

Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God’s People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Cor. 13:13, Ps. 116:12-13; Ps. 118:24

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

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

“This is Amazing Grace”

Psalms 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Luther

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel
that needs to be filled.**

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.

**I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent,
that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

**I do not have a strong and firm faith;
at times I doubt**

and am unable to trust you altogether.

O Lord, help me.

Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

**With me, there is an abundance of sin;
in you is the fullness of righteousness.**

Therefore I will remain with you...

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

“O Day of Peace”

Hal Hopson

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

“Dream”

Ernest Bloch

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 62; 5-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1: 1-14

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Behind Bars”

Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

HYMN OF PREPARATION #507 “Come to the Table of Grace”

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

HYMN #519

“You are My Strength When I am Weak”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

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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