



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro

June 26, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Gathering Music: *Who You Say I Am*

Ben Fielding/Reuben Morgan

**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me**

**Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am**

**Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me**

**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am**

**I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am**

Welcome & Announcements

Rachel Fitch

* Call to Worship

Deborah Conner

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer. Amen.

* Song of Praise: *Be Thou My Vision*

Grant Norsworthy/Brooke Norsworthy/
Mary Elizabeth Byrne/Eleanor Henrietta Hull

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art**

**Be my compassion, my love for the poor
Break my distraction so I can't ignore
The least of your children, the ones you adore
For by them, Jesus, I worship You, Lord**



THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Deborah Conner

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

A brief silence is observed for personal confession.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Peace

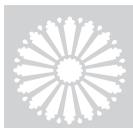
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response to the Peace: *Lord, I Need You*

Matt Maher

**Lord I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You**



THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Psalm 16*

Taylor Ott

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children

Lisa Witherspoon

The Word Read: *Luke 9:51-62*

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the

kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *With His Face to Jerusalem*

Rachel Fitch

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Matt Logan

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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: *Lord, I Need You*

Matt Maher

Rejoice! Ensemble

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

[Chorus]:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

[Chorus]

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

[Chorus]

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 Logan

* Song of Sending: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

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 work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

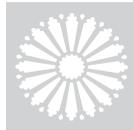
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

* Benediction

Rachel Fitch



Today's Worship Leaders

Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Deborah Conner, Interim Associate Pastor for Outreach

Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship

Taylor Ott, Lay Reader

Will Edwards, Director of Music for Rejoice!

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 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 **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.



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 CLOSED FOR JULY: Our nursery staff will be taking some sabbath time during the month of July, so the nursery will be closed. Children of all ages are welcome in our sanctuary during worship services and worship bags are provided.

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.

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](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/together).

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9 AM FOR JULY: For the five Sundays of July, we will have a single service in the sanctuary at 9 am, with various musical styles. We will resume dual services in August. Next Sunday, July 3, is Communion Sunday.

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](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/connect) • Visit [fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation](https://www.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](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text) to download the SecureGive app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions. [fpcgreensboro.org/give](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/give) for more ways to give.

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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LAY READERS for the 2022-2023 year. If interested, please contact Bubba Judy (bjudy@beesonhardware.com) or Anne Albert (aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4711).

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.

ONE FLOWER DATE 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. *Date available: October 16.* Contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org.

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP: This summer, you are invited to join us for lemonade on the Greene Street lawn at 10 am.

WRAPPING UP

MOVING ON TO

June July

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JUNE 27

- **LECTIO DIVINA**, 11 am on Zoom. Led by Rev. David Partington, DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM.
- **SHEROES OF THE BIBLE: Rescheduled** – Join Maria Hanlin's discussion on Ruth at 2 pm on Zoom. FOR LINK, YOLANDA BAXTER, YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- **FOOD DRIVE-BY:** 10 am-2 pm. Our collection for the community food pantry is moving across from the Life Center for the time being, while the city replaces water lines on Elm. We really need volunteer greeters -- can you share two hours? Bring a friend and the kids! (FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP).
- **YOUTH SERVICE DAY:** Meet at Chick-Fil-A at Friendly Center at 11:30 am. After lunch (bring \$), we'll travel to the Diaper Bank in Winston Salem, 1-3 pm. Pick up at FPC at 3:30. For rising 6th+. RSVP: FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.
- **JILL'S BOOK READ CONCLUDES:** Join Jill Duffield to read *The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic* by psychologist Jillian Peterson and sociologist James Densley. Zoom discussion, 5:30 pm.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** 7 pm on Zoom for the purpose of considering a slate of members to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. *More info, top right.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, at 7 pm on Zoom



for the purpose of considering a slate of members to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. This group will seek an Associate Pastor for Outreach. A Zoom link will be sent Wednesday afternoon.

The Transition Team recommends this slate: Nancy Abrams, Gerard Davidson, Emily Faucher, Joey Fields, Alex Harrill, Walt Howell, Tessa Kirkpatrick, John D. Whisnant, and Jackie Wilson. See their bios at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/OUTREACHPASTOR



NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3

**communion sunday
one service
sanctuary • 9 am**

**Sections
of Elm
Street
will
be closed
throughout the month**

as the city replaces water lines, so give yourself some extra time to park and get to activities & worship.



MORE IN JULY

- **JULY 4:** Church offices closed.
- **JULY 10:** Former Pastoral Resident Rev. Keith Dove will be installed as pastor for New Creation Community and Faith Presbyterian. 3 pm at Faith Presbyterian, 6309 W. Friendly Ave.
- **JULY 13:** Almanah luncheon, \$10, noon in the Life Center, with program by Karen Amirehsani, FPC's new Congregational Nurse/Director of the Sadye Bowles Fund. *RSVP by July 7 to Debby Foster, 336-478-4702 or DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG; or to Martha Holt, MARTHA.HOLT@ATT.NET.*
- **JULY 20:** Veteran's Fellowship at Triad Park, July 20 at noon. *RSVP by July 13:* Debby Foster, 336-478-4702, or Doug McLeroy, 336-478-4739.
- **JULY 20:** Community Service Group, 10 am to noon, Garden Room.
- **JULY 21:** Silent film accompaniment to *Phantom of the Opera*, 8:30 pm, sanctuary. Ticketed event, part of the Winston-Salem based Pipe Organ Encounter Camp.

SUNDAYS IN JULY

WORSHIP:

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LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:

10 am on the Greene Street Lawn.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

Sandie Gravett

examines the many dimensions of love in the Christian experience. Based on 1 Corinthians 13 10 am, Redhead Hall. Missed a class? Watch on the Adult Church School playlist.



ELEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT: Based on the book by UNCG professor Eugene Rogers. 10 am, Garden Room.

PARABLES OF JESUS: Seekers Class, 10 am, Main 125 with conference call option. Contact Gerard Davidson, GDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM.



VBS

BARNYARD
BASH!
KDC TOO!

august 1-4
9 am-noon

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org/signup](http://fpcgreensboro.org/signup)