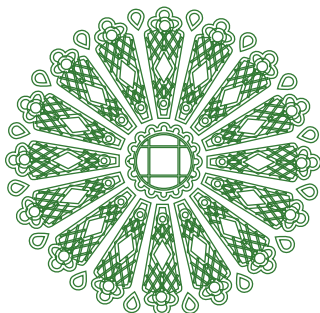




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 26, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

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: Fantasy on 'Restoration'..... arr. Brian Childers
Coventry Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Jill Duffield

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY..... Mary Grace Cavey

* CALL TO WORSHIPNewton Cowan

Leader: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

**All: This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens
are bursting with the goodness of your presence!**

Leader: Happy are those who find their strength in you.

**All: Hear our prayers this day, Holy God,
as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 367 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the response, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The lyrics are: "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!"

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Jeremiah 14:7-10*Lisa McHenry

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our rebellions indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander;
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them;
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR REYNOLDS ROYCE HANSEN.....Jill Duffield and Newton Cowan

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OVER THE BAPTIZED

THE WORD READ: *Luke 18:9-14*

The Pharisee and the PublicanHeinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Danny Paparozzi, tenor

Austin Jeffries, bass

Chancel Choir

There were two men that went up to pray in the temple:

One of them was a Pharisee, the other a Publican.

The Pharisee, he stood and prayed within himself.

And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes
to Heaven,

But he smote upon his breast and they spake thus:

The Pharisee

I give thanks to thee, God, that I am not as other men are,

Unjust, Extortioners, or even as this publican.

In ev'ry week I fast on two days, and of all that I possess I give the
tenth part.

The Publican

God be merciful, Merciful to me a sinner!

God, I am Sinful, be thou merciful to me.

Have mercy on a sinner! God have mercy on me!

I say to you: This man went from thence, went down justified to
his house.

He that himself exalteth. He shall abased be.

And he that humbleth himself, shall be exalted.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Jill Duffield



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 824 – There Is a Place of Quiet Rest..... MC AFEE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE..... Matt Bussell

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: Contemplation on 'Beautiful Savior'Matthew Compton
Coventry Ringers



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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Matt Bussell

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Jill Duffield

* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 846 – Fight the Good Fight DUKE STREET

VOLUNTARY: Fantasy and Fugue in g minor Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
John Alexander, organ



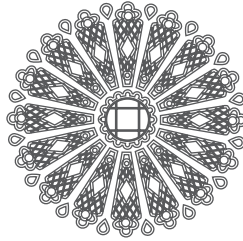
TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Jill Duffield, *Senior Pastor*
Newton Cowan, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*
Matt Bussell, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*
Debby West, *FPC Elder*
Lisa McHenry, *Lay Reader*
James Garner, *Acolyte*
John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
Rebecca Pugh, *Assistant Organist*
Danny Paparozzi, *Tenor*
Austin Jeffries, *Bass*
Chancel Choir

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Text: Henry Alford; Music: George Job Elvey.
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” Text: Reginald Heber; Music: John Bacchus Dykes.
“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest” Text and music: Cleland Boyd McAfee.
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.
“Fight the Good Fight” Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell; Music: Att. John Hatton.

* 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!

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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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 family by Bob & Susanne Rhodes.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered today during the 11 a.m. worship service to Reynolds Royce Hansen, son of Jenny and Kevin Hansen.

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.

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.

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres-ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har-vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God

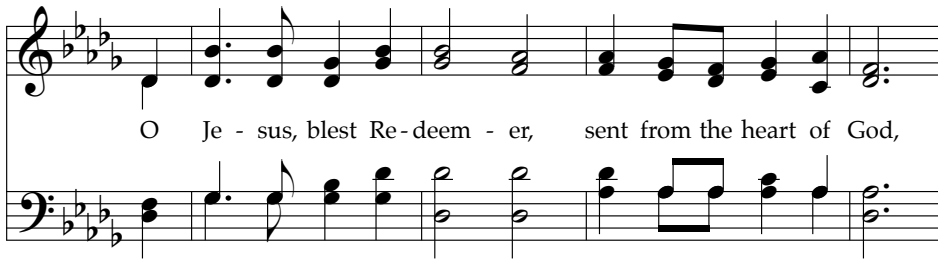


1 There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
2 There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
3 There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,

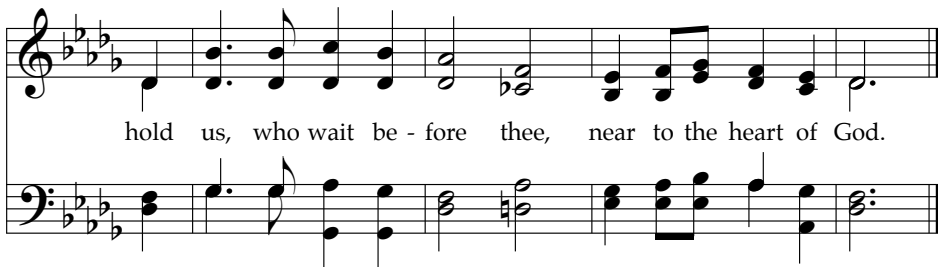


a place where sin can-not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain



O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,



hold us, who wait be - fore thee, near to the heart of God.

A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).