

WORSHIP IN JULY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GREENSBORO

July 14, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VOLUNTARY: *Cornet Voluntary*

William Walond (1719-1768)

John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Duffield

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Bussell

Leader: Here today there is love, freely available to all.
Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent,
but God's supreme love.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous songs of praise.**

Leader: Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes,
deeper than the immensities of time and space,
God's inclusive love.

**All: Let the seas roar their praise,
and everything in them.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills sing together their happiness.**

Leader: The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

All: And also with you.

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No 611 – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

Text: Henry van Dyke / Music: Ludwig von Beethoven



611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re - flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan.

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matt Bussell

O Healing One, we cry to you for help.

We choose to listen for your voice above all others.

Be gracious to us for we have made mistakes.

**We have made choices that have harmed our relationships
with your children and your created world.**

Hear us, Healing God, as we move next to you in silent prayer.

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.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Down to Earth, as a Dove*

PERSONENT HODIE

Text: Piaie Cantiones / Music: Piaie Cantiones



Down to earth, as a dove, Came to light ho - ly love:



Je - sus Christ from a - bove Bring - ing great sal - va - tion



Meant for ev - ery na - tion. Let us sing, sing, sing, Dance and spring,



spring, spring, Christ is here, Ev - er near! Glo - ria in ex - cel - sis.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE WORD READ: *Psalm 30*

Bonnie McAlister

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Children of All Ages

Phaedra Smith

THE WORD READ: *John 16:16-24*

'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.' Then some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying to us, "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me"; and "Because I am going to the Father"?' They said, 'What does he mean by this "a little while"? We do not know what he is talking about.' Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, 'Are you discussing among yourselves what

The Word Read *continues, over*

I meant when I said, “A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me”? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *We've Only Got a Little While*

Jill Duffield



RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 137 – *He Came Down*

HE CAME DOWN

Text: Cameroon Song / Music: Cameroon Song

The congregation is invited to sing all four verses when cued by the song leader.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Matt Bussell

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

– Book of Common Worship (Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

- ... that we may have light
- ... that we may have peace
- ... that we may have joy

Because this traditional Cameroon piece begins with the refrain, it does not initially reveal that it is cast as a call-and-response song. Assigning the answers to the congregation rather than to the leader is a notable affirmation of the corporate wisdom of God's people.

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 using the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. Information for giving by other options, including text, app, and regular mail, can be found there as well.

OFFERTORY: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

John Behnke (b. 1953)

John Alexander, organ

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of three lines of music. 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". The notes are: Line 1: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6. Line 2: C5, B5, A5, G5, F#5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. Line 3: C4, D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6.

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

Matt Bussell

* BENEDICTION

Jill Duffield

* HYMN OF SENDING: No 805 – *Come Sing to God*

ELLACOMBE

Text: Fred Anderson / Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in F

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

John Alexander, organ



Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Mission and Outreach

John Alexander, Director of Music

Phaedra Smith, Associate Director of Children and Youth Ministry

Bonnie McAlister, Lay Reader

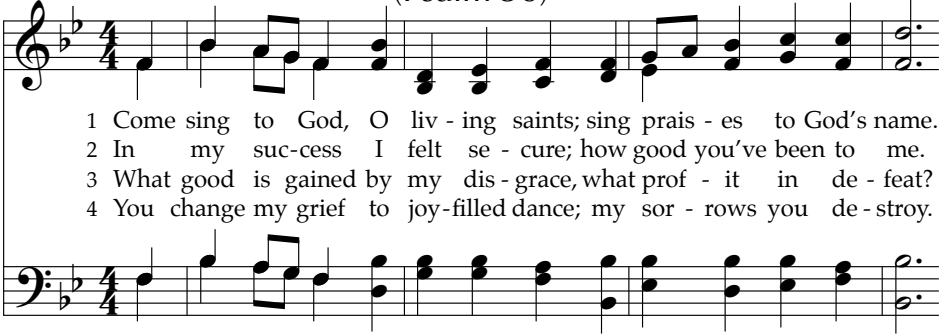
** Let us rise in body or spirit*

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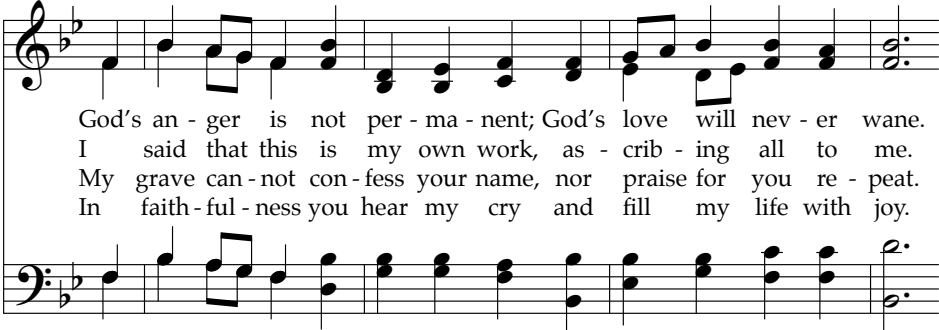
Come Sing to God

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(Psalm 30)



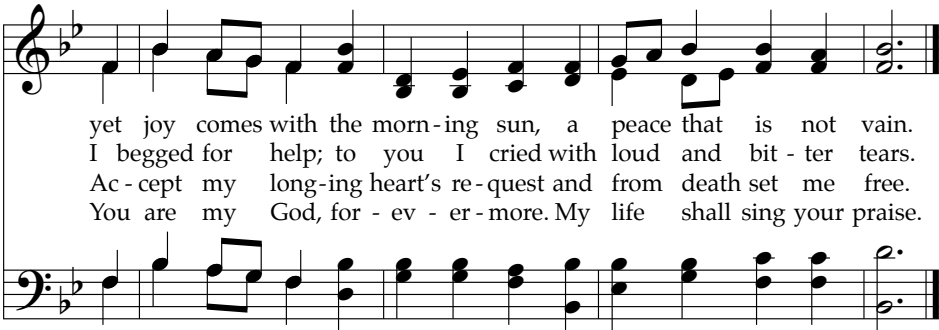
1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.



God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.



Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.



yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

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 be God's changemakers for good in the world.
FPC is a Matthew 25 church, and our creation care and hunger
ministries have been recognized by the Presbyterian Church USA.



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.

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.

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/events.

USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED: contact 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.

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.

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.

ABOUT TODAY’S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Walter and Barbara Underwood and Dr. S. Ben Judy and Elva Mae Freeman, by Janie Underwood and Bubba Judy.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you may also give by mail, web, app, or text. Scan the QR code (right) to give online. You can also go to fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text to download the FellowshipOne Giving mobile app (Apple or Android) and for instructions for giving via text. You may also mail your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.



INTERESTED IN BEING A LAY READER THIS FALL? Please email Bubba Judy (bjudy@beesonhardware.com) or Anne Albert (aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org).

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM FOR JULY: This month, we will have a single service in the sanctuary at 10 am, with various musical styles. Join us after the service for lemonade on the Greene Street lawn! We will resume summer choir and dual services in August.

IN MEMORIAM

Catherine Darrah Holderness
June 12, 2024

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Ann Rohovit Horner

August 13, 1937 - January 28, 2024

Ruth Ann Horner lived a full life of giving grounded in faith, in nurture and support to her family, in service to God and the churches she adored, and in enrichment to her students and her community.

Ruth Ann Rohovit was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. While attending the local public schools, she met a fellow junior high school student, Fred Horner, whom she would later marry. It was during her formative years one postwar Sunday evening in her Midwestern Methodist youth group that she was scolded by her preacher for dancing to contemporary music on church property – an avocation and pastime which she would conversely find most welcoming in Presbyterian settings throughout the rest of her life, whether in the festive fellowship halls of wedding receptions, the strains of beach music on mission trip tabletops, or even in her later years in social activities at River Landing at Sandy Ridge.

As a graduate of Central Missouri State University, Ruth Ann was a trained educator in Home Economics, and her innate and cultivated devotion to the required combination of heart and craft therein extended her gracious touch and cumulative impact through generations of students, congregations, and communities everywhere. She would adapt and continue her teaching career over several decades, culminating at Ragsdale High School in Jamestown, NC, even as she and Fred raised their two sons and twin daughters. Husband Fred became Rev. Dr. Fred Horner, an ordained Presbyterian teaching elder and pastor, and Ruth Ann shared in a life partnership as his calls of service would take them to Indiana, Louisville, Charlotte, and, in the early 1990's, to First Presbyterian Church Greensboro. In over thirty years of faithful membership here, Ruth Ann's influence was felt at every quarter, whether as a Sunday School teacher, confirmand mentor, Secret Saint, mission trip member, leader in Vacation Bible School, flowers ministries, Circle of Friends, Ten Thousand Villages, and, after Fred's retirement, as an elected elder and member of session.

Ruth Ann is survived by her husband of 63 years, Rev. Dr. Fred Horner; her four children Kevin (Nancy) Horner, Doug (Cynthia) Horner, Jen (Derek) Thomas, and Kristin Horner; her grandchildren Cameron, William, Nicole, and Dimes Horner, and Abbey and Sarah Thomas; and loving extended family.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church offers its condolences to Ruth Ann's family and gives thanks for her full abundant life and enrichment to our faith community.

– The Session of First Presbyterian Church



COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK OF JULY 15-21, 2024 • FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

MONDAY, JULY 15

• SMITH ELEVATOR

CLOSED: Beginning today the elevator is closed for upgrades as part of our capital campaign. *More info on back.*

• LECTIO DIVINA:

Prayerful pondering of selected writings, 11 am on Zoom. Contact David Partington, DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM.



2024 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

in Mullin Life Center. RSVP now for the August 21 lunch: Dolly Jennings, DJ6871202@GMAIL.COM or 336-854-2663.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

• **YOGA:** 4:25-5:30 pm in the Virginia Gilmer Room (love offering accepted, not required). For all levels!

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 21

• **WORSHIP:** One service at 10 am in the sanctuary with Jill Duffield preaching. Lemonade on Greene afterward. Nursery care available 9:30-11:30 am.

• **CHURCH SCHOOL, 9 AM:** *Theologians Who Shaped the Christian Church*, Redhead Hall; *The Chosen*, Main 125.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

• **COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP:** Handcraft quilts, blankets, hats and more for church and non-profit efforts. Visitors welcome, supplies available. 10 am-noon in the Garden Room. *Also August 21.*

• WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU, MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

Our group will drive to Maryville College in Tennessee for a week of speakers, worship, small groups, & fun!



• **FOOD DRIVE-BY:** 11 am to 1 pm in front of Redhead Hall. Drop off canned and nonperishable food for Urban Ministry. Take a turn as a greeter! Pick a date here: FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP

• **FORK & FAITH,** Monthly fellowship lunch for women who signed up, noon

• **AND PRAYING FOR YOU, HIGH SCHOOLERS!** Our group heads to Montreat for this amazing annual tradition! Pray they will experience that "their faith matters, they are loved as they are, and they are part of a community of faith." Be careful with that rock hopping!

MORE IN JULY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB CAMP, 9 am to noon July 29-August 1. Ages



3-second grade will learn about God's gigantic love, and rising 3rd- to 5th-graders will serve in the community at KDC Compassion Camp. Registration has closed and volunteers are needed! Point your camera phone at the QR

Code and tap the link that pops up or contact Lisa Witherspoon, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

HOT DISH & HOPE: Help assemble dinner for 200+ folks who need a hot meal. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4-6 pm. Contact Camille Townsend, CCTOWNSEND15@GMAIL.COM or 336-908-2088.

SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE: The cost has dropped after planners found lower airfare out of Greensboro! The early bird rate for FPC family & friends is now \$5,651 and goes to \$5,801 after August 1. The trip is April 29 - May 10, 2025. Info: Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

SMITH ELEVATOR UPDATE:

The elevator will receive new electronic safe edges, controller & wiring. Work should be completed by August 31.



Your support makes a difference!

Make a pledge or gift to the campaign. Just point your camera phone at the QR Code and tap the link that pops up, or contact Finance Director Christine Ciaccio, 336-478-4750 OR CCIACCIO@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.



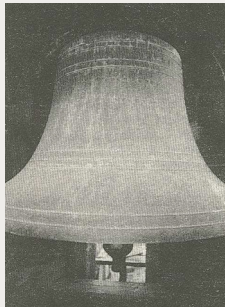
LOOKING BACK – AND AHEAD



The first bell to be hung at FPC was melted down for bullets during the Civil War.

The church bell "which for a generation had called the people to prayer, was lowered from its belfry and sent on a new and deadly mission," wrote

Mary Kelly Watson Smith, wife of then-pastor Jacob Henry Smith. A member presented the church with this replacement in 1875.



- **August 12** – Pop-Up Picnic for Young Families: 5:30 pm, Country Park Shelter #2. BYO family picnic dinner and join us for relaxed fun!
- **August 25** – Church officer installation at worship, one service at 11 am. Fellowship potluck afterward in the Life Center! Church provides fried chicken; you bring sides & desserts!
- **September 21** – Neil's Meals

FPC's 200th Anniversary Kickoff!

October 3: Adult Mix & Mingle at the Julian Price House

**October 6: • Celebratory worship
• All-Church Birthday Picnic
• CROP Walk**

- **October 20** – Camp Weaver Sunday
- **January 25 & 26** – Women's Retreat at Grandover. Registration opens Oct. 1.