

## FIRSTPRESBYTERIANCHURCH

## JANUARY 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Voluntary:	Prelude and Fugue in e minorJohann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  John Alexander, organ
Welcome &	Announcements
Congregatio	NAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE APNC FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
* CALL TO W	ORSHIPNewton Cowan
Leade All:	er: Siblings in Christ, rejoice! We live sustained by God's presence and love. Thanks be to God.
Leade <b>All:</b>	er: As we mourn the wounds of God's children, God weeps with us.
Leade <b>All:</b>	er: As we give thanks for siblings who have lived in faith, God gives thanks with us.
Leade <b>All:</b>	er: As we struggle for justice,  God struggles with us.
Leade <b>All:</b>	er: As we strive for peace, God strives with us.
Leade <b>All:</b>	er: As we work to build the beloved community, God works with us.
Leade <b>All:</b>	er: As we offer our gifts to all,  God blesses us.

Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

Leader:

All:

Siblings in Christ, rejoice!

# In Christ There Is No East or West 318



This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

- \* Processional Hymn: No. 318 In Christ There Is No East or West...... st. peter
- \* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession .......Newton Cowan

God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love. Because we do not understand them, we segregate them, we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them. Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us. Amen.

A brief period of silence is observed for personal confession.

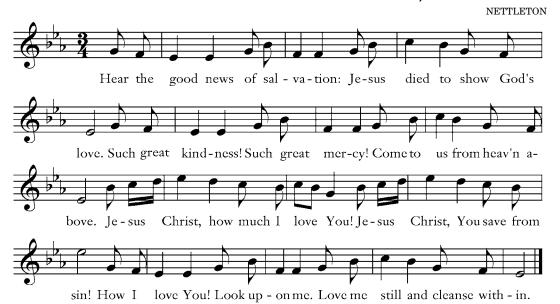
- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* THE PEACE

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.

- \* Passing of the Peace
- \* Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hear the Good News of Salvation



## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

"When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."

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

You are God's child, most dear. Your pray'rs God will always hear as long as you love, God will forgive, and bless you, O child most dear.

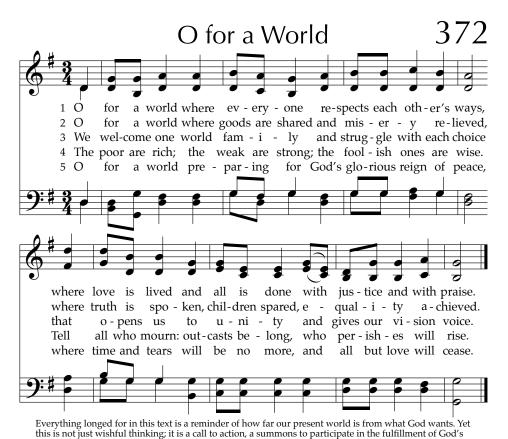
God has chosen you. By water you're born anew. It touches your face, a sign of God's grace freely given to you.

All who are gathered today will guide you along the way. Through Jesus, God's Son, we are made one, One in the spirit, loving and serving, we are one fam'ly today!

The Word Read: Galatians 3:26-28

... for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

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



desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

EXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

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TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839 Text © 1990 Medical Mission Sisters

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

We believe that the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

- The Confession of Belhar

#### 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

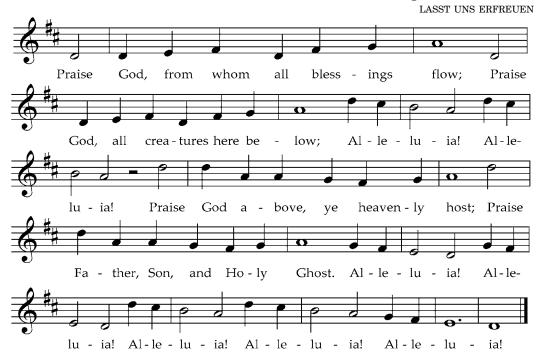
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Ubi cáritas et ámor, Déus ibi est. Congregávit nos in únum Chrísti ámor. Exsultémus et in ípsojucundémur. Timeámus et amémus Déum vívum. Et ex córde diligámus nos sincéro. Amen.

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has bound us together in one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in His love;
Let us fear and adore the living God, and
Let us love Him with a pure heart.
Amen.

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



- \* Recessional Hymn: No. 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing ......Lift every voice



Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.



#### Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor
Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission
Phaedra Smith, Associate Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Chuck Norman, Lay Reader
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist
Chancel Choir

"In Christ There Is No East or West" Text: John Oxenham; Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle. 
"Hear the Good News of Salvation" Text: Native American; Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music. 
"O for a World" Text: Miriam Therese Winter; Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser. 
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Text: Thomas Ken; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng. 
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" Text: James Wheldon Johnson; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson.

\* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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2024-2025 Committee Chairs, Vice chairs Adult Formation: Margee Jones, John Sullivan. Youth Formation: Leigh Abraham, Layne King. Children's Formation: Sally King, Lorie Jones. Church Officer Development: Tim Cook, Graham Farless. Communications: Rich Prigge, John Vanderwerff. Discipleship: Lauren Martin, Nancy Courts. Finance: Rob Peddrick, Dave Thompson. Hospitality: Caroline Showers, Bet Vanderwerff. Human Resources: Ralph Davison, Lisa Cook. Outreach: Margaret Arbuckle, Rhonda Wakefield. Pastoral Care: Tamara Slaughter, Sheri Evans. Property: Brian Pierce, Sam Simpson. Stewardship: Dan Goley, Tom Gillespie. Technology: Sam Bostian. Worship: Chip Bristol, Morgan Hood. Nominating: Nancy Moore, Ross Harris. Appointments: Randy Jackson, Leigh Jones.

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.

#### WHAT TO DO - UNWELLNESS AND MEDICAL

**EMERGENCIES:** If during the service you or someone who is with you begins to feel unwell, or is having a medical emergency; or if you notice someone else having a medical event; please contact the closest usher, who can assist in the situation.

**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.

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.

#### 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.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S ROSEBUDS – The rosebuds in Rejoice! and in the sanctuary celebrate the birth of Webb Fletcher Holderness. Born December 20, 2024, Webb is the son of Murphy & Ally Holderness and joins sibling Grier. The family resides at 2 Lake Forest Ct., Greensboro, NC 27408.

**ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS:** The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Carlton McKenzie Harris and Mr. Carlton McKenzie Harris, Jr., by R. Ross Harris.

**USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED:** Contact Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4711.

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.

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.

PARKING MINISTRY: This ministry helps members with mobility issues get from their cars to the sanctuary for the 11 am service on Sundays. Two volunteers work on Greene Street 10:30-11:15 am. Passengers may be dropped off at the Greene Street door and will be escorted into the sanctuary. Drivers will be directed to a reserved space as needed. One volunteer is needed after the service until 12:15 pm. Want to help? Choose a Sunday at fpcgreensboro.org/signup.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### Ann Pender Snyder

Having once been mistaken for the queen while touring Buckingham Palace, Ann Snyder might have had an uncanny resemblance in style and demeanor. But Ann was very much a product of the North Carolina roots and Southern culture she valued and served. Family, friends, this church, and the wider community lost a valued soul when Ann died peacefully, Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Ann Pender Snyder was born in Wilson, North Carolina, April 28, 1930. She graduated from Fayetteville Senior High School and Women's College (UNCG) in Greensboro, and after graduation married William David Snyder, Jr., in 1953. Together they made a warm and welcoming home in Greensboro and raised two girls, Pamela and Frances.

Homemaking and a period of working in the law offices of Major L. P. McLendon did not preclude Ann from community volunteerism in a variety of areas. Ann was deeply involved in Preservation Greensboro and Blandwood Museum, served on the boards of Preservation North Carolina and the North Carolina Museum of History, and was a dedicated volunteer at the Greensboro History Museum.

Politics was another interest. She was an important contributor to the campaign efforts of John F. Kennedy and subsequently was invited by Governor Hodges of North Carolina to meet Kennedy prior to his election. It was an extraordinary moment for Ann, making a lifelong cherished memory and one she thoroughly enjoyed sharing throughout her life.

She volunteered in the Intensive Care Unit at Cone Hospital for thirty years. She was active at West Market Street United Methodist Church and later at First Presbyterian, where she shared her leadership skills as an elder. She was a founding member of the Greensboro Opera Company and was social chairman of the Sedgefield Hunt. She was a member of the Wall Street Wizards investment club. Her love of reading, history, and the rich culture of the area led Ann to serve as member, then president and head trustee of the Historical Book Club of North Carolina.

Those who love Christmas gravitate to Christmas at Blandwood, and Ann was no exception. She loved creating Christmas stockings, playing tennis, traveling with her husband Bill, spending summers at Long Beach, cooking, knitting, seeing friends. She enjoyed enormously time spent with her grandchildren. Ann had a quick intelligence, a warm smile and a joyful greeting for all with whom she came in contact. Ann was much loved by all she met.

Ann's husband William Snyder predeceased her in 2015; she is survived by daughters Pamela Snyder Sessoms and husband Keith Valaer Sessoms; Frances Snyder Jones and husband Roland Manning Jones Jr.; and grandchildren Keith Valaer Sessoms Jr., Richard Carlton Parrish, Ann Pender Sessoms, Kyle Marie Novak and Roland Manning Jones, as well as many nieces and nephews. To them, Ann leaves a legacy of warmth, family values, and fond memories.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church offers expression of appreciation for the life well lived of Ann Pender Snyder. It offers deep condolences to her family and asks that this tribute be placed in its minutes.

## WEEK OF JANUARY 19-25 | See our full calendar at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

TODAY

IS THE LAST DAY members will have priority to register for the Weekday Preschool Center for the 2025-2026 school year. WPC serves infants (2 months) through age 5, operating 9 am to 1 pm Monday through Friday, with early care at 8 and after care until 2. More info: Lana Burske, director, LBURSKE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG OR 336-478-4770. Look for registration forms at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

## **THIS WEEK**

MONDAY, JANUARY 20:
CAMPUS CLOSED FOR MLK HOLIDAY

Many groups and classes were canceled due to weather concerns last week:
Check with your group leaders for make-up dates and other questions.

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

• DISCIPLESHIP STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, noon-1 pm in the Garden Room. Tuesdays until March 25. Contact Yolanda Baxter, YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

 YOGA, 4:25-5:30 pm, Virginia Gilmer Room. For all levels, bring water, mat, strap & a block if you have one. Led by Virginia Wood, REVVIRGINIAWOOD@GMAIL.COM.

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

- COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP: 10 am-noon, Garden Room. Make receiving blankets, baby hats, small quilts, etc. distributed through social workers and missionaries.
- FOOD DRIVE-BY, 11 am-1 pm in front of Redhead Hall. Bring canned goods for Greensboro Urban Ministry! Sign up for a volunteer greeter shift at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.



## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

• WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025 at Grandover Resort, for pre-registered attendees. Keep them in prayer as they refresh and reflect on *Ruth*, *Naomi and Us*.

## **NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL, 10 AM**

- Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine.
   Faithful Families class, Memorial 304. Through
   February. Copies available for purchase (\$10),
   Welcome Center.
- The Disciples of Jesus.
   Sandie Gravett series in YMBC & Agape classes,
- Redhead Hall. This study explores what we know about the named disciples, and what their lives say about being dedicated to the work of Christ.
- Barbara Brown Taylor's book Always a Guest in the Commitment Class, Blair Hagan Room.
- Gospel of John in the

- Seekers class, Main 125.
- Youth will meet for 3D -Doughnuts, Dialogue and Devotions Memorial 303
- Confirmation: Youth in Memorial 300,
- Milestones of Faith: continue for preschoolelementary age children, Corl Building.

#### **BACKPACK BEGINNINGS WORKDAY**

#### JANUARY 26, TWO **SESSIONS:**

• 10 am-noon for parents with children (GCS teacher workday). This group will sort food & assemble food bags for children and families experiencing food insecurity. Children 5+ can

comfort backpacks.

participate (under 16 with an adult). • 1:30-3:30 pm for adults only. This group will likely sort donations, hang clothes & assemble

If you can't come, please donate these items, leave in the Welcome Center: New boys underwear in sizes 6, 8, and 10; canned fruit in pop-top cans; and breakfast items such as full-sized oatmeal and cereal boxes, oatmeal packets, and granola bars.

## SIGN UP NOW FOR LENTEN RETREAT SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN for** our Lenten Retreat, Meeting God in the Longings of our Hearts, being held Saturday, March 8, 9 am-3 pm at the church. Join author Jeff Crosby and Rev. Grier Booker to deepen our understanding of ourselves and cultivate a more profound connection with our spirituality. Worship leaders will be Jill Duffield. Anne Albert & Will Edwards Donna Chase and the Adult Formation Committee will guide activities. Registration including catered lunch is \$50. Books can be purchased at the Welcome Center reception

desk. RSVP by Monday, March 3.









## SIGN UP HERE

HAS OPENINGS: FPC delivers a hot meal to those in need on the third Wednesday of each month and the fifth Monday of each *quarter.* We need 1-2 people for a third Wednesday route and 3-4 volunteers to substitute when a regular driver is unavailable. Routes only require about 1.5-2 hours of your time. Contact Linda Allen, LKWALLEN 70@GMAIL.COM OR 336-549-3367.

**MEALS ON WHEELS TEAM** 

### **REGISTER NOW**

## SUMMER CAMPS FOR **ELEMENTARY & YOUTH -**

Signup deadline is January 31.

### PASSPORT KIDS CAMP for completed grades 3-6, takes place July 7-10.



**HIGH SCHOOL MONTREAT** YOUTH CONFERENCE, takes place July 20-26. Trying to get more housing

& chaperones!

15-18.







#### **FEBRUARY 2**

- KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB for grades 3-5, 3-4:30 pm, Life Center
- Our next SUNDAY FUNDAY for youth. More info to come!

## California Wildfires



Prodyterion Diseater Assistance (PDA) urgus your support in response to the deventating fires in California, which authorities are calling a historic and deadly wildfire sweet. PDA has already released emergency grants to must the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate cons. The magnitude of this event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and amotional long-lasting effects.

Years of recovery lie shoud, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by these catastrophic wildfine? — Circs. Act. Prop.

GIVE: Gifts can be made colline at passe.org/CAffra25, by phone at 800-726-7228, ext. 5865, or by check made payable to Prodyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "POA-CF25-81" written on the memo line and mailed to Prodyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



ACT: Assemble Gift of the Heart bits for survivors in the affected areas. For more information, go to posses.org/GOHbits.

PRAY: Sad, our refuge and strongth, you are an over-present help in trouble. You see the deventation count by the Colifornia wildfires. You have the cries of less and from the exhaustion of these welting and helping. For these formed to five, grant rust. For these fighting fires, grant strongth. For these meaning, grant comfort. For these still in danger, grant presention. May your Church be a presente of hope. In Christ's name. Amore.

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