



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro

May 22, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / SENIOR SUNDAY

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

Gathering Music: *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Audrey Assad

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward to
Thy glorious rest above**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth
Never, nevermore**

Welcome & Announcements

Jill Duffield

Introduction of Will Edwards and Nolan Chilton

* Call to Worship

Deborah Conner

Leader: God, show your faithfulness to us,
bless us, and make your face smile upon us!
For then the whole earth will acknowledge your ways,
and all the nations of earth will know of your power to save.

People: **May all the nations praise you, O God;
may all the nations praise you!**

– from Psalm 67

* Song of Praise: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing/Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee**

**Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy
I want to see you**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Response to the Peace: *Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*

Bubba Judy

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD

The Word Read *continues, over*

sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children

Rachel Fitch

The Word Read: *Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *I Have Let You See*

Jill Duffield



RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith

Rachel Fitch

**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 by giving online at fpcgreensboro.org/give
or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

Offertory: *Revelation Song*

Jennie Lee Riddle

Rejoice! Ensemble

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

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Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You
I will adore You

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

Rachel Fitch

* Benediction

Jill Duffield

**In time, a new wine will pour out to us – pour out
will pour out to us – pour out.**

**In time, Christ our vine will stretch out to us – stretch out
will stretch out to us – stretch out.**

**God we're on our knees again, God we need redemption –
We need You, oh we need You.**

**God we need Your saving grace. Let us see the Father's face
We need You, oh we need You!**

**Behold, the glory of the Lord is being shown! He's conquered death,
He's seated on the throne, redeeming us, the Lord of Hosts.**

**In time, a new wine will pour out for us – pour out
will pour out for us – pour out.**

**In time, Christ our vine will stretch out for us – stretch out
will stretch out for us – stretch out.**

**Christ before me, Christ behind, Christ around me, Christ inside.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ is on my left and right.**

**In time, a new wine will pour out on us – pour out
will pour out on us – pour out.**



Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor
Deborah Conner, Interim Associate Pastor for Outreach
Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Bubba Judy, Lay Reader
Will Edwards, Director of Music for Rejoice!
Rejoice! Ensemble

** Let us rise in body or spirit*

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 serve as the hands of Christ in the world. Our creation care and
hunger ministries have been recognized by the Presbyterian Church USA



THE LITURGICAL COLOR *WHITE* seen through the
parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the
redemptive work of Jesus Christ.



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.

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.

COVID GUIDELINES UPDATE – Masks are optional on
our campus. Worship seating continues to be in every
other pew; if we reach capacity, then you are welcome
to sit wherever there is space. Food and drink are now
permitted on campus. The Session approved these updated
guidelines from the COVID Task Force.

UPDATES ON OUR COVID GUIDELINES are posted at
FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/TOGETHER.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism
will be administered today during the 11 a.m. Sanctuary
service to Mackenzie Eppes Bell, daughter of Logan and
Sarah Bell.

**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/digital-formation

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you
may also give by web, app, or text. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text
to download the SecureGive
app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions.
fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.

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.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE – Honor or remember a
friend or family member by donating flowers for our
Sunday morning Sanctuary worship service. The flowers
are accompanied by a note in the bulletin explaining their
significance. *Dates available: August 14 & 18; September 25;
and October 16.* Contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or
cyow@fpcgreensboro.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Cynthia Warren "Cindy" Weaver
May 18, 2022

William DeForest "De" Maness
May 18, 2022

COMING UP

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

WEEK BEGINNING MAY 22, 2022 • FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

WELCOME! WILL EDWARDS AND NOLAN CHILTON



Will Edwards has just finished his Masters at UNCG, where he studied with our

own Robert Wells. Will joins us as Director of Music for Rejoice!



Nolan Chilton recently graduated from Catawba College with a bachelor's degree in

religion and philosophy. Nolan joins us as our Summer Intern for Youth Ministry.

LATER TODAY

ORGAN RECITAL:

John Alexander on our Létourneau organs. 5 pm in the sanctuary, *free*.



MONDAY, MAY 23

- **LECTIO DIVINA**, 11 am on Zoom. Led by Rev. David Partington, DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM.
- **GATE CITY VOICES**: A new choral group combines with Bel Canto for an inaugural performance, 7:30 pm, sanctuary. The group requires proof of full vaccination and masks. Tickets: BELCANTOCOMPANY.COM.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- **MEN'S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY**, 7:30 am, Zoom. Info: Jack Harrington (JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM).
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WOMEN**, 8:45 am on Zoom. Info: Betsy Harrington (BETSYHARRINGTON@TRIAD.RR.COM).
- **FOOD DRIVE-BY**: 10 am to 2 pm on Elm Street in front of Redhead Hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- **TRIAD CAREER NETWORK**, 9-10:30 am on Zoom. Learn more at TRIADCAREERNETWORK.ORG

NEXT SUNDAY

TWO SERVICES: Deborah Conner's first time in our pulpit. 9 am Rejoice! and 11 am Sanctuary. Second service will be livestreamed.

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS

Rehearse in the sanctuary during the church school hour (10 am), sing at 11 am. No experience needed, bring a friend! *June & August, with a break for July.*

CHURCH SCHOOL, 10AM:

- *No church school for children & youth*
- Newton Cowan leads discussion on "THE PRODIGAL SON" in YMBC, Redhead Hall. Agape and Faithbuilders classes join with YMBC.
- Gerard Davidson leads a study on **PARABLES OF JESUS**. Seekers, Main 125.
- **MEMBER-LED TOPICS** in the Commitment Class. Blair Hagan Room.

FOR MORE INFO on church school, upcoming services, and other events, subscribe to our e-communications at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CONNECT

MONDAY, MAY 30

- CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.
- MEALS ON WHEELS delivery to seniors, third Wednesdays and fifth Mondays. Volunteers & substitutes needed! Info: Linda Allen (336-549-3367 or LKWALLEN70@GMAIL.COM).

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 is **PENTECOST SUNDAY.**



SMALL GROUP STUDY:

Faithful Conversations about *The 1619 Project* by Nikole Hannah-Jones. Sundays in June, 5-6:30 pm in Cannon's Solarium. RSVP: YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

- **ELEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT:** *A Basic Course in the Christianese of Principal Theologians, Transcribed in the Time of Virus.* A panel of pastors and staff will facilitate an elective series based on this book by Dr. Eugene Rogers, professor of religious studies at UNCG. June 5-July 31 in the Garden Room, with a Zoom option.

KEEP BRINGING HYGIENE KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE.

Our collection ends on June 8 –just 2 Sundays left! We've collected about half of our goal.

Kits go to people dealing with natural disasters, deep poverty or other challenges. CWS does not yet know whether they will be asked for kits for Ukraine but would like to have a full stock ready. List here. **Note: do NOT include the \$2 handling fee.** Drop off on Sunday mornings or at Wednesday's Food Drive-By.

- Professor Sandie Gravett is returning in person! **"SUMMER OF LOVE,"** a study of *Corinthians 13*, explores the many dimensions of love in the Christian experience. YMBC and Agape classes meet in Redhead Hall, June and July.

- **THE PARABLES OF JESUS:** Seekers Class, M125 with conference call option. Contact Gerard Davidson, GDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM.



VBS

BARNYARD
BASH!

KDC TOO!

Sign up for
VBS, ages 3
to grade 2



Sign up for Kids
Disciple Club,
grades 3-5



august 1-4, 9-noon