

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: Prelude, Fugue, and Variations César Franck (1822-1890)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Jill Duffield

WELCOME TO JESSICA BEITEL

MINUTE FOR MISSION Brian Hahne, Urban Ministry

* CALL TO WORSHIP Newton Cowan

Leader: Come! Come into the place where God listens!

All: **Where we need no money, no status, no fine clothes!**

Leader: Come as you are

All: **Broken or whole, sick or well, satisfied or with deep needs.**

Leader: Come to sing. Come to cry. Come to hear. Come to see.
Come and be ready or come to be made ready.

All: **We are here. God is here too.**

- adapted from Liturgies from Below by Claudio Carvalhaes

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 393 – O Day of Rest and Gladness..... DIX

393 O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
 3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip- ture hear,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
 Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.

on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
 And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mighty God, we give you thanks
that by your power you created us,
and by your goodness you call us to be your people.
We confess that we have lived for ourselves
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Jesus Loves Me.....JESUS LOVES ME

Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so;
Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Psalm 145:10-18* Taylor Stroud

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The LORD is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.
The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth..

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

A MOMENT OF GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Lisa Witherspoon

ANTHEM: The Eyes of All Wait upon Thee.....Jean Berger (1909-2002)
Chancel Choir

The eyes of all wait upon thee;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand,
and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing.

– *Psalms 145:15-16*

THE WORD READ: *John 6:1-14*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *Feeding the Hungry, One Loaf at a Time* Matt Bussell

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 353 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing LessSOLID ROCK

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

**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 same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
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.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.**

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: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arranged by Mack Wilberg (b.1955)

Chancel Choir

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above.

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-



- * PRAYER OF DEDICATIONJill Duffield
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Matt Bussell
- * RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 757 – Today We All Are Called to Be DisciplesKINGSFOLD
- VOLUNTARY: ToccataJoseph Callaerts (1830-1901)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Jill Duffield, *Senior Pastor*
 Newton Cowan, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*
 Matt Bussell, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*
 Lisa Witherspoon, *Director of Children & Youth Ministry*
 Taylor Stroud, *Lay Reader*
 Charlotte Freeze, *Acolyte*
 John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
 Jessica Beitel, *Assistant Organist*
 Chancel Choir

“O Day of Rest and Gladness” Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Music: Memmingem ms., 17th century.
 “Jesus Loves Me” Text: Anna Bartlett Wagner; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury.
 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” Text: Edward Mote; Music: William Batchelder Bradbury.
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.
 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” Text: H. Kenn Carmichael; Music: *English Country Songs*.

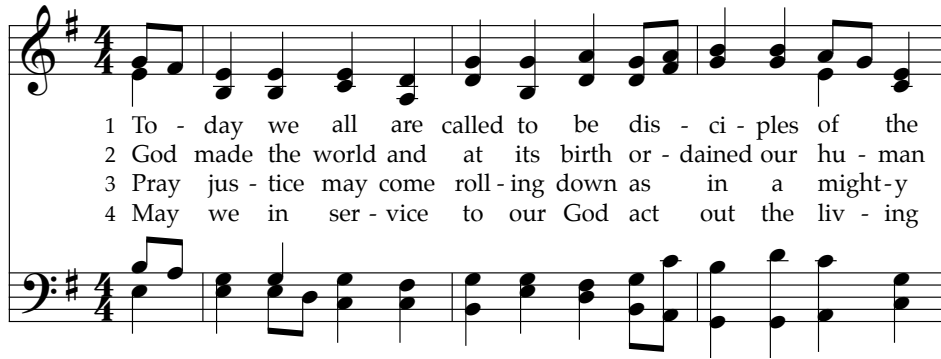
* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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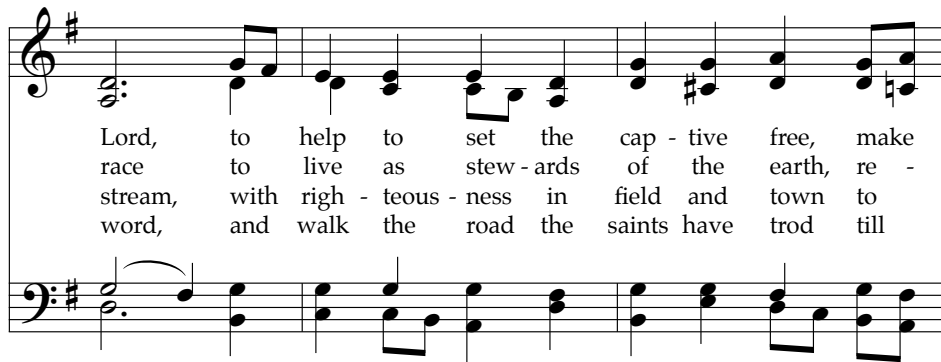
**2024-2025
 Committee
 Chairs,
 Vice chairs**

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.

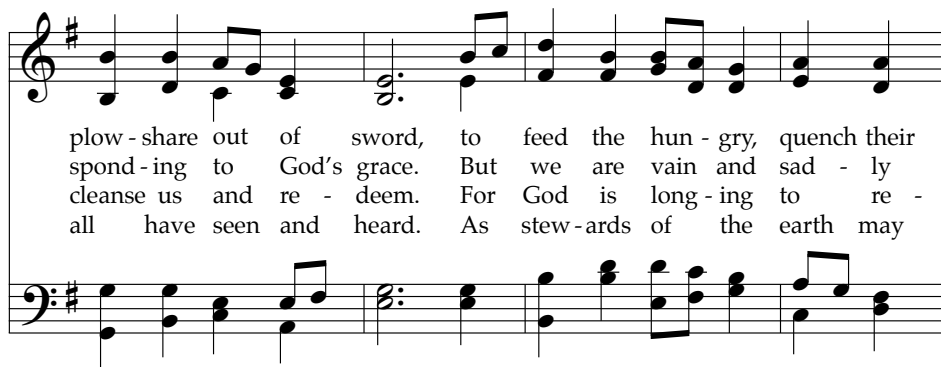
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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.

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

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.

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 honor of our grandchildren, Nolan Howard Wade and Ellis LeGette Wade by Julie and Homer Wade.

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.



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

Joanne Grimes
September 15, 2024

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

See our full calendar at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

SIGN UP NOW!

FPC BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, 1:30-6 pm
Make your appointment now!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Greensboro CROP HUNGER WALK



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6:
We want 200 walkers
for our 200th birthday!
Sign up here or at tables
outside sanctuary and
Life Center each Sunday.

THIS WEEK, SEPT 23-29

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- **BIBLE & BISCUITS:** Before heading to work, join us for food, fellowship and reading & discussing scripture. Bibles and food provided. No sign-up or prep needed-just show up to meet God and your FPC community. 7:45-8:30 am in the Solarium.

- **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF** for young adults and Peacehaven Farm friends. 6:30-7:30 pm, Welcome Center. Info: Evelyn McMullen (863) 944-3047 or Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- **NAVIGATING LONG-TERM CARE:** 5:30 pm, Garden Room. See "September Ends, October Begins", back side, for more info on the *Navigating the Healthcare System* series.

How have we been blessed for the past two centuries? And how have *you* been blessed, even in this past year? From the intricacies of online worship services to the simple joy of doughnuts, First Presbyterian is a community of *blessings* and *being blessed*. As we begin our next 200 years of ministry, here are some of the 200 blessings we want to share by Commitment Sunday, October 27:



 imagine what comes next



The faith, time and resources of William Paisley's group of twelve were committed to a future beyond their imaginations. Could they have known what God was doing, way back in 1824? As you consider your giving for 2025 ministry, imagine what comes next.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **TWO SERVICES.** Matt preaches at 9 and 11 am. *Annual Campaign for 2025 Ministry* kicks off; *Commitment Sunday* is October 27.
- **BIBLE 102 CONTINUES**, 10 am in Redhead Hall. Led by Sandie Gravett, hosted by YMBC & Agape.
- **FAITH & POLITICS** led by former county commissioner Margaret Arbuckle. 10 am, Garden Room.
- **THE NEW FAITHFUL FAMILIES CLASS** concludes a study of *The Anxious Generation*. See “*More in September*,” below, for details and additional dates.
- **YOUTH GROUP:** 5-6 pm – Middle School. 6-6:30 – Dinner for all. 6:30-7:30 pm – High School.

SEPTEMBER ENDS, OCTOBER BEGINS

- ***THE ANXIOUS GENERATION: *How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness.*** Church school series concludes next Sunday, September 29, in Faithful Families class, at 10 am in Memorial 304. An abbreviated version will also be offered during youth group September 29, 5-6:30 pm, and for Weekday Preschool parents on Monday, September 30, 9:15-10:15 am in the Garden Room.
- **NAVIGATING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.** Series concludes with *Medicare 101*: October 9, RSVP by October 6. Both are 5:30-6:30 pm in the Garden Room. RSVP to Debby Foster, 336-478-4702 or DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG
- ***CREATING A CULTURE OF REPAIR:** Four-part discussion of concrete actions for racial reconciliation. Based on Robert Turner’s book. Continues Oct. 16 with “societal actions,” 5:30-7 pm in the Garden Room. Next meetings are Nov. 13 (institutional) and Dec. 11 (spiritual). No time to read ahead? Come for the conversation! Questions? Contact Matt Bussell, MBUSSELL@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

* – Both books, on sale in Welcome Center, \$20 each

**camp weaver sunday
october 20**



Let us know if
you'll be there



It's time to get this **200th Anniversary party** started! We open with a **Birthday Mix & Mingle drop-in** on October 3.

On October 6 we will have one Celebratory Worship Service at 10 am, after which we will parade behind a bagpiper to the Julian Price House at the end of Fisher Park for an **All-Church Birthday Picnic!** That afternoon we hope to have **200 walkers** in the CROP Walk.

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**Registration opens
October 1 for
WOMEN'S RETREAT
2025
JANUARY 25 & 26
GRANDOVER**

