

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: *Ave Maria, Ave Maris Stella* Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Jill Duffield

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Alec, Rebecca, Webb, David and May Sheaff

Leader: For unto us a child was born,
For this world ... Jesus, who is Light of the World.

**All: Love was proclaimed,
Strength and power were promised.**

Leader: Jesus, Light of the World, meet us this day,
For we wait on you.
Surround us with the light of your love.

(Silence is observed. The first four candles are lit.)


**All: Jesus, Light of the World,
With your light, transform this world.**

- The Methodist Church in Ireland



* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 99 – *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* MORNING SONG

My Soul Gives Glory to My God 99


Song of Mary



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my
2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
3 From age to age to all who fear, such
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.



This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1979, rev. 1987

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

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MORNING SONG
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* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Matt Bussell

**God of the future,
You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.**

- from Book of Common Worship

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.

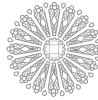
People: **And also with you.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* RESPONSE TO THE PEACE: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* HELMSLEY

Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand, thou - sand
saints at - tend - ing join to sing the glad re - frain;

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Micah 5:2-5a* Kelly Harrill

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
 then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
 And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth,
 and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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

ANTHEM: *A Maiden Most Gentle*French traditional melody
arranged by Andrew Carter (b. 1939)
Chancel Choir

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.
How bless'd is the birth of her heavenly child,
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.
The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of creation, and Saviour of all.
Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,
And marveled in awe at the babe in her care.
Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless 'Ave.'
Ave Maria.

THE WORD READ: *Luke 1:39-55*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

THE WORD READ continues, over

He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *Comfort and Joy?*

Upended for All Generations.....Jill Duffield

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came.....* GABRIEL’S MESSAGE



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
2. "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, All
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
me be as it pleas - es God," she said, "My
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And



hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry"
Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers for - told." Most
soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri a!

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

– 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: *Magnificat in G*.....C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)
Anne Albert, soprano
Chancel Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoic'd in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm,
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their sea, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath hoplen his servant Israel:
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

– The Book of Common Prayer

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's son, in - car - nate Word!



Mar - vel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
To the ho - ly Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Newton Cowan

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONJill Duffield

94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of

grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
 drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
 wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra - grance

to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly
 shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of
 hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the

This Advent text artfully interweaves what is hidden and what is revealed, primarily in the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. But Christ himself taught us about another hidden truth, his presence in the "least of these" (Matthew 25:40, 45), whom we are also called to welcome.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2005

MUSIC: Alexander Johnson's *Tennessee Harmony*, 1818; harm. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

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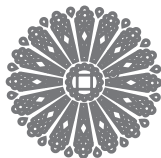
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* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 94 – *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*..... WINCHESTER NEW

VOLUNTARY: *Magnificat*.....Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Jill Duffield, *Senior Pastor*
Matt Bussell, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*
Newton Cowan, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*
Lisa Witherspoon, *Director of Children & Youth Ministry*
Alec, Rebecca, Webb, David and May Sheaff, *FPC Family*
Kelly Harrill, *Lay Reader*
Charlotte Freeze, *Acolyte*
John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
Chancel Choir

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God” Text: Miriam Therese Winter; Music: Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music*.

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Thomas Olivers.

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” Text: S. Baring-Gould; Music: Basque carol.

“Savior of the Nations, Come” Text: Ambrose of Milan, 4th century; Music: *Erfurt Enchiridion*, 1524.

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper” Text: Mary Louise Bringle; Music: Alexander Johnson’s *Tennessee Harmony*.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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WE CONTINUE THE SEASON OF ADVENT,

a time of preparation for God's gift of Christ to our world. We light the fourth candle of

Advent at the beginning of this morning's service.

During Advent we actively prepare for and anticipate the coming of Jesus into our world. While the culture busies itself for Christmas, we as Christians reflect upon the need for the Christ child in our lives as we anticipate Christ's birth with excitement and awareness anew.



OUR ADVENT SYMBOLS INCLUDE:

- *The color **blue*** of the paraments and pastors' stoles reminds us of our joyful anticipation as we sing songs of waiting, hear stories and scriptures of preparation, and ready ourselves for the birth of the One who was sent to give us the gift of new life.
- *The advent wreath:* its greenery symbolizing eternal life;
- *The four blue candles* are lit to remind us of the light of Christ that we are to bear into the world;
- *The white Christ candle* that is lit on Christmas eve is a reminder that Christ is the light to the world.

ADVENT WORSHIP & MUSIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- *A LITTLE ADVENT MUSIC:*
ORGAN RECITAL
5 pm, sanctuary
A Little Advent music closes with John Alexander.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

- *CHRISTMAS EVE*
– *FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE,*
10 am
– *CANDLELIGHT*
COMMUNION SERVICES
at 5:30 and 11 pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- *CHRISTMAS DAY*
CAROLING AND COMMUNION,
10 am, sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- *ONE SERVICE,* 10 am, sanctuary



OUR WINTER EMERGENCY SHELTER IS NOW OPEN: Partnering with Urban Ministry, we are providing overnight shelter in the Shetler Building for 15 unhoused men. To help, use the QR code (left) for more info & sign-ups, or contact Matt Bussell, 336-478-4705 or mbussell@fpcgreensboro.org.

• Volunteers are needed to bring dinner, work check-in, stay overnight (open to men and women, will assist a staff member from Urban Ministry), and help coordinate.

• You can also donate toiletries: *Chapstick, earplugs, deodorant, shave cream /razor, shampoo, bar of soap, toothpaste/toothbrush, gallon bags, socks, comb, tissues, winter hat.*

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.



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.

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.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The poinsettias that adorn the sanctuary are to the glory of God and to honor or memorialize family, friends and loved ones as we celebrate Advent.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S ROSEBUDS – The rosebuds in Rejoice! and in the sanctuary celebrate the birth of Ford Miller. Born September 8, 2024, Ford is the son of Crawford and Danielle Miller and joins big sister Weezie. The family resides at 914 Englewood St., Greensboro, NC 27403.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you may also give by mail, web, app, or text. Scan the QR code *at top right* to make a pledge, or scan the QR code *at bottom right* to give to the offering online (be sure to choose whether this is a one-time or recurring gift, and to which fund it should be applied). 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.

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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.



ADVENT & MORE

A T F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N

FOR DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 5

See our full calendar at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org)



COMFORT AND JOY?

Advent 2024 at FPC

MORE INFO AT [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/ADVENT](https://www.fpcgreensboro.org/advent)

DECEMBER 22

• *A Little Advent Music: Organ Recital by John Alexander* concludes our series., 5 pm, sanctuary, free.

DECEMBER 23-29: ADVENT CONCLUDES AND CHRISTMAS BEGINS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

• *Lectio Divina*, Mondays, 11 am-noon on Zoom. Contact David Partington, dcpsbw197@gmail.com. Prayerful listening to Scripture as we ponder, pray & share, led by the Spirit.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Offices closed, Christmas holiday. No Hot Dish & Hope this week.
• *Christmas Eve services at 10 am, 5:30 pm and 11 pm.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Offices closed, Christmas holiday
• *One Christmas Day service at 10 am.*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Offices closed, Christmas holiday. No Hot Dish & Hope this week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

- *One worship service at 10 am, Jill preaching.*
- *No nursery or Sunday School for children or youth.*
- *Church school at 9 am: Jill Duffield leads the YMBC and Agape classes, in Redhead Hall.*



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be livestreamed, and will also be available shortly after the services on our YouTube channel, [YOUTUBE.COM/FPCGREENSBORO](https://www.youtube.com/fpcgreensboro)

DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 5

A NEW YEAR BEGINS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Lectio Divina, 11 am-noon on Zoom. Contact David Partington, DCPSBW197@GMAIL.COM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 and THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Hot Dish & Hope, 4:45-6 pm, Mullin Life Center. Hot Dish & Hope offers a free meal and a measure of hope each Tuesday and Thursday evening. If you are interested in volunteering, go to FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP. To learn more about Hot Dish & Hope contact Camille Townsend, CCTOWNSEND15@GMAIL.COM or 336-908-2088.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Campus closed for New Year's holiday.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 through SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Montreat Retreat for College-aged Students: January 2-4 for pre-registered guests. Keep our travelers in your prayers!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- **Worship services at 9 and 11 am**, with Jill preaching for Communion Sunday.
- **New church school classes at 10 am:**
 - *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine*. Book is available for sale in the Welcome Center.
 - Commitment Class study of Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Always a Guest* in the Blair Hagan Room.
 - Milestones of Faith for children ages preschool-elementary.
- **Kids Disciple Club** for grades 3-5, meet for fellowship, fun & bible study. 3-4:30 pm, Life Center.
- **Sunday Funday Movie Night for youth:** Bring a friend, 5:30-7:30 in the Life Center.
- **Registration to open** for *Growing Deeper Lenten Retreat: Listening to the Language of the Soul*. Being held Saturday, March 8, 9 am-3 pm at the church. *More info to come.*

OUR CHURCH'S VISION

Rooted and reaching in Christ's love, we will serve God as Spirit-led changemakers for good.

Our vision is to be a caring, compassionate, and inclusive faith community welcoming those who seek

- an abundant relationship with Jesus Christ.
- meaningful worship
- authentic connections
- lifelong learning
- transformative service

We are continually growing and evolving, even as we remain strongly rooted in the Greensboro community and the Presbyterian tradition.

Come as you are and prepare to be transformed by God's love.

BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR JANUARY 12 at the start of the 11 am service. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a slate of members to serve on the nominating committee for the Associate Pastor for Christian Formation. *The slate includes:* Lisa Cook, Katherine Farless, Layne King, Will Martin, Paul Parker, Rebecca Sheaffer, and Adrienne Woods.



COMING UP

ONGOING, IN JANUARY, AND BEYOND

TRANSFORMATIVE SERVICE

Our Winter Emergency Shelter is now open. Partnering with Urban Ministry, we are providing overnight shelter in the Shetler Building for 15 unhoused men.



Help needed: Bring dinner, work check-in, stay overnight, help coordinate. Use the QR Code, go to [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](https://fpcgreensboro.org).

[ORG/WINTERSHELTER](https://fpcgreensboro.org/wintershelter), or contact Matt Bussell, 336-478-4705 or MBUSSELL@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG. *Toiletries also needed: Chapstick, earplugs, deodorant, shave cream /razor, shampoo, bar of soap, gallon bags, socks, comb, tissues, winter hat.*

Backpack Beginnings Workday: On January 27 all ages can help children & families in our community. (It's a GCS teacher workday.) *Look for sign-ups in the new year.*

10 am - noon: Parents & children ages 5+ (under 16 must be accompanied by an adult) will sort food donations and assemble weekly food bags given to children and families experiencing food insecurity.

2-4 pm: Adults only, sort donations, hang clothes & assemble comfort backpacks.

MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

ON JANUARY 9 WE WILL WELCOME REV. TONY LARSON, co-moderator of our Presbyterian Church (USA), to lead devotions at midweek worship with our Hot Dish & Hope guests at 5 pm. Tony is pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside Beach, S.C. He was elected at last summer's General Assembly along with Rev. CeCe Armstrong, associate pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church on James Island.



COMMUNION SUNDAYS:

January 5, February 2, March 9

MULLIN FORUM SUNDAY: Kavin Rowe, vice dean of the faculty and the George Washington Ivey Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Duke Divinity School, will be our preacher for Mullin Forum Sunday. It's part of our 200th anniversary focus on Pastoral Leadership in February.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: After months of learning and reflection, on March 2 our eighth-grade confirmands will be welcomed as full members of the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Our Lenten walk begins on March 5 with the Imposition of Ashes service.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: *Palm Sunday*, April 13. *Maundy Thursday*, April 17. *Good Friday Tenebrae*, April 18. *Great Vigil of Easter*, April 19. *Easter Sunday*, April 20.

FOR RSVP & REGISTRATIONS GO TO [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpcgreensboro.org/signup)

AUTHENTIC CONNECTION

MLK MEMORIAL BREAKFAST: On January 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Greensboro's Human Rights Commission will host a breakfast celebrating his life and legacy and honoring those who continue his work in our community. We are proud to support the ongoing work of racial reconciliation in Greensboro. Interested in attending? **Let Matt Bussell know by Friday, January 3**, 336-478-4705 or MBUSSELL@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

JANUARY BOOK CLUBS: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, facilitated by Rev. Kate Huddelson Gillespie, meeting in the Garden Room. Monday, January 13 at 10:30 am and Tuesday, January 14 at 1:30 pm.

BIBLE & BISCUITS: January 14, 7:45-8:30 am in the Solarium. 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER CAMPS FOR ELEMENTARY & YOUTH –
Signup deadline is January 31.



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



– **MASSANETTA SPRINGS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONFERENCE**, takes place
July 15-18.



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

**AND SAVE THE DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL, AUGUST 4-7.** *Look for registration info
in March!*

OUR 200TH CELEBRATION CONTINUES

FPC's anniversary celebration moves to the Greensboro History Museum, which occupies our third church building and has many items related to our history.

TRADITIONS OF GUILFORD COUNTY: SCOTS-IRISH AND PRESBYTERIANS

January 11, 11 am - 3 pm.
A day of demonstrations and activities related to these early colonial settlers in Guilford County. The Greensboro Scottish Country Dancers will be there!

GUIDED MUSEUM TOUR

January 12 at 2 pm.

OLD PRESBYTERIAN GRAVEYARD TOUR

January 15 & 18 at 11 am.

The Old Presbyterian Graveyard behind the museum is the resting place of our founding minister and other early notables in Greensboro and NC.

Events are free. Park next to the museum or in the lot on Church Street between Summit and Lindsay.

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LIFELONG LEARNING

STAFF-LED DISCIPLESHIP STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN begins January 7, noon-

1 pm in the Garden Room.

Will meet on Tuesdays
for 11 weeks.

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