

# Service for the Lord's Day

January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

# Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

## The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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L: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

P: **Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!**

L: Let all creation praise the name of the Lord; for God's glory is above earth and heaven.

P: **All people, young men and women alike, old and young together, praise the Lord!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #143

*Angels From the Realm of Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you nurture us from our mothers' wombs with blessings of divine and human favor. Yet we have withheld our favor from those whom we deem unlovely. Forgiven by you, we have refused to forgive others. In your love, show us mercy. Give us a heart to love as we have been loved. Enable us always to act in Jesus' name, with thanksgiving for your unchanging love, revealed to us in Jesus' coming to us, and abiding with us.**

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581

*Gloria Patri*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

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

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:13-23

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Reflecting With Matthew”

The Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry

HYMN #147

*The First Nowell*

**Responding to the Word**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain... God raised this Jesus from the dead...delivering us from death to life eternal. 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!”**

**Being Sent Into the World**

HYMN #132

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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) will stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 200. 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.

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In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Protective face masks are available in the Narthex.

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