

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**BAPTISM SUNDAY / TEACHER & LEADER APPRECIATION**

MAY 21, 2017

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*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*Baptism Sunday / Teacher & Leader Appreciation*  
8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

*Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it along the pew.*

VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in C minor ..... Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
*John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY ..... Sid Batts  
*(Please turn off cell phones, and refrain from using cameras during worship.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Josh Musser Gritter (8:30 a.m.)  
Sid Batts (10:45 a.m.)

Leader: The gospel is good.

**People: We are not ashamed.**

Leader: The gospel is true.

**People: We are not ashamed.**

Leader: The gospel is grace.

**People: We are not ashamed.**

**All: Let us worship together.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 121 – That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
Text: Latin hymn, 5th century / Music: Trier ms. 15th century

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION ..... Josh Musser Gritter (8:30 a.m.)  
Dolly Jacobs (10:45 a.m.)

**God of the gospel,  
Make us instruments of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, may we sow love.  
Where there is darkness, may we sow light.  
Where there is slavery, may we sow freedom.  
Where there is despair, may we sow hope.  
Where there is death, may we sow resurrection. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: I Sing the Mighty Power of God .....ELLACOMBE

Text: Isaac Watts / Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wirtembergischen*



There's not a plant or flower be - low But makes Thy glo - ries



known; And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, By or - der from Thy



throne; While all that bor - rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy



care, And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pre - sent there.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: *Psalm 8*

*Readers: Genie Schwartz (8:30 a.m.); Reid Wilcox (10:45 a.m.)*

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set your glory above the heavens.**

Leader: Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;**

Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

**People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

*FIRST LESSON continues, over*

**Leader:** You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

**People:** **all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**All:** **O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*10:45 a.m. only*)

### Introduction of Families

**Leader:** We come to the font to baptize two of our children and to remember that we are the baptized children of God.

Baptism is a special act of Christian worship that uses visible signs to present God's grace for us in Jesus Christ.

**People:** **We baptize because Jesus instructed his disciples to baptize and to celebrate this sacrament among God's people, the Church.**

**Leader:** Through baptism we are adopted and welcomed into God's family, and we are named and claimed as God's own. Parents, relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?

**Parents: We do.**

**Leader** to the young children of the church:

Do you promise to pray for Alexander and Alice, to be a Christian friend and to tell them of the love of Jesus?

**Children: We do.**

**Elder** to congregation:

Do we as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture Alexander, Alice and their parents, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

**Congregation: We do.**

Baptism

Words of Reflection on Baptism

Prayer

Presentations

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (10:45 a.m. only):

Child of God, I Now Have Chosen..... FISHER PARK  
Text: Herman Stuempfle / Music: Sally Ann Morris



Child of God, I here sur-round you With this fam-i-ly



Sis-ters, bro-thers who will love and Tend you faith-ful-ly.

*(Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to Worship Enrichment after the Congregational Response)*

ANTHEM: Open My Eyes..... K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)  
*Chancel Choir*

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;  
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.

O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else,  
No other, none else with you.

Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings  
With truth of spirit, with honor of body,  
With blessings of mouth, both in public and private.

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28*.....(PEW BIBLE, PAGE 152 AND 154)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: When Pride is Spiritually Healthy ..... Sid Batts

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 281 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah..... CWM RHONDDA  
Text: William Williams / Music: John Hughes

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 a.m. only) ..... Josh Musser Gritter

**Jesus is our living Lord.  
Jesus was dead and buried,  
but God raised him from the dead.  
The risen Lord appeared to his followers.  
They recognized him as their Master  
who had been crucified.  
Before Jesus left them,  
he commissioned them to proclaim to all people  
the good news of his victory over death,  
and promised to be with them always.  
We are certain that Jesus lives.  
We declare that Jesus is Lord.  
His resurrection is a decisive victory  
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.  
Amen.**

*– from A Declaration of Faith*

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Come, Believers in the Gospel..... John Horman (b. 1946)  
*Chancel Choir*

Come, believers in the Gospel, share the good news we have heard:  
God in Jesus Christ is with us! How amazing, how absurd  
that such Love should dwell among us, conquer death, and live today,  
offering humankind salvation, making known the Truth, the Way!

Holy people, God still calls us, like the saints of long ago,  
to be one in faith and purpose as we worship, learn, and grow.  
Be forgiven and forgiving, with your neighbors reconciled;  
And in love, befriend the stranger, be God's grace to every child.

Children, pour the living water, consecrate the bread and wine,  
bring a towel and humble basin, human symbols, yet divine.  
Tell the ancient Gospel story of a cross and empty grave;  
sing of Resurrection's glory to the world Christ came to save.

Heirs, with Christ, of truth and promise, People of the Book and Way,  
God has gifted us with wisdom from the past to use this day.  
Let the scriptures guide your thinking, and tradition shape your will,  
That you may discern God's purpose and your mission thus fulfill.

Members of Christ's new creation, Love's great laws bind us as one,  
calling us to righteous living, showing us the wrong we've done.  
Live, repentant and forgiven, in obedience to the Way,  
seeking justice for your neighbors, offering hope for life today.

Friends, may faith that God has planted in your hearts find fertile ground.  
In our common life together, may the grace of Christ abound.  
May our deeds proclaim the Gospel, prayer and worship never cease,  
And the Spirit lead us onward to a just and lasting peace.  
Alleluia, Amen.

– text: Mary Nelson Keithahn

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Text: Thomas Ken / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!"

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise  
God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

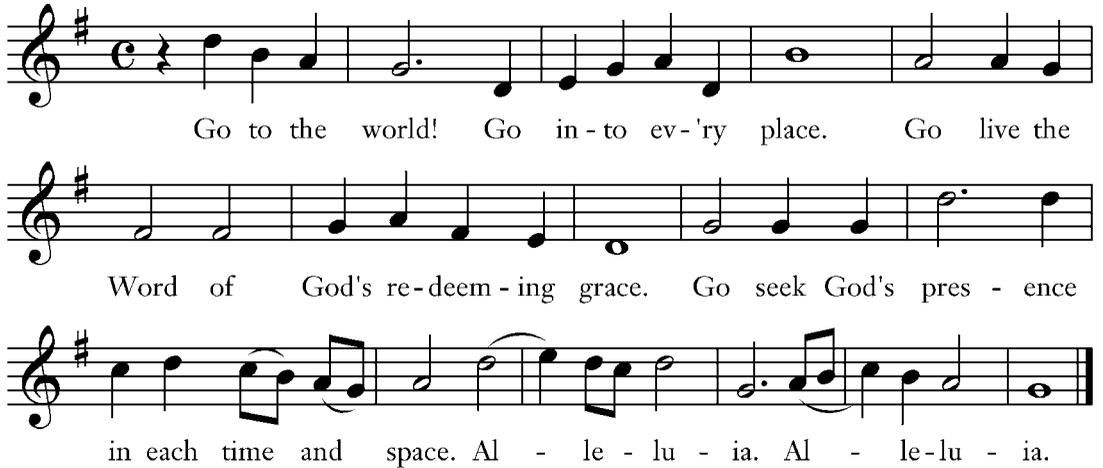
\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP .....Sid Batts (8:30 a.m.)  
Josh Musser Gritter (10:45 a.m.)

\* BENEDICTION

Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...  
All: **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control.**  
**May we live by the Spirit.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Go to the World! .....SINE NOMINE  
Text: Sylvia Dunstan / Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams



Go to the world! Go in-to ev-'ry place. Go live the  
Word of God's re-deem-ing grace. Go seek God's pres-ence  
in each time and space. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

VOLUNTARY: Toccata in G Major .....Theodore Dubois  
*John Alexander, organ*



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Sid Batts*, Senior Pastor

*Josh Musser Gritter*, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

*Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (10:45 a.m.)

*Fran Davis*, FPC Elder (10:45 a.m.)

*Genie Schwartz*, Lay Reader (8:30 a.m.)

*Reid Wilcox*, Lay Reader (10:45 a.m.)

*Perrin Maultsby & Molly Louvorn*, Acolytes

*John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist

*Chancel Choir*

## THIS MORNING IN REJOICE!

Rejoice!, our non-traditional service, takes place Sundays at 10:45 a.m.  
in Mullin Life Center, receiving the sermon via video link.

Also leading Rejoice! today are

*Lara Musser Gritter*, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

*Kevin Geurink*, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

*James Keith*, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

*Ashley Xu*, Lay Reader; and the Rejoice! Band.

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## THE 2017 SUMMER DEVOTIONAL IS HERE!

Pick up a copy today in the Welcome Center, the Life Center, or the Sanctuary narthex. An online version will be available at [fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org) after Memorial Day.

### Liturgical season

The liturgical color *white* seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

### Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today during the 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary service to Alexander Lee Johnson, son of David and Liz Johnson; and to Alice Armfield Preyer, daughter of Britt and Elizabeth Preyer.

### About this morning's flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ed and Betty Britt and Harry and Mary Alice Denny by their children Wade and Louise Britt.

### Last Sunday's special offering

Last week we donated \$3,046 to our partner ministry StepUp Greensboro through our special offering in worship.

### "Lord, teach us to pray ..."

First Presbyterian Church would like to pray for you. Please fill out one of the prayer requests in the bulletin in the Sanctuary, the Quiet Center on the second floor of the Smith Building, or the Mullin Life Center foyer outside of the Rejoice! worship service. Pastors will be reading and praying these petitions. You may also email your prayer request to Dolly Jacobs [djacobs@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:djacobs@fpcgreensboro.org). If you would like to be a part of the FPC Intercessory Prayer Group, it meets on Thursday mornings at 8 am in the Quiet Center, Smith 231. Please contact Dolly Jacobs for more information.

### Becoming a member

We welcome anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ to join our community of growing disciples. New members are received after completing Explore FPC, a class about our church and its ministries. The class will be offered again Saturday, June 24, 9 a.m. to noon, and on Sunday, June 25 after worship. To RSVP, including child care requests, contact Rachel Sommers, [rsommers@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:rsommers@fpcgreensboro.org) or 478-4799.

### Quiet Center available after services

A pastor will be available in the Quiet Center, the first room on the right as you walk down the Smith Building hallway from the Tower Room. All prayer requests are confidential.

### 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.

### Don't assume ...

... that the pastors know that you or other church members are in the hospital or home with a lengthy illness. Please call the church offices at (336) 373-0445 and let us know so that we can pray for and extend a hand in prayer and care.

### New time for Rejoice! and Sanctuary

*Beginning next Sunday*, our second Sanctuary and Rejoice! services will begin at a new time, 10:30 a.m. The 8:30 a.m. service will not be held Memorial Day through Labor Day.

### Ushers needed

We need more ushers for Sanctuary worship services! If you can help out on Sunday mornings, contact Anne Albert, [aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336-478-4711.

### Every Sunday, we all can

Each Sunday, we collect non-perishable food for our neighbors experiencing food hardship. Please join in this ministry by bringing food to church.

## IN MEMORIAM

Marie Craven Waynick  
May 17, 2017

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.

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR**, we encourage you to wear a name tag, available in the blue Welcome notebooks on your pew.

**VISITORS AND MEMBERS**, please sign the attendance pad in the Welcome notebooks. We care about how folks are doing and try to pay attention when our members haven't worshiped with us in a while. And please note the names of others on your pew and say "Hello!"

**FAMILIES** can find comfortable seating, a nursing screen, and a live feed of the service in the Myers Loyalty Room behind the Sanctuary. Parents must supervise children.

**IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN**, we offer ways to make worship meaningful for them:

*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.

*Children in Worship bags*: Young children are invited to choose from an assortment of crayons, coloring books, and other activities to create their own worship bag for the service. These items are available in the Narthex and near the Greene Street entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance, if needed. Bags should be returned to the shelf after the service.

*Worship Enrichment*: After the children's message, ages 4 to 7 are invited to follow adult leaders to the Children's Space in the Welcome Center for Worship Enrichment. Following the service, parents pick up children in the Welcome Center.

*Restrooms*, including a family room, are located off the hallway behind the pulpit and chancel. We encourage young children to be accompanied by parents any time they leave the Sanctuary.

## NEXT WEEK IN CHURCH SCHOOL, 9:30 a.m.

Summer schedule begins. *The following classes do not have scheduled meetings during the summer*: Commitment Class | Faith, Community, Action | Faith Matters | Homebuilders. "The Kingdom of God," a pastor-led study, will begin June 4.

- **Agape** – Joins with YMBC in Redhead Hall for the summer.
- **Seekers** – "American Religious History," led by Gerard Davidson. Meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.
- **YMBC** – "Leadership Transitions in the Old Testament," led by Erwin Fuller. Meets in Redhead Hall.
- **Young Adult Study: GATHER** – Meets in Memorial 300, and will be studying the *Book of Acts* throughout June.

### Flower dates available

You can honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sunday morning worship service in the sanctuary. The flowers are accompanied by a note in the bulletin explaining their significance. Contact Carolyn Yow, [cwow@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:cwow@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336-478-4768, or to learn more.

## IN MEMORIAM

Sallie Webb Huss

Family, friends too numerous to count, this church, and the broader community are all diminished by the loss of Sallie Erwin Webb Huss, March 27, 2017, due to sudden illness following surgery.

Sallie was born June 10, 1939, and raised in North Carolina; her family had deep roots here supplying some of the state's earliest political leaders. She grew up in Oxford and during her junior high years became fast friends with a senior high student, Thomas Hoke Huss. As Hoke left for his years of education at Carolina, Sallie waited for him to come back to her for weekends in Oxford, until she herself left to pursue studies at Duke and Greensboro College. The couple married in July, 1959, and enjoyed fifty-eight years together, living in Greensboro. With the addition of two much loved sons, Thomas Hoke, Jr., and Robert Erwin, the immediate family was complete.

Perhaps best known and loved for her skills in creating a warm and welcoming home with the kitchen as the epicenter, Sallie was also an organizer, a loyal friend, a quiet, capable leader. She was one of the rare people who looked into the eyes of everyone she met and saw good there. God was at the center of her life. And from that perspective, she and Hoke raised their boys to be independent, generous people. As they matured, she welcomed their wives and later grandchildren with open arms.

Holden Beach, family gatherings, friends, world travel – all enriched Sallie's life as she was likewise a blessing wherever she was. She and Hoke traveled throughout Europe, Russia, Africa, South America, the Caribbean, Canada, and all fifty states, often leading church travel groups.

Not the least of her interests was participation and service in First Presbyterian Church. A record of her involvement is studded with over one hundred entries from teaching Sunday school, serving meals, leading Scouts, working on committees, supporting study groups, to practicing hospitality in the church setting. In the community, through much involvement over the years, Sallie was president of the Greensboro branch of the English Speaking Union, president of the Belle Meade Society of the Greensboro Historical Museum, member of the North Carolina Museum of History, Greensboro Lecture League, and a supporter of the Community Theater of Greensboro and Triad Stage.

Foremost for both Hoke and Sallie was a passion for mission. From an observation of one who worked alongside her: "Sallie inspired me during Hurricane Floyd recovery work as she joined us in Grifton, NC, and she was not in great physical condition. But, she sat on the front porch and did hours of manual labor salvaging wood moldings by extracting the nails..." Helpful in tasks she could perform, she was more helpful in inspiring the others, contributing regardless of the situation.

Sallie Webb Huss is survived by her husband Thomas Hoke Huss; son Thomas Hoke Huss, Jr., wife Barbara, and granddaughter Elizabeth; son Robert Erwin Huss, wife Beth, granddaughter Braden and grandson John. She is also survived by a brother, John Graham Webb and wife Frances, of Lynchburg, Virginia. The Session of First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the rich life of Sallie Huss and offers condolences to the many who loved her. It asks that this tribute appear in its minutes and a copy sent to the Huss family.

– The Session of First Presbyterian Church