



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
June 9, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Gathering Music: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.**

Welcome and Announcements

Jill Duffield

* Call to Worship

Matt Bussell

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy
to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

– Psalm 95:1-2



* Song of Praise: *In Christ Alone*

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**



THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Matt Bussell

God, you created and love us. We need your healing and your mercy. Help us to see the ways we have distanced ourselves from you and others. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us. Set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you. Set us free to be the people you created and call us to be. 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: *Psalms 130*

Stu Johnston

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

The Word Read *continues, over*

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Moment of Godly Play for Children of All Ages

Donna Chase

The Word Read: *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *Momentary and Monumental*

Jill Duffield

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Newton Cowan

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

**All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

– from the Book of Common Worship (Colossians 1:15-20)

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: *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

**We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.**

**And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.**

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 so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live 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 work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work 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
Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission
Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Stu Johnston, Lay Reader
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.



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.

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.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

James Alexander (Alex) Galloway
February 21, 1936 – April 8, 2024

*“Lowcountry, a cradle of history and culture,
A place where time slows, and hearts grow,
A sanctuary for the soul, forevermore.”
– Lowcountry Lullaby*

Alex Galloway's roots were in the lowcountry of his native South Carolina, but he found a home in Greensboro and at First Presbyterian Church, where he was known as a man of great faith – an encourager, listener and advisor. Alex loved God, his family, and his country.

He was born in Columbia and graduated from Winyah High School in Georgetown, S.C., where he was an academic scholar, quarterback of the football team and a member of ROTC. He graduated from Clemson University with high honors in electrical engineering.

Upon graduation, Alex was hired by Western Electric Company. In what he and his family considered a God wink, he met the love of his life, Virginia Bass, on Pawleys Island “one enchanted evening” a week before moving to her hometown of Greensboro to start work.

Alex and Ginger were married April 4, 1959, and soon thereafter he was called to serve in the U.S. Air Force. After four years, he returned to Western Electric and was with the company through many corporate changes until his retirement from Lucent Technologies.

At First Presbyterian Church, he served as an Elder and Deacon, was a member of numerous committees, taught Sunday School and Bible studies and was a leader of the Veterans' group. He sang in the Chancel Choir, and he and Ginger were youth leaders for many years.

Alex was an avid reader, gardener, craftsman, fisherman and sailor. In his later years, he discovered a love of painting. He had a way of capturing the beauty of individuals and beloved coastal scenes, and his paintings were deep with meaning, just like his life.

Family was the first of Alex's many passions. He and Ginger celebrated 50 years of marriage before she died in 2011. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, teaching them about life, and he saw something special in each of his family members.

Alex was sustained by his faith, and he shared his God-given gifts with others. For him, to be in the company of family and friends in the lowcountry was a piece of heaven here on earth – one of those thin places.

The Session gives thanks to God for Alex's life and offers its deepest condolences to his family and friends. It requests that a copy of this memorial be placed in its minutes and a copy sent to his family.

– The Session of First Presbyterian Church



COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK OF JUNE 10-16, 2024 • FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

THIS MORNING

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND RENOVATION UPDATE: Open Q&A with Jill Duffield and Tim Millisor, Director of Property, in the Life Center.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 10

- **GREAT WOLF LODGE TRIP:** Rising 6th-graders transition to youth group with a day of fun! Keep them in your prayers as they travel to the water park in Concord.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- **PAINT THE TOWN:** Our team of adults & youth is joining in this community effort and will paint the home of an older person with mobility challenges. Organized by Community Housing Solutions.
- **SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION** for Curtis Youngblood, 11 am in the sanctuary.
- **BLOOD DRIVE:** See below for details and sign-ups..
- **WALKING GROUP:** Meet on the sanctuary steps. 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Info: Donna Chase, 336-253-0409. Also July 10, and August 14.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- **YOUTH POP-UP ICE CREAM BREAK!** 3-4 pm at Ozzie's, 3712 Old Battleground Road.
- **FIRST FAMILIES POP-UP PICNIC!** 5:30 pm at Shelter 2 in Country Park. For families with children. BYO picnic dinner, church provides popsicles!

Young families & youth, keep an eye out for more pop-up gatherings this summer! Lisa and Phae are planning some fun!



FPC BLOOD DRIVE

JUNE 12 / 1:30-6 PM

MULLIN LIFE CENTER

Make your appointment now! Visit the sign-up table today in the Life Center after Rejoice!, or go to [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/signup), use the QR Code below, or call Tim Cook (704-213-2253) and he can schedule for you! *Walk-ins welcome!*

Help members like Finn, and others! The Red Cross says June is a month of great need.

We also need volunteers to greet and coordinate the canteen.

Our goal is 56 donors, and we're more than halfway there!



NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

Rejoice! at 9 am, Life Center; Sanctuary at 11 am. *Summer choir continues: rehearse at 10, sing at 11.*

THE CHURCH SCHOOL HOUR, 10 AM

- *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught* continues through June. Video and discussion based on the book by Adam Hamilton. Garden Room.
- *Theologians Who Shaped the Christian Church*: Explore the influence of key thinkers in Christian theology. Led by Sandie Gravett in June & July, Redhead Hall.
- A study of the **Gospel of John** continues Main 125.

IN THE WEEKS AHEAD

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, JALEXANDER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

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.*

FORK & FAITH, monthly fellowship lunch for women, noon in Mullin Life Center. RSVP five days prior to Dolly Jennings, DJ6871202@GMAIL.COM or 336-854-2663. *June 26, July 17 and August 21.*

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.

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JULY SCHEDULE BEGINS: Beginning July 7, one service at 10 am in the sanctuary, Sunday School at 9 am. *Nursery care available 9:30-11:30 am.* Lemonade on Greene Street after worship!

SIGN UP NOW

[FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpcgreensboro.org/signup)



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. Pilgrimage is open to non-members soon, with discounted rate until August 1. Info: Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

HOT DISH & HOPE NEEDS SUMMER VOLUNTEERS! Tuesdays and Thursdays, you can be a part of feeding 200+ folks. Need more info? Contact Camille Townsend, CCTOWNSEND15@GMAIL.COM or 336-908-2088.

Build your faith this summer with a 3-month calendar of faith activities for all ages, provided by our Christian Formation ministry. Available in the Welcome Center, Life Center, and at sanctuary entrances.

EMAIL ALERT: Do not open emails that seem to be from a church staff member unless they are sent from @FPCGREENSBORO.ORG. Scam emails may say Jill Duffield, for instance, but the @address will be something different.