

# Service for the Lord's Day

October 23, 2022

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 138*

L: I give thanks, O Lord with my whole heart.

P: **I bow down and give thanks to your name, for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

L: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased the strength of my soul.

P: **For great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly.**

L: Let us worship the Lord whose love never ceases.

P: ***Let us worship the Lord whose compassion never ends.***

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of abundant mercy: We confess that we have not involved our whole heart in loving you. We believe we are the center of the universe and focus only on our own needs, concerns, wants, and desires. We forget that you are the center of the universe and your focus is on those who are lost, lonely, hurting, and poor. Forgive our selfishness. May our ways reflect your ways. May we decrease and may you increase so that your compassion and justice would shine through our humble lives. We pray this in the name of the One died for the sins of the world.**

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

#### 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18: 9-14

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Lord, In Your Mercy" The Reverend Brian K. Rummage

### Responding to the Word

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Brief Statement 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 and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### Being Sent Into the World

HYMN #435

*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

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 worshipping 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 mask are available in the Narthex.

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