



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
August 21, 2022 – 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: *King of Kings*

**In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets**

**To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt**

**Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

**To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross**

Brooke Ligertwood and Hillsong Worship

**For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died**

**And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death**

**And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored**

**And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint**

**By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me**

Welcome & Announcements

Jill Duffield

* Call to Worship

Deborah Conner

Leader: Holy One.

People: As we gather this morning to worship you,

Leader: May we speak truth,

People: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

Leader: May we pray in faith,

People: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

Leader: May we sing with joy,

People: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

Leader: May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

People: So that Your words may give grace to us who hear.

* Song of Praise: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Chris Tomlin

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

[Chorus]:

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

[Chorus]

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine**



THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us. We confess the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong. We confess the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

A brief silence is observed for personal confession.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Peace

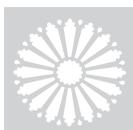
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Response to the Peace: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Aimee Scotton

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children

Lisa Witherspoon

The Word Read: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Doug McLeroy

**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: *Build My Life*

Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Kaple
| Matt Redman | Pat Barrett

Rejoice! Ensemble

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you
Oh, we live for you

[Chorus]:

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save (worthy...)
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
Show me who You are and fill me
With Your heart and lead me
In your love to those around me

[Chorus]

[Bridge]:

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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

Doug McLeroy

* Song of Sending: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Indelible Grace

**Oh love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be**

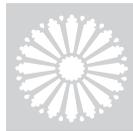
**Oh joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be**

**Oh light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be**

**Oh cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust's life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be**

* Benediction

Jill Duffield



Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Deborah Conner, Interim Associate Pastor for Outreach

Doug McLeroy, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children's Ministry

Aimee Scotton, Lay Reader

Will Edwards, Director of Music for Rejoice! and Discipleship Associate

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.

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

JOIN SUMMER CHOIR: No experience necessary, bring a friend! Rehearse at 10 am on Sundays, sing at 11 am in the sanctuary. No rehearsal during the week.

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 – Masks are optional on our campus. Worship seating is in every other pew. Updates are posted at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/TOGETHER](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/together).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today during the 11 a.m. Sanctuary service to Reagan Ora Howe, daughter of Richard and Sarah Howe; and to Adelaide Banks Day, daughter of Matt and Randall Day.

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. Visit [fpcgreensboro.org/give](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/give) for more ways to give.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Bruce Murphy
August 16, 2022

August AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

THIS MORNING

Please join us at 10 am in the Welcome Center for lemonade & fellowship, and to remember with love our pastor and friend, as we dedicate the Dolly Jacobs Memorial Welcome Center.



THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- **LECTIO DIVINA:** Led by Rev. David Partington on Zoom at 11 am. Contact David at DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM for link.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS:** 9 to 10 am in the Garden Room, led by Gina from A.C.T. by Deese. Cost is \$5 per person, paid at each class. RSVP: Debby Foster (336-478-4702 or DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) or Karen Amirehsani (336-478-4724 or KAMIREHSANI@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

- **MEN'S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY:** 7:30 am on Zoom. Info: Jack Harrington, JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM.
- **FOOD DRIVE-BY:** 10 am-2 pm. Please drop off canned & other shelf food at the tent across from the Life Center. Greeters needed! Sign up at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP:** 10-11:45 am, Garden Room. Handcraft blankets, hats, gloves and more for local nonprofits. Contact B.J. Williams, 336-288-8601, or Hannah Britt, 336-288-9289.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

- **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS:** 9 am, Garden Room. See Tuesday for more.

NEXT SUNDAY

FALL KICKOFF



LET'S HAVE PANCAKES!

(perfectly flipped by TJ Driscoll, Harrison Turner, Steve Warren & David Witherspoon)

Starting 9:30 am,
Mullin Life Center

WORSHIP

One service, 11 am, sanctuary.
Celebrate our newest elders who will be ordained & installed.

Worship will include a back-to-school blessing for our students.

Later in the day (5:30-7 pm), youth parents will meet at the home of Sara & Taylor Stroud (*at their new address, 2011 Granville Road*), for fellowship and an overview of the 2022-23 youth calendar.

OUTREACH NEEDS

WHEELS4HOPE IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF CAR DONATIONS. The cars don't have to be running, and Wheels4Hope can have the car towed. There are currently 10 people on their waiting list. *To donate, call 336-355-9130.*

THE 5TH MONDAY FPC MEALS ON WHEELS TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP TO FILL 3 OPEN ROUTES. This team meets 4 times a year; remaining dates are 8/29 and 10/31. Call Liinda Allen for info, 336-549-3367.

URBAN MINISTRY IS DOWN TO TWO WEEKS' SUPPLY IN THE FOOD PANTRY. Please drop off canned food at the tent across from the Life Center each Wednesday at our Food Drive-By. ***We desperately need greeters for August 31:*** Sign up for a 2-hour shift under the tent at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP

SIGN UP NOW FOR NEIL'S MEALS

On September 24 we will pack more meals for our hungry neighbors.

This time anyone ages 8 and up can volunteer! (Children younger than 13 must work alongside a parent).

9:30 -10 am

Registration, biscuits & doughnuts.

10-11:30 am

Pack boxes with fresh produce and shelf foods.

Sign up now using the QR code above or call Tami Lundy, 336-478-4799.



WHAT IS GOD'S CALL FOR FPC?

More FPC vision discussion groups are being planned. If you would like to be included in an upcoming group, contact Tami Lundy, TLUNDY@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG OR 336-478-4799.

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP

September 11:

Communion Sunday/

Disability Inclusion Sunday

*Later in the day: Youth Kickoff, 5:30-7:30 pm,
Sherwood Pool*

October 2:

World Communion Sunday

October 16:

Children's Sabbath

October 30:

Reformation Sunday