

Service for the Lord's Day

January 18, 2026

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

P: **And also with you.**

L: Let us give thanks this day for God's wonderful goodness.

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Because God first loved us,

P: **let us love one another.**

L: Gathered in this community of faith, God invites us to grow in grace and knowledge;

P: **so we may offer praise and thanksgiving and good works for the glory of God.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #365

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Merciful God, We give thanks, for you have created us to live together in freedom with you, with one another, and with the world. You have made us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and will. We have been created in order that your goodness might be reflected in our lives, but we have fallen short of your glory.

Our relations with others are distorted and confused. Though we live with neighbors, we have ceased to live for them. Though we live with you, we have ceased to live for you. Our hearts have been set on self— not others, and certainly not on you, O God. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581 “Gloria Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” *arr. Dan Forrest*

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

Psalm 120

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 4: 23-25

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-21

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Hold Fast”

Rev Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From a Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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!” 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.

Being Sent Into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” *Houston/Lighthelm, Psalm 150*

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) 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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