



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro  
September 25, 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: *The Sands of Time are Sinking* Samuel Rutherford/Philip Palmertree

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the summer morn I've sighed for,  
the fair sweet morn awakes;  
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but on my King of grace;  
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of Emmanuel's land**

Welcome & Announcements

Jill Duffield

Celebrating Our Ministries

Bill Jacobs



\* Call to Worship

Deborah Conner

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

**All: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

**All: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

Leader: Let us worship God today –

**All: Because we are God's people.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* Song of Praise: *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

Jonny Robinson,  
Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom**

**My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus**

**All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

\* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Deborah Conner

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your 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: *May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)*

Wendell Kimbrough

**May our God be known for His grace  
May the earth rejoice in His blessing.  
May our God be known for His love  
And the smile that shines from His face.  
May Your way be known on the earth,  
So that all the nations will sing -  
And rejoice in knowing the God of grace!**

## THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Psalm 100*

Turner Pierce

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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: *2 Peter 1:3-11*

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature.

For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who lacks these things is nearsighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Word Proclaimed: *Philadelphia*

Jill Duffield

## 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](http://fpcgreensboro.org/give) or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

Offertory: *The Sands of Time are Sinking*

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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: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* African American Spiritual,  
arr. Wendel Whalum

**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 pray so God can use me.  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.  
I'm gonna pray 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 sing so God can use me.  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me.  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.**

\* 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  
Turner Pierce, 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](mailto:aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336.478.4711.

**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.

**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.

**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://fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text)  
to download the SecureGive  
app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions.  
[fpcgreensboro.org/give](https://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.

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

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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://fpcgreensboro.org/connect) •  
Visit [fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation](https://fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation)

## IN MEMORIAM

Marie English McLean Clark  
September 8, 2022

# COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 • FPCGREENSBORO.ORG



**LATER TODAY:** The first gathering of a new monthly event for youth from six local Presbyterian churches, with pizza, gaga pit, cornhole, worship & more. 6-7:30 pm in Mullin Life Center.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- **LECTIO DIVINA:** Led by Rev. David Partington on Zoom at 11 am. Contact [DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM) for link.
- **THE STORY OF PLASTIC:** Plastic pollution affects our health & the health of our planet. Join FPC's Earth Care Team and other community groups to watch this award-winning documentary, 6:30 pm, Life Center.
- **HABITAT INTEREST MEETING:** If you are interested in a possible churchwide Habitat house build in 2023, please attend this meeting on Zoom, 6:30-7:30 pm. Contact Deborah Conner, [DCONNER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:DCONNER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- **SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS:** 9 to 10 am in the Garden Room. \$5. RSVP: Debby Foster (336-478-4702 or [DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG)) or Karen Amirehsani (336-478-4724 or [KAMIREHSANI@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:KAMIREHSANI@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG)).
- **PEACEHAVEN DINNER GATHERING:** For young adults of all abilities, 6 pm, Solarium. Contact Rachel Fitch, [RFITCH@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:RFITCH@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).
- **GIFT IN THE EVENING:** 7 pm on Zoom, studying *Anxious: Fighting Anxiety with the Word of God*. Info: Aimee Scotton, [ACSCOTTON15@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ACSCOTTON15@GMAIL.COM)

- **BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** Led by Doug Key, 5:30 pm in Garden Room with Zoom option. Contact [DOUGKEYART@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DOUGKEYART@GMAIL.COM).

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- **MEN'S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY:** 7:30 am on Zoom. Info: Jack Harrington, [JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM).
- **WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WOMEN:** 8:45 am on Zoom. Current study is *This Here Flesh*. Contact Betsy Harrington, [BETSYHARRINGTON@TRIAD.RR.COM](mailto:BETSYHARRINGTON@TRIAD.RR.COM).
- **HUNGER ACTION:** The White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, focusing on diabetes, obesity, and hypertension, will be livestreamed in Redhead Hall from 9 am to 6 pm.
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP:** 10-11:45 am, Garden Room. Contact Hannah Britt, 336-288-9289.
- **FOOD DRIVE-BY:** 10 am-2 pm. Please drop off canned & other shelf food in front of Redhead Hall. Greeters needed! Sign up at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP).

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

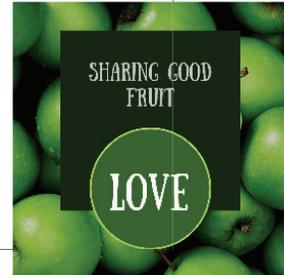
### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- **FISHER PARK CLEAN-UP:** 9-11 am. Bring tools to trim or prune bushes.

## YOUR GIVING SHARES

**LOVE!** Our Pastoral Care ministry sponsors several groups that bring members together to care for each other. One is the **Fork & Faith** monthly women's luncheon. It grew from the Almanah group founded by the late Becky

Peters. There are groups for people in grief, caregivers for family members, veterans, and more. Please support these and other ministries by participating in our campaign for 2023 ministry. **Commitment Sunday is November 20, one service at 11 am with a potluck lunch afterward. See you there!**



## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

***World Communion Sunday,  
Fall series continues with "Outdo each  
other in showing honor."***

- Rejoice! 9 am, Mullin Life Center.
- Sanctuary, 11 am.

### ***Church School, 10 am***

- Children in Corl classrooms
- Youth on third floor Memorial
- FPC 101: Anyone interested in membership, as well as members interested in learning more, are invited to explore the Bible, church history, theology, and polity. The group will meet every Sunday in October at 10 am in Cannon's Solarium. Matt Logan leads, [MLOGAN@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:MLOGAN@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).
- Families Growing in Faith for parents of infant-teens, back of Life Center. Contact Elisa Cook, [TEACHDANCE86@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TEACHDANCE86@GMAIL.COM)
- *Fascinating Stories in American Church History* led by Neil Dunnivant. Hosted by Faith Builders, Myers Loyalty Room.
- *Early Christians You Should Know. New Sandie Gravett series* on people who shaped the early church in ways that had

a profound impact and who are models for a Christian life. Hosted by YMBC, Redhead Hall. Agape Class will attend.

- *Letter to the Ephesians* in Seekers in Main 125, led by Gerard Davidson, [GDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM](mailto:GDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM).
- Commitment Class, Memorial 100. Susan Ridenhour leads.

### ***Afternoon & evening***

- **KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB:** Bible study, service, & fun for grades 3-5. Lisa Witherspoon, [LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).
- **YOUTH SMALL GROUP GATHERING**



### **ORGAN DUO**

#### **RECITAL:**

Featuring  
John  
Alexander &  
Adam Ward.  
5 pm, free.

**AND DINNER:** 6-7:30 pm, Life Center.  
Contact Donna Chase, [DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto:DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG).