

SUMMER WORSHIP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENSBORO

August 10, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC: No. 697 – Take My Life

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HENDON | *Text: Frances Ridley Havergal / Music: H.A. César Malan*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Duffield

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Bussell

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

All: The One who calls us,

Leader: The One who equips us,

All: The One who loves us without end.

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 69 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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HERE I AM | *Text: Daniel L. Schutte / Music: Daniel L. Schutte*



Take My Life

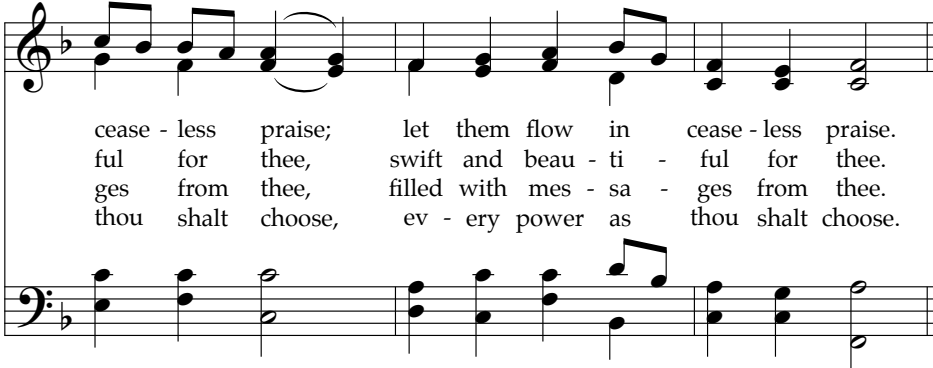
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
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 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

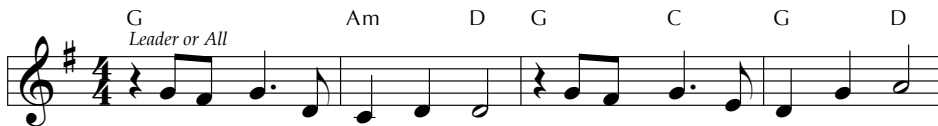
5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



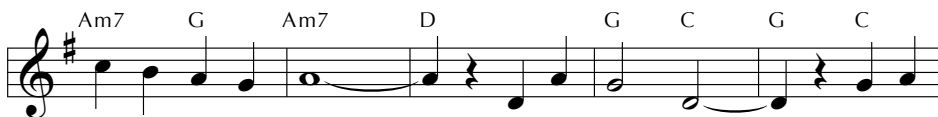
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:
Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,
That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,
Paths that lead to dread and death.
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,
Life that is abundant and eternal,
Life that began at the creation of all things.
Forgive us, turn us to the right path,
and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. Amen.**

A brief 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: No. 582 – Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Text: traditional liturgical text / Music: Paul M. Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**



THE WORD OF GOD

THE WORD READ: *2 Chronicles 15:12,14-15*

Evelyn Hare

They entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and with all their soul ...

They took an oath to the LORD with a loud voice and with shouting and with trumpets and with horns. All Judah rejoiced over the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with their whole desire, and he was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Lisa Witherspoon

THE WORD READ: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *Useful*

Jill Duffield

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Matt Bussell

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[concluding with 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: No. 710 – We Lift Our Voices

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OFFERING | *Text: Dwight Liles / Music: Dwight Liles*

* CONGREGATIONAL 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

Matt Bussell

* BENEDICTION

Jill Duffield

* HYMN OF SENDING: No. 700 – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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I'M GONNA LIVE | *Text: African American spiritual / Music: African American spiritual*

Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Evelyn Hare, 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 Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

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We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our

voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our

lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

give to you, we give to you. We lift our

voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

(my Lord,)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith.

Rooted and reaching in Christ's love, we seek to 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, and 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.



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 near you begins to feel unwell, or is having a medical emergency please contact the closest usher.

FLOWER DATE AVAILABLE – Honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sanctuary service. Flowers are accompanied by a bulletin note explaining their significance. *September 14 is still available.* Contact Carolyn Yow, cyow@fpcgreensboro.org or 336-478-4768.

INTERESTED IN BEING A LAY READER FOR THE 2025-2026 PROGRAM YEAR? If so, please contact Lay Reader Ministry Team Chair Catherine Freeze, catherinefreeze@gmail.com, or Director of Worship Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org.

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.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you may give by mail, web, app, or text. Scan the QR code (*right*) to give online. 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. Mail your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gwen and Dewey Farrell by their daughter, B.J. Williams and family.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S ROSEBUD – The rosebud in the sanctuary celebrates the birth of Kenneth Brooks Gilbert Born July 31, 2025, he is the son of Amy & Coleman Gilbert, and joins big brother Cole. The family resides at 2005 Hawthorne Street, Greensboro, N.C. 27408.

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.

THE LITURGICAL COLOR GREEN seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the season of "Ordinary Time." This season is a time of spiritual growth when the scriptures about Jesus' preaching, teaching and healings are read and proclaimed.



IN MEMORIAM

**Dennis Joseph Creamer
August 4, 2025**

COMING UP

A T F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N

WEEK OF AUGUST 10-17 | *See our full calendar at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG*

TODAY: A dozen of our members will head to Black Mountain to help with flood recovery – keep them in prayer. They will return on Friday.

OUR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- **Hot Dish & Hope** dinner for the hungry. Help serve 4-6 pm in the Life Center.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- **Food Drive-by** for Urban Ministry, 11 am-1 pm in front of Redhead Hall.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

- **Hot Dish & Hope** dinner for the hungry. Help serve 4-6 pm in the Life Center.
- **Yoga for Healthy Aging.** For all ages and levels, led by Virginia Wood each week. 4:25 -5:30 pm in the Virginia Gilmer Room. Info: REV VIRGINIA WOOD@GMAIL.COM.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- **RSVP deadline for Fork & Faith** monthly luncheon happening August 20. Join other women for lunch, fellowship and sharing our lives. Contact Dolly Jennings, DJ6871202@GMAIL or 336-854-2663.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- **One service at 10 am.** Jill Duffield concludes our Summer of Prayer sermon series with "The Holy Spirit Prays for Us;" scriptures, *Ezekiel 37:1-14* and *Romans 8:18-27*.
- **Faith Stories** series continues during 9 am church school. *More info and upcoming speakers, top right.*
- **Gospel of John** also continues during church school. Seekers class, Main 125.

FAITH STORIES FROM MEMBERS & STAFF

*Sundays at 9 am in Redhead Hall,
hosted by YMBC and Agape.*



AUGUST 17

Anne Albert,
worship
director:
My Time
with Mother
Teresa.



AUGUST 24

Stu Johnston,
FPC member:
My Faith
Story.



AUGUST 31

Kate Gillespie,
FPC member:
My Scotland
Pilgrimage.

MORE WORSHIP IN AUGUST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

We return to two services, plus a **Back to School Blessing**. Rejoice! at 9 am, church school at 10 am, Sanctuary at 11 am. *Take a turn in summer choir!* Rehearse at 10 am, sing at 11 am worship.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9 am Rejoice!, 10 am church school, 11 am Sanctuary. *Last summer choir for 2025.*

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RSVP for these activities and more ► [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpcgreensboro.org/signup)

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

MEALS ON WHEELS teams will deliver meals to the homebound August 20. Help out! Contact Linda Allen, LKWALLEN@GMAIL.COM or 336-549-3367. Our teams volunteer throughout the year on third Wednesdays and fifth Mondays. Be a regular or a substitute.

The **COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP** will meet to handcraft hats, scarves & more, August 20 at 10 am in the Garden Room. *Group returns to a weekly schedule in September.*

Registration opens in two weeks for the 2026 **WOMEN'S RETREAT**. Look for the sign-up table in the Welcome Center on August 24. Info: [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT](https://fpcgreensboro.org/womensretreat).

ELDER & TRUSTEE nominations open, August 24.

MEN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, SEPTEMBER 6:

Richard Beard Jr., CEO of the Greensboro Sports Foundation, will speak. 8:30 am, Life Center. Free, *RSVP by September 1.*



CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE

WORKSHOP: Choose a two-hour overview on Thursday, September 4 (7-9 pm, \$10); a daylong session Friday, September 5 (8 am-3 pm, \$35 including lunch); or both for \$45. *Sign up by August 28.*



The Weekday Preschool will hold its **FUN RUN FOR KIDS** on October 2 and a **5K FOR ADULTS** on October 4. This is the WPC's biggest fund-raiser of the year, and supports tuition assistance, teacher salaries, and more. Contact Rachel Sherwood (RACHELSHERWOOD@GMAIL.COM) or Emily Morris, (810FITNESSGYM@GMAIL.COM). We need volunteers and runners!



The new church year starts September 7.

We will worship together and install our new class of elders at 11 am. Afterward we will celebrate with a potluck – fried chicken provided.

FALL



KICKOFF

2 to 4 pm, Kid's Disciple Club will begin their year at Urban Air (4640 W. Market St.) with climbing walls, ropes course, zipline, dodgeball, trampolines, more! *QR code for registration and waivers.*



At 6:30 pm, middle & high school youth will kick off their year with music, games, snacks and prizes at a Neon Dance Party! Bring a friend and meet Nolan Chilton, our new Interim Director of Youth.

