WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Voluntary: Arabesque................................................................. Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
John Alexander, organ

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.

* Processional Hymn: No. 49 – The God of Abraham Praise...................... Leoni
1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.
3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty bl-es!
4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;

the An-ci-ent of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
In proph-et’s word you spoke of old and you speak still.
a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,
We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:

we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er bl-es!
deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.
and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crow-ned.
the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.
* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

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 period of 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 Assurance of Pardon: At the Name of Jesus

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
ev-ery tongue confess Him King of glory now;
’Tis the Father’s pleasure we should call Him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE WORD READ: Psalm 16.................................................................Reid Wilcox

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN ........................................................................Lisa Witherspoon

ANTHEM: If Ye Love Me ....................................................................Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

Summer Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
that He may abide with you forever; E’en the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

– John 14:15-18
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
O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)

Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Bb7 Eb

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ever near;
3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)

Eb Cm7 Fm Bb Eb Bb7 Eb

be now and always near me, my Master and my friend;
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)

Cm F Bb Ab Bb

I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)

Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
but, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.
now give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.
WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 725 – O Jesus, I have Promised

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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 by giving online at fpcgreensboro.org/give or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.
Offertory: Go Not Far from Me..........................Nicola Zingarelli (1752-1837)

Summer Choir

Go not far from me, O God;
Cast me not away in the time of age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
that I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long.

– from Psalm 71

* 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; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication.............................................................. Matt Logan
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;

3 We marvel how your saints became in drances more sure:

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,

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to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, refi

if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot un

whose joyful pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot un

in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.

wind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

name, and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.

you: the cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.
* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ................................................................. Rachel Fitch

RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 432 – How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord ......................... REPTON

VOLUNTARY: Festal Flourish ........................................................................ Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

John Alexander, organ

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
Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children’s Ministry
Reid Wilcox, Lay Reader
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Summer Choir

“At the Name of Jesus” Text: Caroline Maria Noel; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams.
“O Jesus, I have Promised” Text: John Ernest Bode; Music: Finnish folk melody.
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng.

* 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.

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 summer choir and dual services in August. Next Sunday, July 3, is Communion Sunday.

ABOUT TODAY’S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ernest Lee by his wife Sue; daughters Amy Speaks and Susan Skipper; and grandchildren Susan, Alexis, and Jackson Speaks and Rachael Skipper.

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.

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.
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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. 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.

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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: 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

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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.

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SUMMER OF LOVE

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BARNYARD BASH!

KDC TOO!

august 1-4
9 am-noon

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