

Service for the Lord's Day

July 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“Be Still, My Soul”

arr. Barbara Boertje

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God’s People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “When In Our Music God is Glorified ”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92 1-4, 12-15

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

P: to sing praises to your name,

L: O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

P: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

L: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar.

P: They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #664

“Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, save us from hardness of heart, where your word cannot take root. O Lord, save us from shallowness of mind, where your word withers away. O Lord, save us from a frail faith that allows the troubles and challenges of our life to shake our trust in you. Lord, in your abundant mercy, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to ourselves and those around us. Amen.

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

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Luigi Zaninelli

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

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Penny Rodriguez

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1: 1-3

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

SERMON

“He Spoke to them in Parables”

Rev. Joe Blankinship

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Being Sent Into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

“This is Amazing Grace”

Phil Wickham, 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 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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