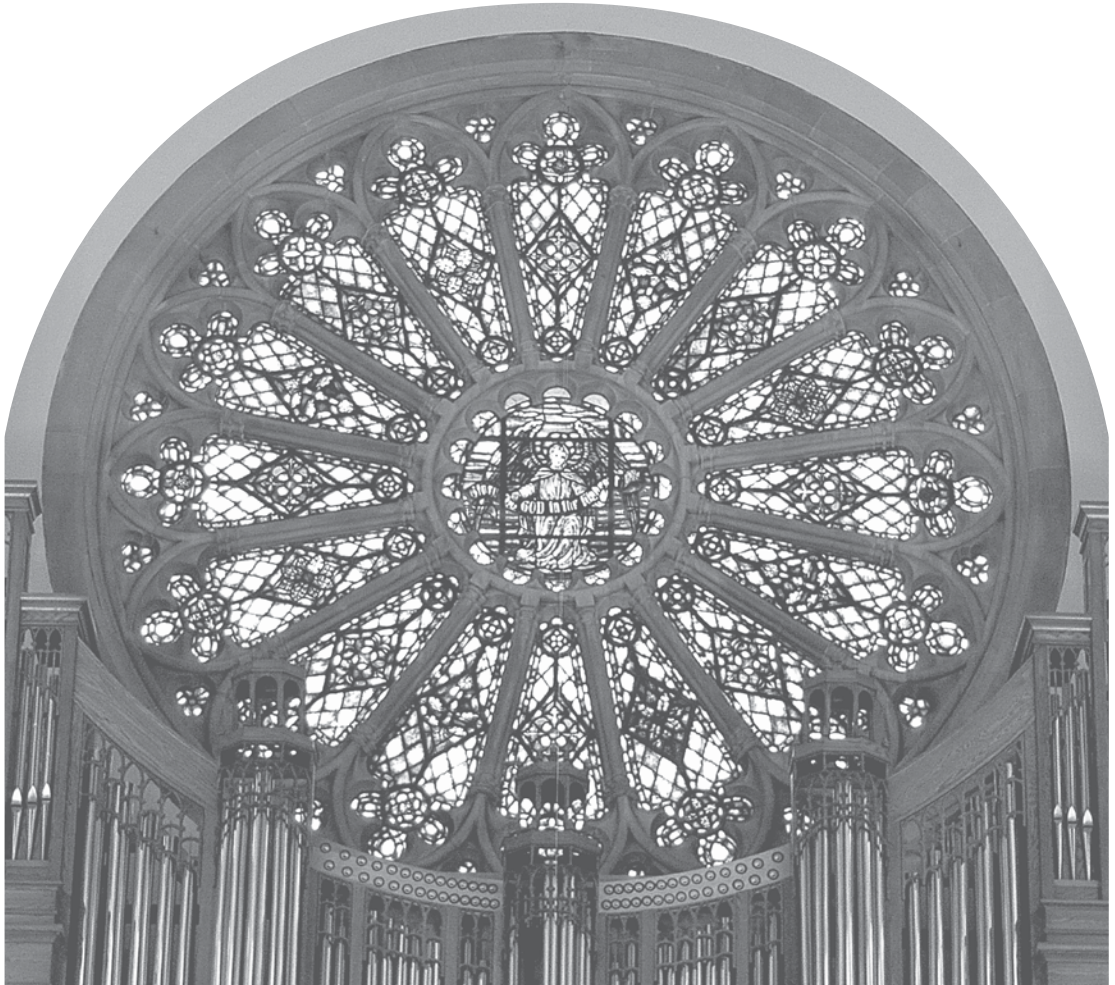


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TRINITY SUNDAY
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION APPRECIATION SUNDAY
MAY 22, 2016

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Trinity Sunday
Christian Education Appreciation Sunday
8:30 a.m. 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.....Kevin Geurink (8:30 a.m.)
Sid Batts (10:45 a.m.)

Leader: Praise to God our Creator, source of all life.

People: **Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free.**

Leader: Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

People: **Praise to Jesus the Christ, who walks among us
and shows us the way.**

Leader: Praise to the Holy Spirit, who sustains, challenges, and comforts us.

People: **Let us worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 138 – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!..... NICAEA
Text: Reginald Heber / Music: John Bacchus Dykes

* CALL TO CONFESSION Kevin Geurink

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have taken the easy way out.**

**Remind us to think before we act
and to make our decisions with you in mind,
instead of just ourselves.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

– adapted from Book of Common Worship

* 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: O Lord, You Are My God and King.....JERUSALEM
Text: *The Psalter* / Music: C. Hubert H. Parry



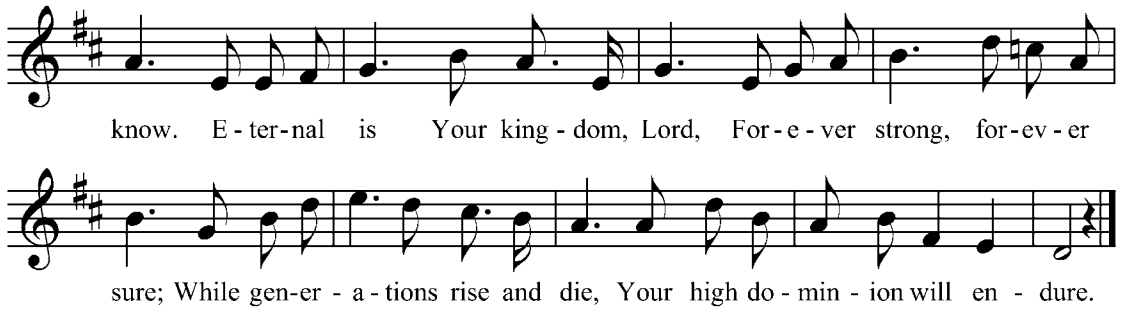
Your works will



give you thanks, O Lord, Your saints Your might-y acts will



show, Till all the peo - ples of the earth Your king-dom, pow-er, glo - ry



know. E - ter - nal is Your king - dom, Lord, For - e - ver strong, for - ev - er
 sure; While gen - er - a - tions rise and die, Your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: *Matthew 22:36-40*(PEW BIBLE, PAGE 25)
Readers: Carter Davenport (8:30 a.m.); Larry Bowden (10:45 a.m.)

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

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Lisa Witherspoon
(Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to Worship Enrichment, 10:45 a.m. service)

ANTHEM: If Ye Love Me Phillip Wilby (b. 1949)
Chancel 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, ev'n the spirit of truth.

SECOND LESSON: *John 16:12-13*(PEW BIBLE, PAGE 110)
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Answers... But Not Easy Answers.....Sid Batts

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 324 – Open My Eyes That I May See..... OPEN MY EYES
Text: Clara H. Scott / Music: Clara H. Scott

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... Kevin Geurink

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Amen.

– from A Brief Statement 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: The Secret of Christ Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

Chancel Choir

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak.
I will lead the blind in a way they know not,
in paths that they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them.

- based on Isaiah 42:14-16

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal,
proceeding out of the throne of God;
and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,
and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations.

- based on Revelation 22:1-3

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts,
That we may share the secret of Christ
with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,
following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our Friend. Amen.

- The Pilgrim Prayer by Rev. Canon Derrick Walters

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Text: Thomas Ken / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng

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!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIPSid Batts (8:30 a.m.)
Kevin Geurink (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.**

* CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise.... ELLERS
Text: John Ellerton / Music: Edward John Hopkins

Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
We stand to bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease;
And, now de - part - ing, wait Thy word of peace.

VOLUNTARY: Rhapsody No 3Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
John Alexander, organ



* Please stand as you are able.

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Thank You!

to our 2015-16 Christian Education Teachers and Leaders

CHILDREN

Lisa Anderson
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Lisa Barbee
Blair Barnett
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Ashton Clemmons
Allison Cochran
Becky Cochran
Hilda Courter
Katie Edmunds
Katherine Farless
Heather Frick
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Atim Idika

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Libba LaFave
Dawn Law
Margaret Lowe
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Craig McIntosh
Robert McIver
Ryann McVey
Erica Medlin
Laurie Morris
Laura Needham
Mindy Oakley
Chad Oakley
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Patrick Parrish
Mopsie Patterson

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Tricia Shaw
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Sara Stroud
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Linda Watkins

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Lee Atkinson
Becky Barger
Trip Brown
Marshall Brown
Heather Coghill
Tim Cook
Polly Cornelius
Carrie Cowan
Holly Crosby
Bert Davis
Leslie Deaton
Bethany Duggins
Glen Enochs
Scott Faircloth
Katherine Farless
Nancy Godwin
Annalise Graves
Mary Hale
Alex Harrill
Kelly Harrill
Ann Harwell
Terri Hendrickson
Clark Holbrook
Tyler Hollis
Bill Jacobs
Stu Johnston
Leigh Jones
Caroline Jones
Layne King

Kristi Lowe
Kristen Magod
Susan Mayes
Ben McAlhany
Beth McAlhany
Laurie Morris
Kathy Neff
Chad Oakley
Paul Parker
Brian Pierce
Susan Quirk
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Kelly Rightsell
Tara Roberson
Sherry Rogowski
David Sanderson
Dianne Sanderson
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Neal Duncan
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Aimee Scotton
Shirley Spears
Libby Strickland
Lib Strickler
BJ Williams
Mark Yarbrough
Ann Zuraw

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Sid Batts, Senior Pastor
Kevin Geurink, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry (10:45 a.m.)
Carter Davenport, Lay Reader (8:30 a.m.)
Larry Bowden, Lay Reader (10:45 a.m.)
Eva Engebretson & Adam Doyle, Acolytes
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir
Chancel Choir

THIS MORNING IN REJOICE!

Rejoice!, our non-traditional service, takes place Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Mullin Life Center, receiving Sid Batts' sermon via video link. Also leading Rejoice! today are

Aaron Ferry, Minister and Director of Youth Ministry;
Donna Chase, Director of Children's Ministry;
James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!;
Catie Oakley, Lay Reader; and the Rejoice! Band.

Live streaming of worship services

Our 10:45 am sanctuary worship service is live-streamed on the web, and can be accessed Sunday mornings at fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live, or via our Facebook page. You can also sign up for reminders and alerts at livestream.com/fpcgreensboro, and you can stream the service on mobile devices by installing the Livestream app (free account sign-in required).

In accordance with our Child Protection policy, parents of children leading in worship and parents of children being baptized will need to sign a parent release form.

Parking assistance

The Parking Assistance Ministry team (PAM) has spaces on both sides of Greene street reserved for our members and visitors with special needs. PAM volunteers can assist with guiding you to appropriate parking. If you are being driven to church, you may be dropped off at the Greene Street entrance while your driver parks.

Dolly Jacobs is on sabbatical

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care, is away on a clergy sabbatical, returning on August 8. Keep Dolly in your prayers during this time. Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry, will cover Congregational Care in her absence.

Quiet Center available after services

Following the 10:45 service, a pastor will be available in the Quiet Center for anyone needing prayer or mediation. This prayer space is the first room on the right as you walk down the Smith Building hallway from the Tower Room. All prayer requests are confidential.

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 373-0445 and let us know so that we can pray for and extend a hand in prayer and care.

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 nametag, available in the blue Welcome notebooks.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS, please sign the attendance pad in the Welcome notebooks. We are a big church. We care about how folks are doing and try to pay attention when our members haven't worshiped with us in a while. Please help us know you are here this week by signing your name. And please note the names of others on your pew and say "Hello!"

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 at entrances help children learn about worship. Please return bags, books and crayons.

Worship Enrichment: After the children's message in the 10:45 service, ages 4 to 7 are invited to follow adult leaders to the Welcome Center. They will return after the sermon. Our new Worship Enrichment curriculum focuses on an experiential Montessori-based method called Godly Play.

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.

Liturgical season

The liturgical color *red* seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, as well as the ordination and installation of elders, deacons, and ministers in the PC (USA).

For families during worship

The Myers Loyalty Room, located behind the Sanctuary, offers comfortable seating, a nursing screen, worship bags and books for children and a live viewing of the worship service. Parent supervision of children is required.

Pastor on call

When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call the main church number, 373-0445, and enter 1-2-3-4 when the greeting begins. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

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.

About this morning's flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Owen D. Lewis by Betty Lewis and their children.

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 4, 9 a.m. to noon, and on Sunday, June 5, after worship. To RSVP, including child care requests, contact Rachel Sommers, rsommers@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4799.

IN MEMORIAM

James "Jim" A. Middleton, Jr.
May 15, 2016

Barbara L. "Bobbie" Heinz.
May 18, 2016