Service for the Lord's Day

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

November 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE "Arise, My Soul, Arise" *Dan Forrest*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 103*

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all the benefits of the LORD,
L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your brokenness;
P: who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;
L: who satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
P: The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.
L:` Bless the LORD, all you works of God, in all places of God's dominion.
All: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above" *vv. 1-4*

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious and Loving God. You have blessed our lives in so many ways, yet our talents and abilities often lay dormant and unused. We believe we are unworthy to serve and we put ourselves down. We are unwilling to serve and we make excuses. Sometimes our sin is not thinking too highly of ourselves, but thinking too lowly. We fail to remember that we are your children — wonderfully made. We forget you called us to do great things in your name. Forgive us, O Lord, renew in us a sense of identity grounded in your Word and your Love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.
P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #447 "We Are Forgiven"

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "For This Joy" *Susan LaBarr*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Prelude in D Major, BWV 936" *J. S. Bach*

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #697 "Take My Life" *vv. 1 & 6*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5: 14-16
NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12: 1-8

L: The word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Let Your Light Shine" *Rev. Brian K. Rummage*

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Calling of the Church (Book of Order, F-1.03)*

L: The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.
P: The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world.
L: The Church is to be a community of faith,
P: entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.
L: The Church is to be a community of hope,
P: rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.
L: The Church is to be a community of love,
P: where sin is named, confessed and forgiven, repentance is embraced, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.
L: The Church is to be a community of witness,
P: pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord. Amen.

Being Sent Into the World

HYMH #744 "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshiping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-4th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

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