

Service for the Lord's Day

September 6, 2026

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“He Hideth My Soul”

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God’s People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

P: to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

L: Wait for the LORD and be strong.

All: Take heart and wait for the LORD!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Goodness of God”

Psalm 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, in your mercy, forgive our sins. We want quick answers to the deep mysteries of life and a religion that asks little from us. We want to be served rather than to serve. We want to be loved first before we cautiously love others. We want salvation, but not discipleship. Our wants are distorted and our souls are troubled. We have plenty, but we crave more. Thank you for not giving us merely what we want but what we need. What you give us is more than enough—it is life—eternal life. You gave us your Son, Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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

“Precious Lord”

arr. Jack Schrader

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Robert Vandall

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3: 1-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 9:9

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stepping out of Our Comfort Zone”

Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

HYMN OF PREPARATION # 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

verses 1, 5

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 #541

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“A Parting Blessing”

Jerome Robbins

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 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.

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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