Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, September 11, 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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

This is Amazing Grace

- L: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
- P: Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.
- L: Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.
- P: Your word is a lamp unto to my feet and a light upon my path.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

- L: Lord, in your mercy.
- P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Great Are You Lord

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SERVICE OF WELCOME FOR THOSE UNITING WITH THE CONGREGATION

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR CHILDREN

Hem of Your Robe

Pepper Choplin

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

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 Proverbs 22: 1-4, 6-11, 22-23

- L: The word of the Lord.
- **P:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Nurturing Our Faith"

The Reverend Brian Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:9; Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Being Sent Into the World

*HYMN #744

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Arise, Your Light is Come!

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 mask are available in the Narthex.

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