



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro

May 19, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

Gathering Music: *This Is the Day*

**This is the day, this is the day.
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.**

Welcome and Announcements

Jill Duffield

Giving Thanks for the Ministry of Rachel Fitch

* Call to Worship

Newton Cowan

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

People: For God has done wondrous things for us.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind
that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

People: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

People: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.

* Song of Praise: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.**



THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Newton Cowan

O God, we have heard your Pentecost story: your Spirit is here, your church is born, and the day of the Lord is coming. You have gathered all people together in your Spirit, and you have brought life to all valleys of death. Still, O Lord, we cannot trust, for we fear our lives are beyond repair. Still, O Lord, we turn away, for we fear our hope is lost. Still, O Lord, we imagine isolation, for we fear we are cut off from your presence. Forgive us, Holy One. As you did for your first church, breathe the fire of life into us and give us the boldness of your Spirit. 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

A Moment of Godly Play for Children of All Ages

Rachel Fitch

The Word Read: *Acts 2:1-21*

Rachel Fitch, Matt Bussell, and Newton Cowan

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *Speaking the Same Language*

Jill Duffield

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Matt Bussell

**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: *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.**

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

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**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

Matt Bussell

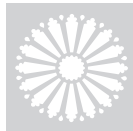
* Song of Sending: *Amen*

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

* Benediction

Jill Duffield



Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

Will Edwards, Director of Music for Rejoice! and AV Support

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.

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.



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

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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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today during the 11 a.m. Sanctuary service to Eileen Catherine Edwards, daughter of Amanda and Will Edwards; and to Kristen Elole Sekle, daughter of Ayao Sekle and Akou Kaffi.

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.

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.



INTERESTED IN BEING A LAY READER IN WORSHIP FOR THE 2024-2025 PROGRAM YEAR? Contact Anne Albert at aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or Bubba Judy at bjudy@beesonhardware.com.

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK OF MAY 19-25, 2024 • FPCGREENSBORO.ORG



JOIN US AT THE PENTECOST POTLUCK!

We'll be in Mullin Life Center after the 11 am service. If you didn't bring anything, come on anyway!

We're also celebrating Rev. Rachel Fitch on her last Sunday as our Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident. Much love to you and your family, Rachel! Stay in touch!

TODAY: SIGN-UP DEADLINE FOR PAINT THE TOWN

A team of 10 youth (at least 14) and 10 adults will paint a house for a low-income family! Part of a Community Housing Solutions event June 12, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Skilled leadership provided. Use the QR code or go to FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.



THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- **ALZHEIMER'S: FACTS, FIGURES & THE FUTURE.** Guest speakers from the Alzheimer's Association and Dr. Tiffany Reed, a gerontologist with experience in dementia care, will provide updated information on dementia and new advances in treatment. Sponsored by Pastoral Care, the Alzheimer's Association and Well-Spring Solutions. 2:30 to 4 pm in Redhead Hall.
- **OUR AMERICA: LOWBALLED:** We will continue learning about discriminatory housing appraisals by watching the second half of this documentary on racism and housing, two key priorities in our Matthew 25 work. 5:30 pm in the Garden Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

- **VETERANS' FELLOWSHIP PICNIC:** Noon at Shelter #7, Carolina Field of Honor, Triad Park. For veterans & spouses, and widows & widowers.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

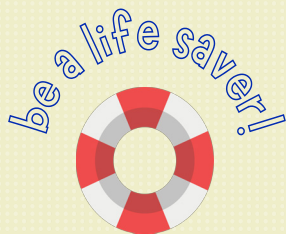
- **MIDWEEK INFORMAL WORSHIP** with Hot Dish & Hope guests. Music at 5 pm, followed by prayer and a message of care. In Mullin Life Center.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26

- **SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS:** Sing with the choir in June and August! Meet in the chancel at 10 am for rehearsal, sing in the 11 am service. No robes for the summer!

CHURCH SCHOOL, 10 AM

- ***Scripture on the Risen Christ:*** Rev. John Willett concludes this series on scripture foretells Jesus' genealogy, death and resurrection. Redhead Hall, hosted by YMBC and Agape.
- ***Gospel of John*** continues in the Seekers class in M125.
- Children's and youth Church School are on summer break until fall kickoff.



FPC Blood Drive

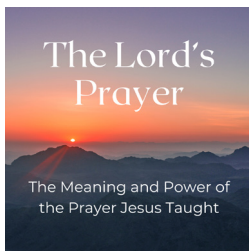
JUNE 12 / 1:30-6 PM / MULLIN LIFE CENTER

The Red Cross says June is one of the months of greatest need. Make your appointment now! Go to FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP, use the QR Code or call Tim Cook at 704-213-2253 and he can schedule for you! We also need volunteers to greet and coordinate the canteen.

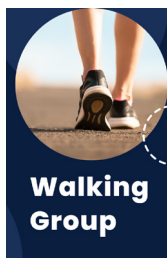
COFFEE, BISCUITS & BIBLE: Before work join fellow FPC'ers in the Solarium for food and fellowship followed by reading and discussing scripture together. Bibles and food provided. May

NEW ADULT SUNDAY STUDIES BEGIN JUNE 2 AT 10 AM:

- The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught begins. Video and discussion based on the book by Adam Hamilton. Garden Room, Come As You Are Summer Elective Class.
- Sandie Gravett leads a new series. Redhead Hall, hosted by YMBC and Agape.



INTERCESSORY COMMUNAL PRAYER for our church and community begins Thursday, June 6, 6:30-7:15 pm on Zoom. *Also August 1 and September 5.* Contact Yolanda Baxter (YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) for Zoom link.



WALKING GROUP: *Meet on the sanctuary steps. 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Info: Donna Chase, 336-253-0409. June 12, July 10, August 14*

INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR: Ages 3rd grade -adult are invited to rehearse at 10 am in the chancel and sing in the service at 11 am. June 23 and August 18. No robes needed! Questions? Contact John Alexander.

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT: Youth are invited to help serve at Hot Dish & Hope. Contact Lisa Witherspoon, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG, or Phae Smith, PSMITH@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG. June 25 and July 9.

PEACEHAVEN FARM WORKDAY: Light garden work, June 29, 9-11 am, meet at Peacehaven. Let Donna Chase know if you're coming, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

SIGN UP NOW

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PLANNING YOUR 4TH QUARTER: PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL: June 5, 5-6 pm, Garden Room. Presenter: Newton Cowan; RSVP by June 3 to Debby Foster, 336-478-4702 or DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG. Series concludes July 10 with *Unfinished Family Business*.

GREAT WOLF LODGE

TRIP: Rising 6th-graders! Enjoy a day at the water park, have fun, get to know other FPC youth, and hear about youth ministry. June 10, *Sign up by May 31.*

SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE:

Save your space now for this



trip next April 28-May 9, 2025. Connect with our personal faith & Scottish Reformed roots, visit with the

Church of Scotland & more. Space limited; brochures at the Welcome Center desk and around campus. Info: Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.