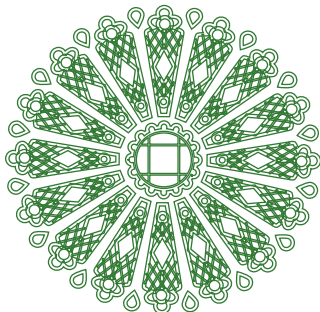




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

11:00 a.m.

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.
Please silence your cell phone as worship begins.*

VOLUNTARY: Adagio in E Major Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Jill Duffield

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY..... Tom Gillespie

* CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Bussell

Leader: If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, Jesus says,
"Come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you.
Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and
humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and
this burden is light."

**People: Christ calls us to come to worship;
to rest from the things that are troubling us;
to learn what Christ can teach us;
to realize what we can offer to others;
to return into the world to serve.**

All: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 804 – Rejoice, Ye Pure in HeartMARION



* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know,
and ask your forgiveness when we fail to acknowledge you
as the source of all good.**

**When we hoard your gifts,
when we neglect those in need,
when we ignore the bounty around us,
when are blind to the good,
forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.
Through Christ we pray. 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: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Amos 6:1a,4-7*Chuck Norman

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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



THE WORD READ: *Luke 16:19-31* Jill Duffield

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

ANTHEM: *In Paradisum* from Requiem Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
Chancel Choir

*In Paradisum deducant Angeli in tuo
adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam
Jerusalem*

May the angels receive them in Paradise,
at thy coming may the martyrs receive
thee and bring thee into the holy city
Jerusalem

*Chorus Angelorum te suscipit
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem*

There may the chorus of angels receive
thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may thou have eternal rest.

Aeternam habeas requiem

May thou have eternal rest.

THE WORD PROCLAIMEDJill Duffield

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 345 – In an Age of Twisted Values CHURCH UNITED

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Newton Cowan

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

– Traditional Apostles' Creed

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 and regular mail, can be found there as well.

OFFERTORY: Sing, My SoulSarah MacDonald (b. 1968)
Chancel Choir

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race,
still extends to us his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show
so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
bought us with the Savior's blood,
and, to make salvation sure,
guides us by his Spirit pure.

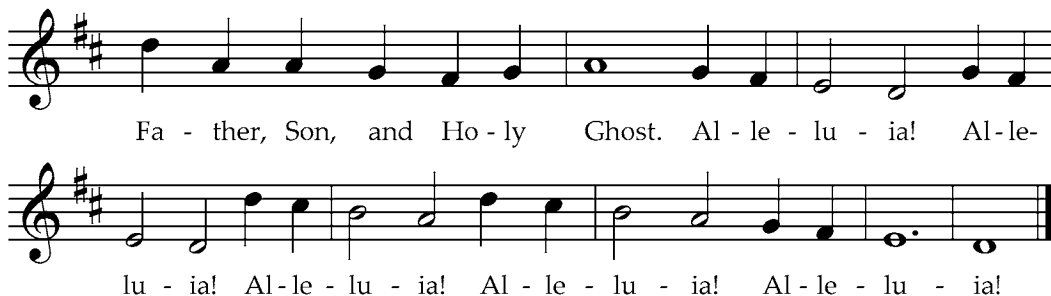
Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home;
trust his love for all to come.

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. 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'.

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



* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Newton Cowan

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONJill Duffield

* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 320 – The Church of Christ in Every Age..... HALL

VOLUNTARY: Te Deum..... Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)
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*
 Chuck Norman, *Lay Reader*
 Charlotte Freeze, *Acolyte*
 John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
 Rebecca Pugh, *Assistant Organist*
Chancel Choir

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre; Music: Arthur Henry Messiter.
 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” Text: Reginald Heber; Music: John Bacchus Dykes.
 “In an Age of Twisted Values” Text: Martin E. Leckebush; Music: Alfred V. Fedak.
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.
 “The Church of Christ in Every Age” Text: Fred Pratt Green; Music: William Knapp.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith.

Rooted and reaching in Christ's love, we seek to 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, and 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.



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 near you begins to feel unwell, or is having a medical emergency please contact the closest usher.

TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S SAFETY, we have re-configured sanctuary worship until the exterior and interior repairs are complete. The choir will sit in front of the chancel, facing the congregation. The organ console has been moved to the center of the chancel, and worship leaders will speak solely from the pulpit side of the chancel. The good news is that we can stay in the sanctuary in the meantime!

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.

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ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Paul & Norma Martin Burney by Jim & Paula Hoeger and family.

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.

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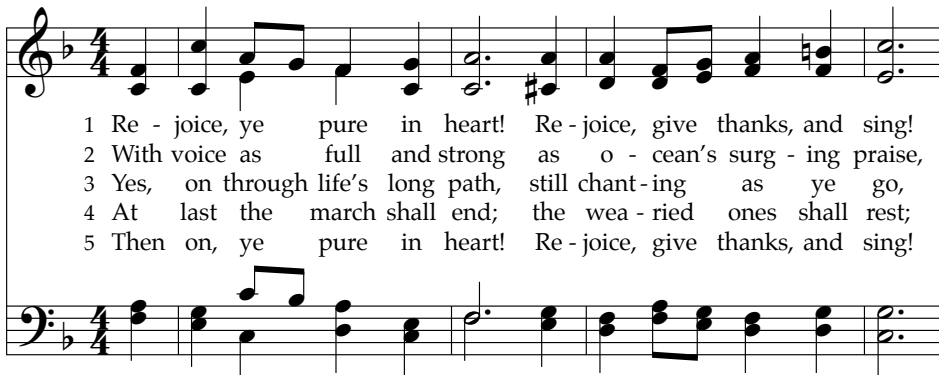
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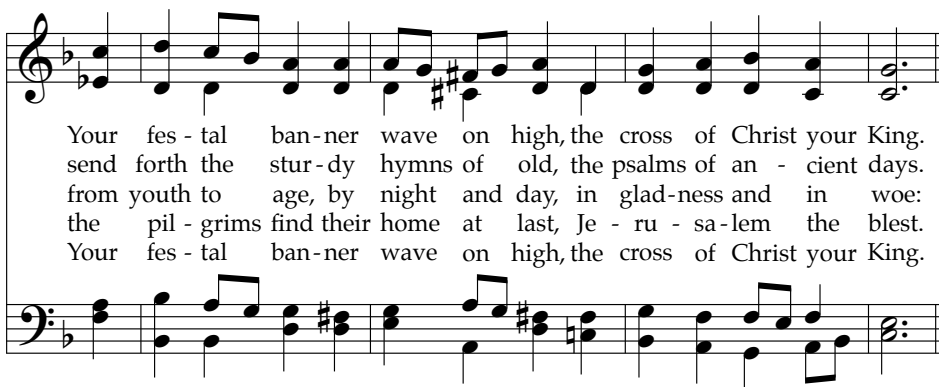
Claude Sumner Kidd, Jr.
September 18, 2025

Robert Raymond Wyatt
September 18, 2025

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)
Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b E^b

1 In an age of twist-ed val-ues we have lost the
2 We have built dis-crim-i-na-tion on our prej-u-
3 When our fam-i-lies are bro-ken, when our homes are
4 We who hear your word so of-ten choose so rare-ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b

truth we need. In so-phis-ti-cat-ed lan-guage we have
dice and fear. Ha-tred swift-ly turns to cruel-ty if we
full of strife, when our chil-dren are be-wil-dered, when they
to o-bey. Turn us from our will-ful wan-dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)
B^bm Fm Cm Fm D^b A^b

jus-ti-fied our greed. By our strug-gle for pos-ses-sions
hold re-sent-ments dear. For com-mu-ni-ties di-vid-ed
lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a-ged
truth to light our way. In the pow-er of your Spir-it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
E^b B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm

we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and
by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and
all the care we know they need, hear our cry and
come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

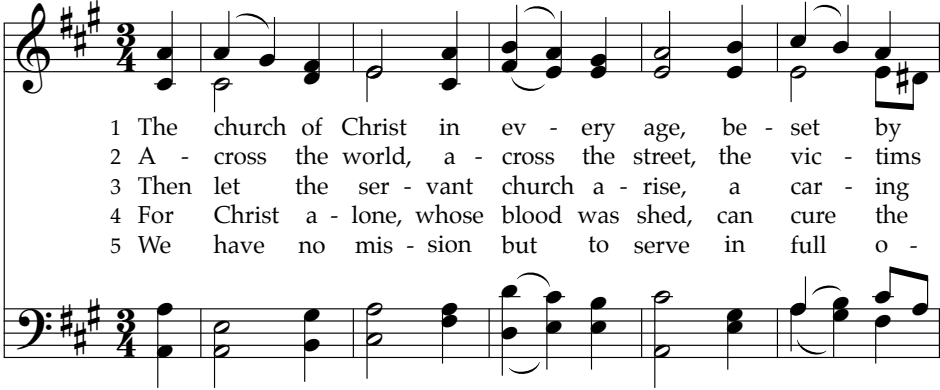
(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm

heal our na-tion; your for-give-ness, Lord, we seek.
heal our na-tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
heal our na-tion; help us show more love, we plead.
heal our na-tion till our na-tion hon-ors you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

One of the ways Christians can show firm allegiance to the country where they live and express care for its well-being is to ensure that they are mindful of the broad range of human needs within that society. This hymn is a strong reminder of the values that need such attention.

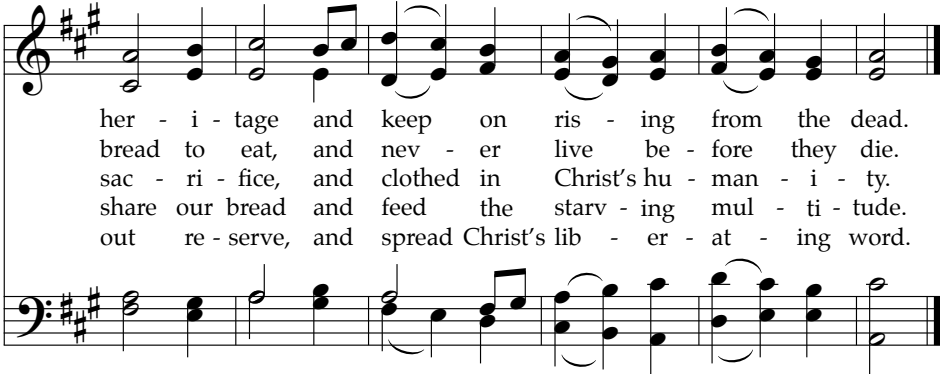
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.