

# Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, August 28, 2022

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

# Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

*Fugal Fantasy*

Saxon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

## The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 103*

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**P: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all the benefits of the LORD,**

L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

**P: who redeems your life and crowns you with mercy and loving kindness.**

L: Bless the Lord, O My soul!

**P: Bless God's Holy Name!**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

*Open Up the Heavens*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. As a shepherd searches for a lost lamb, so you are to us. You are a God who seeks and saves the lost. We pray that you would bind our wounds, heal our brokenness and lead us home. Lord, in your abundant mercy, hear our prayer.**

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

**P: Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Reckless Love*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## 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

*Meditation from "Thais"*

Massenet

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15: 1-7

L: The word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Our Encounter with Jesus"

The Reverend Brian 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. Amen.**

**Being Sent Into the World**

\*HYMN #475

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*O God, Thou Faithful God*

Walther

## **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. At a designated point in the service, younger children are invited to meet our childcare giver (usually Miss Carla) to go to Children's Worship in Room #112. You are welcome to walk with your child before returning to worship. During this worship experience a Bible story will be presented at an age-appropriate level. Of course, if you prefer to keep your child in worship with you, you are welcome to do so. Children's Worship Kits with activities to keep your child engaged are available in the Narthex.

**In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.**

**Due to updated CDC recommendations, we have moved to "mask optional" for our in-person gatherings. We still encourage mask usage for those who fall under the noted risk areas. Masks will still be available.**

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