

Service for the Lord's Day

November 6, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 100:1, 2, 5 116:12, 13; 118:24

L: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. 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 endures to all generations.**

L: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

P: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Heart of Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we live in a time of distrust and division. We would rather win an argument than win a friend. We would rather speak than listen. We would rather harm than heal. We are a hurting world, O God and we deeply need your help! Forgive us when we fail to love our neighbor. Forgive us when we speak words that wound. Calm hot tempers; soothe wounded souls; heal broken relationships. As we prepare to come to your table this morning, may we lay aside all differences and share this feast as children of the Living God. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.

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

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

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.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #649

Amazing Grace

(verse 1)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 37:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3: 1-11

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Soften Our Hearts”

The Reverend Brian K. Rummage

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

HYMN OF PREPARATION #515

I Come with Joy

Verse 1 and 3

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray...

Being Sent Into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

I Come Broken

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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