



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
October 1, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Gathering Music: *Living Water*

**Living water flowing from the heart of the Father,
Jesus we want Your Living Water.**

Welcome and Announcements

Jill Duffield

* Call to Worship

Newton Cowan

Leader: The God of heavens has made his home on earth,

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,

All: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now all who thirst,

All: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now all who hunger,

All: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now all who seek,

All: and find what you need this day.



* Song of Praise: *There Is a Fountain*

**There is a fountain filled with blood,
drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains,
lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
lose all their guilty stains.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
shall never lose its pow'r,
'till all the ransomed Church of God
be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more,
be saved, to sin no more;
'till all the ransomed Church of God
be saved to sin no more.**

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream
thy flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.**

**When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave,
then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, many go without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, your children go hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world thirsts. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. 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: *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: *Philippians 2:1-13*

Caroline Brantley

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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: *Exodus 17:1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the

place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *Staff, Rocks, Water*

Jill Duffield



RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Matt Bussell

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jill Duffield

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus [IN UNISON]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord ...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together ... Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

**Many: 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.**

Words of Institution

Matt Bussell

Communion of the People

Communion Music: *Behold the Lamb*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Rejoice! Ensemble

Prayer after Communion [*in unison*]

Jill Duffield

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints' witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

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: *Fill My Cup, Lord*

**Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
“Draw from my well that never shall run dry”.**

[Chorus]:

**Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more--
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!**

**There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.**

[Chorus]

**So, my children, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:**

[Chorus]

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

* Benediction

Jill Duffield

* Song of Sending: *Behold the Lamb*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of Heav'n
Around the table of the King.**



Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children's Ministry and Interim Youth Director

Caroline Brantley, Lay Reader

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.

Rooted and reaching in Christ's love, we will
serve God as Spirit-led changemakers for good.

Our vision is to be a caring, compassionate, and inclusive faith
community welcoming those who seek

an abundant relationship with Jesus Christ
meaningful worship
authentic connections
lifelong learning
transformative service

We are continually growing and evolving, even as we remain strongly
rooted in the Greensboro community and the Presbyterian tradition.

Come as you are and prepare to be transformed by God's love.

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.

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.

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**  ("1stpresgso") to get more of our posts in your newsfeed.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. All are welcome to the Lord's table. Our Communion bread is gluten free. We pray that as Christ meets you here you will be refreshed for the journey and strengthened in faith.

FALL AND FLU & COVID SEASON IS HERE! Let's take care of each other by staying home or masking and maintaining a safe distance if we have any symptoms. Many thanks!

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.



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IN MEMORIAM

Anne Elizabeth Penn Adams
September 26, 1933 – May 20, 2023

Anne Adams lived a rich, full, and beautiful life that expressed the love she had for Christ and his church, and for her family, her friends, her work, and her community.

Anne's love of family began in Danville Va, where she was born and raised. Her time at St. Mary's Junior College was cut short when her Aunt Mae died and Anne returned to Danville to help her uncle raise his two sons. She then became a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines, based in Miami, where she met her husband Harry Adams. Their loving marriage led not only to two special and adored daughters – and over time – to grandchildren and their friends and pets that became part of Anne's family. With great aplomb, Anne even served as the flower girl in one of her granddaughter's wedding.

Anne and Harry extended their love from family to their work. After marrying, they moved to Greensboro and founded Adams Antiques. They loved what they did – the travel, the search for perfect pieces, and the camaraderie of the friends who often joined them on their trips. Anne must have loved hearing "Oh! I love it!" when one of those perfect pieces caught the eye of a visitor to the shop.

Friends, church, and community also received a lot of love from Anne. A member of First Presbyterian for over 60 years, she served on numerous committees and projects and was elected to Session. She contributed to community life through her volunteer work for Bonterre Garden Club, the Junior League of Greensboro, and Hospice.

Anne was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harry and her sister, Mary Lee Penn Arthur. She is survived by her daughters, Beth Adams Gallagher and her husband Brian and Julie Adams Hartsell. "Mama Anne" will be lovingly remembered by her five grandchildren: Liza Moore Kane and her husband, Mike; Clifton Wesley Moore, III; Elizabeth Chappell Upper and her husband Joey; Gabriel Penn Hartsell; and William Worth Hartsell.

In Anne's long life, she was a daughter, a sibling, a niece, wife, mother, grandmother, businesswoman, volunteer, friend, and elder. But above all, she was a daughter of the church, known and loved beyond measure by God as his child.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church remembers with appreciation the life and service of Anne Adams. It requests that a copy of this memorial be placed in its minutes and a copy sent to her family.

– The Session of First Presbyterian Church



COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2023 • FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

LATER TODAY

- **KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB:** Kickoff party at Skyzone! 3-4:30 pm. We'll jump for an hour followed by snack and devotion. For grades 3-5.
- **YOCO:** Presbyterian youth from across the city get together the 1st Sunday of each month, 5:30-7:30 pm. Meets today at Westminster Presbyterian, 3906 W. Friendly Ave. *(next month at Fellowship Presbyterian).*

Go to FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/EVENTS & FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP for more

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY

- **RSVP DEADLINE FOR PW LUNCHEON.** Make a paid reservation (\$10) at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP. Luncheon is Monday, October 9, noon in Mullin Life Center. *Speaker, Dr. Jerry Beavers – 5 Major World Religions and What We Have in Common with Them.*

THURSDAY

- **FIRE TRUCKS!** 10 am, Life Center semicircle drive. See the big trucks and learn about fire safety! Sponsored by Weekday Preschool.

SATURDAY

- **NEIL'S MEALS:** Sign-in and doughnuts, 8:30-9 am; packing 9-11, Mullin Life Center. Named after long-time



Associate Pastor Neil Dunnivant, this event works with Out of the Garden to pack fresh food for local individuals and families. Join Associate Pastor Matt Bussell as he continues this tradition!

Anyone ages 8 and up

can volunteer; children under 13 must work alongside a parent. Register at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

NEXT SUNDAY

Blessing of the Animals



Oct 8

3-4 pm

We'll bless our pets 3-3:15 and then have fun and help other animals!

- Pup cups and cat treats
- Human treats and photo station
- Make dog rope toys from old t-shirts, to be donated to animal rescue groups.
- *Don't have a pet?* Bring a stuffed animal for a check-up with members who are nurses!

ALSO NEXT SUNDAY:

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP,** 5-6:30 pm in the Life Center.
- **HIGH SCHOOL CONNECTIONS,** 6-7:30 pm dinner & discussion in member homes.

LEARN ABOUT THE SHETLER DISCERNMENT PROJECT

in 2 upcoming info sessions:

- On Zoom **Tuesday, October 10,** at 5:30 pm
- In person **Sunday, October 15,** at 10 am in the Life Center.



WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT –

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 –
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13:**

Scholastic Book Fair, benefits Weekday Preschool. *During school hours*, Corl Building hallway. Please buy some books for Backpack Beginnings for October 15, Children's Sabbath!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9: Earth Care with Beyond Plastics Greensboro, 6:30 pm, Garden Room. Come to learn and share how we all can advocate for a plastic-free Greensboro with Shree Dorestant, the City's Chief Sustainability Officer.

**TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 10 AND
OCTOBER 24:** Coffee, Biscuits, & Bible: Welcome Center, 7:45-8:30 am. Food & fellowship & reading & discussing scripture together. Newton Cowan will lead.

**WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 11
AND NOVEMBER 1:** Fall Walking Group: Meet on the sanctuary steps for prayer and a 2.5 walk around Fisher Park & Green Hill Cemetery 5:30-6:30 pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14: Fisher Park Workday, 9-11 am. Jim Halsch from Fisher Park Neighborhood Association will direct us in trimming vines and other invasive weeds. Meet 9 am at the park entrance across from the sanctuary steps. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts & closed-toed shoes, bring gloves and hand trimmers. Let Tim Millisor know if you're coming, TMILLISOR@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG OR 336-478-4793.

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

**OCTOBER 15: CHILDREN'S
SABBATH:** Children will help lead worship. Bring new or gently used children's books for Backpack Beginnings!



• **YOUTH WILL SERVE AT**

BACKPACK BEGINNINGS, 2-3:15 pm at 3711 Alliance Drive. Open to 6th-12th graders. Sign up at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

OCTOBER 22: CHURCH & TREATING FOR KIDS: Wear your costumes! During Church School, we'll visit adult classes and collect treats across the campus. Meet in the back of the Life Center at 10 am, pick up on the Elm Street Prayground.

• **SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR MATT**

BUSSELL as Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission. 4 pm, sanctuary. Reception following in the Life Center.

OCTOBER 29: FALL SUNDAY RETREAT: Our entire FPC family will gather for Sunday school, worship, lunch, and fun at

**FALL SUNDAY
RETREAT**
(4924 Tapawingo Trail, 17 minutes from the church!) Come for the

whole day or any part of it! If you plan to eat lunch, please register by October 12 – QR code below –

so we can give Camp Weaver a headcount! *(There will be a recorded message available online, but no worship on FPC campus that day.)*

- 10-10:15 am – Coffee & donuts
- 10:15-11 – Intergenerational Sunday school
- 11-11:45 – Worship
- 11:45-1 pm – Lunch (grilled chicken sandwiches, broccoli, pasta salad, fruit, salad – vegetarian option available.)
- 1-3 – Optional activities (Arts & Crafts, Playground, Canoeing, Archery, Rock Climbing, Yard Games)
- *Sunday School, Lunch, & Worship will take place under the large Warwick Pavilion so it will be sheltered from sun or rain. There is plenty of parking (including disability accessible spaces on pavement near the Pavilion) and seats for everyone.*

