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*Open doors, open hearts, a welcome for all just as you are!*

**January 22, 2023 11:00**

**PRELUDE**  Angela Swicegood

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Janet DeWater

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

**God’s holy name be praised!**

On the lips of children; in the visions of the old and the dreams of the young,

**God’s holy name be praised!**

In the banquet hall of heaven and in the corners of our hearts,

**God’s holy name be praised!**

**\*HYMN #666** *O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright* V. 1,2,4

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, our Creator, you have given us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave behind all that would distract us from you. Forgive us when we wander from your path. Have mercy on us. Remove from us what is not of your way and free us to live in faith, joy, and service. *(Please pause for a moment of silent prayer…)*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to be a new creation in the love of God.

**In gratitude, we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving one another. Thanks be to God!**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE #581** *Gloria Patri*

**TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Paul Solomon

**SCRIPTURE READING**  Psalm 27:4-9

**SERMON** *“Fretting, Brooding, Stewing, Oh My!”*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF** **FAITH**  Iona Abbey Worship

We believe and trust in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus – the Word made flesh – to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the power of the Spirit. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect for creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and hope. In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**\*HYMN #628** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE OFFERING**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology #606**  *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, receive the gifts that we present before you, of our money and our very selves. Guide us as we seek to live in your light and share your love with all. Amen.

**\*HYMN #694***Great God of Every Blessing* V. 1 & 3

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE #306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  V. 1

**\*POSTLUDE**

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**A warm welcome to all this morning!** If you are visiting a special welcome to you! We hope you find the worship service to be a blessing. We invite you to fill out the visitor card located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. We would love to get better acquainted, and we invite your participation in the worship, fellowship and mission of this church. If you wish to connect with the pastor please email Janet at [jdewater@fpcmountholly.com](about:blank) or call the church office: 704-827-0521

**Children are always welcome in worship, wiggles, giggles and all!** We value their presence with us as we worship God, knowing that this is how they experience the loving community of Christ and how they learn to worship. We now have a **“Worship and Play”** room available downstairs for children and their parents where we are streaming the service and toys are available for those who need a more active space during the service.

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Gratefully received during the offertory, or your contributions can be

made by using the provided QR code or the Paypal option available

on the church website fpcmountholly.com Thank you.

**Next Sunday, January 29 is “Donut Sunday” and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.** Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 as usual. Come a few minutes early to enjoy some donuts, juice, and coffee. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately after worship.

**Christian Education Committee** – The Christian Education Committee is meeting after worship today in the meeting room across the hall from the church office.

**Office Hours**

Please call ahead before coming to church to be sure someone is here to let you in.

**Notice of Live Streaming**

Please be aware that we are live streaming our worship service today.

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