We Assemble in God’s Name

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Voluntary: Communion ........................................................ Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

John Alexander, organ

Welcome & Announcements......................................................... Jill Duffield

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

* Call to Worship ........................................................................ Maria Hanlin

Leader: Come, and praise God! In the company of God’s people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

People: our God is merciful and forgiving;

Leader: our God is faithful and trustworthy;

People: our God is just and good.

Leader: So come, let’s worship God together.

People: God’s praise will last forever! Amen.

* Processional Hymn: No. 645 – Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart
Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
in our impatience for answers,
we sometimes turn to idols of our own making
and forget our covenant with you.
Passionate for what is right,
we wrong those with whom we differ.
Pleased at the invitation to your banquet,
we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving.
Forgive us when our faith is weak
and our zeal too strong.
In Jesus’ name we pray. 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: Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us
all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and
never, Never more Thy temples leave.
We Hear God’s Word

The Word Read: Isaiah 12:1-6

Aimee Scotton

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

A Time For Children

Donna Chase
**Anthem:** Rejoice in the Lord Alway .............................................. Anon. (16th century)

*Chancel Choir Ensemble*

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is e’en at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

– Philippians 4:4-7

**The Word Read:** *Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**The Word Proclaimed** ...........................................................................................................................Jill Duffield

**We Respond to God’s Word**

*Hymn of Response: No. 623 – I’ve Got Peace Like a River............... PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table** ..................................................................................................................Rachel Fitch

**Great Thanksgiving**.................................................................................................................................Jill Duffield

Leader: The Lord be with you.
**People:** And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise....
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People
COMMUNION ANTHEM: As We Gather at Your Table ................. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Summer Choir

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as your forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

– Carl P. Daw, Jr.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ................................................................. Jill Duffield

CALL FOR THE OFFERING........................................................................ Rachel Fitch

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or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

OFFERTORY: O Be Joyful in the Lord..................................................... John Rutter (b. 1945)

Summer Choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen.

– Psalm 100
* CONGREGATIONAL 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; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION ................................................................. Rachel Fitch

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION .......................................................... Jill Duffield

CLOSING HYMN: No. 516 – For the Bread Which You Have Broken ................. KINGDOM

VOLUNTARY: Canzona ................................................................. Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor  |  Maria Hanlin, Pastoral Care
Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident  |  Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation
Aimee Scotton, Lay Reader  |  John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir  |  Summer Choir

* 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.

ABOUT TODAY’S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gwen and Dewey Farrell by their daughter, B.J. Williams and family.

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY. All are welcome to the Lord’s table. Our Communion bread is gluten free. We pray that as Christ meets you here you will be refreshed for the journey and strengthened in faith.

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.

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP: This summer, you are invited to join us for lemonade on the Greene Street lawn at 10 am, between the Rejoice! and Sanctuary services.
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless in the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and

2. What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy beareth. With our peace and joy and blessing, as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the

3. The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, thy praises, that all may hear the grateful song

4. Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud in joy and healing a balm, my soul is filled, and every faithless in the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.
mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glory!
chosen band: take your part:

This canonic chant from the Taizé Community is based on the opening phrase of Mary’s song when she visited her relative Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39–56). Both Eastern and Western churches have used the full text for many centuries as part of daily prayers.
I've Got Peace like a River

In the King James Version, the promise of “peace like a river” is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God’s will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians’ baptismal identity.
1 For the bread which you have broken, for the
2 By this promise that you love us, by your
3 With the saints who now adore you seated
4 In your service, Lord, defend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven afar
at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.
send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.
WHAT IS GOD’S CALL FOR FPC?

**TODAY:** Small group discussion meeting for those who have already expressed interest, 10 am in Spencer Love Room. [More discussion groups are being planned.](#) If you would like to be included in an upcoming group, contact Tami Lundy, [TLUNDY@FPCGREENSBoro.ORG](mailto:TLUNDY@FPCGREENSBoro.ORG) or 336-373-0445.

### THIS WEEK

*Many groups are exploring their faith in new ways this week. Keep the following in prayer:*

- August 8 & 9: Rising 6th graders at Great Wolf Lodge
- August 8-12: Our children at Weekday Preschool Camps
- August 12-14: FPC staff and members at Montreat Women's Conference

### MONDAY, AUGUST 8

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- **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](mailto:DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBoro.ORG)) or Karen Amirehsani (336-478-4724 or [KAMIREHSANI@FPCGREENSBoro.ORG](mailto:KAMIREHSANI@FPCGREENSBoro.ORG)).

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- **MEN’S LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY:** 7:30 am on Zoom. Info: Jack Harrington, [JACKHARRINGTON44@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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.
- **ALMANAH LUNCHEON:** noon, Mullin Life Center, for pre-registered guests. Menu: ham biscuits, devilled eggs, pasta salad, fruit, raw veggies and assorted desserts.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

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

### NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Jill Duffield preaches, Rejoice! at 9 am in Mullin Life Center, and traditional at 11 am in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. Everyone is invited to join in summer Chancel Choir – rehearse at 10, sing at 11!

- **LEMONADE:** 10 am, Greene Street Lawn.
- **ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL, 10 am:**
  - [Jim Llewelyn will speak in the Agape Class about his experiences living in Gambia from 1972 to 1974 as part of the US Peace Corps.](#) Meets in the Garden Room.
  - [Discussion of Hebrews 11 led by Newton Cowan. YMBC meets in Redhead Hall.](#)
  - [Parables of Jesus: Main 125 or conference call. Info: GDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM.](#)

**WHEELS4HOPE IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF CAR DONATIONS.** The cars don’t have to be running, and Wheels4Hope can have the car towed. [To donate, call 336-355-9130.](#)
COMING UP

COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP MEETS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Honoring our Dolly
On Sunday, August 21, we will dedicate the Dolly Jacobs Memorial Welcome Center. The GRACE Bible study group, which Dolly founded, came up with this wonderful idea. Please join us at 10 am in the Welcome Center that day for lemonade, fellowship, and to remember with love our pastor and friend.

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, 336-373-0445.

FALL KICKOFF
AUGUST 28

LET’S HAVE PANCAKES!
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, youth parents will meet at the home of Sara and Taylor Stroud, for fellowship and an overview of the 2022-23 youth calendar.

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