

Service for the Lord's Day

January 29, 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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from Psalm 96: 1,2; 100 1, 2,5

L: O sing to the Lord a new song;

P: sing to the Lord, all the earth!

L: Sing and give praise to God's name.

P: Tell the glad news of salvation all day, every day!

L: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing.

P: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose faithfulness endure forever!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #610

O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing Vs 1-4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that in so many ways

We have run from you,

We have ignored your call,

We have closed our eyes to your presence,

We have disbelieved your mercy,

We have disregarded your words,

We have belittled ourselves,

We have forsaken others.

So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness.

Set our feet on the right path. Open our eyes to your glory. Mend our broken spirit.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

arranged by Larry Shackley

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

Matthew 6: 22-23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 4: 4-8

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Where are We Looking”

The Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 121 1,2; 6-8

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Being Sent Into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

Glorious Day

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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