sense of the Bible* led by Chip Bristol, 10 am in the Garden Room. Based on Adam Hamilton's book by the same name, which may be purchased at the Welcome Center front desk for \$10.
- **Registration deadline for the Women's Connection Conference**, August 9-11 at Montreat Conference Center.

FPC will have a group attending; please register now to make sure you get a spot! The cost will be \$500 (single room) & \$400 (double room). The cost includes registration to attend both days of the conference, lodging at Assembly Inn and meals (transportation will not be provided). Use the QR code to register.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20: "Our America: Lowballed," a documentary on discrimination in property assessments. With members from St. James and Westminster, we will be learning about the intersection of race and the challenge of affordable housing and exploring concrete ways to repair aspects of our broken system. This Racial Equity Ministry Team event is at 5:30 pm in the Garden Room.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3: Communion Sunday and

Third Sunday in Lent. Jill Duffield preaches, 9 and 11. **Congregational Meeting** at the beginning of the 11 am sanctuary service to vote on the slate of officers, the 2024-2025 Nominating Committee and change in terms of call for pastors. Rejoice! attendees are invited and encouraged to come for the meeting. The slate of nominees is available around campus and online (FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/MEMBER-RESOURCES).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: Planning Your 4th Quarter

Series: Estate Planning, 5-6 pm, Garden Room. RSVP by Monday, March 4, to Debby Foster, DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG or 336.478.4702.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10: Daylight Savings begins.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17: One service for dedication of Capital Campaign Gifts and Confirmation Sunday, 11 am in sanctuary. Confirmands will be received as full members. We also will dedicate our commitments to the Capital Campaign.



A PRAYERFUL LENTEN SEASON

Available this Sunday: **FPC PRAYER CARDS** created by the team, and **In JESUS' NAME DAILY PRAYERS BOOKLET**. Pick up in the Welcome Center, narthex, Tower Room, and Life Center.

JILL DUFFIELD'S LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT (\$10) is also available at the front desk, starting this Sunday.

FPC 40 DAYS OF LENTEN PRAYER CALENDAR: With quotes, scriptures & more, created by our Capital Campaign Prayer Team. Available *Ash Wednesday, February 14.*

WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING: In the sanctuary at noon on Wednesdays, February 21-March 27.

OPEN LABYRINTH PRAYER WALKS: Trip and Ann Adams invite you to walk their backyard labyrinth



during Lent. It takes 10 minutes and 2-3 people can walk at a time. 4502 Starmount Drive.

Bring a picnic if you like!

- Sunday, March 3, 1-3 pm.
- Tuesday, March 5, 11 am-1 pm.
- Saturday, March 9, 10 am-noon, 3-5 pm.
- Sunday, March 10, 5-7 pm.

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