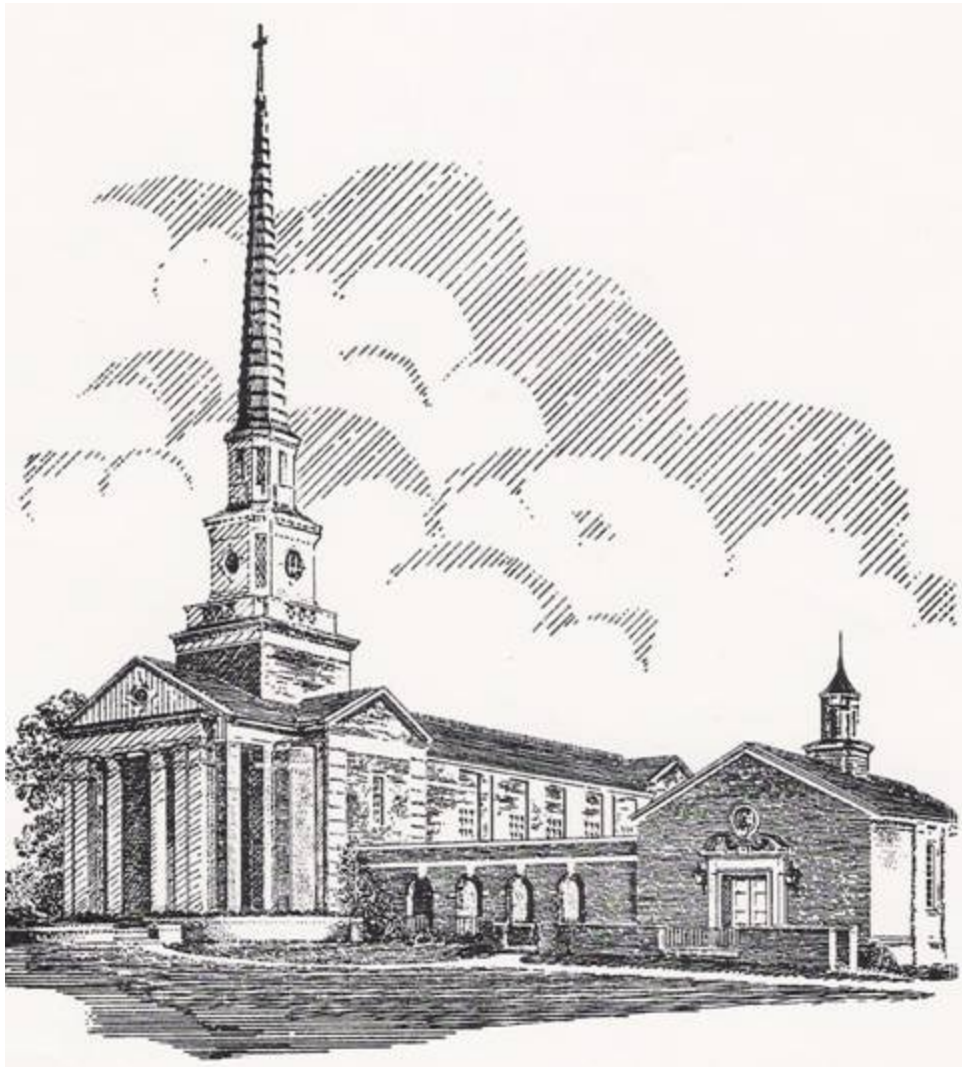


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 21, 2024



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*Please join in reading
aloud those parts of the
service printed
in bold.*

*The congregation is
invited to reflect silently
during the Music for
Preparation as a time of
prayer and meditation.*

When this symbol ()
precedes an element of
the service, please rise
in body or spirit.*

*We lay before God our
own sins,
the sins and
brokenness of our
fellow worshipers,
the church universal,
and the world.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us now prepare our hearts to worship God.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Cantilena from Sonata No. 11

Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

W. Thomas Jones, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

- from *Isaiah 43:1-3*

Thus says the Lord,

who created you, O Jacob,

who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

*OPENING HYMN – No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, by your own design we are whole people,

but we have sought to pry Word from flesh,

to separate body from soul, to drain truth from life.

We have lived too much constrained by our own limits,

constantly touching those boundaries for reassurance,

while You have given us the vision of the prophets

and have called us to dream bold dreams.

In your abundant mercy,

forgive our failure to respond to Your call,

to treasure Your design,

to live into the dreams you have placed in our hearts.

In the name of the Christ we pray. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie eleison*)

John Weaver (1937-2021)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Glo - ry to God! The heav'ns a - dore! Let earth re - sound God's
praise there - fore; Au - thor of peace for ev - er - more!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Michael Morgan

***PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.

We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

Allie Moffitt

We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING: Psalm 8

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 605-606
Pew Bible, page 492*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Contrite Heart

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Polly Butler Cornelius, soprano

To thee, O Lord, I cry for mercy; thy loving kindness now impart;
Oh, hear my call in pity I implore thee, come cleanse my contrite, waiting heart.

Create in me a pure and upright spirit that I may follow all thy ways.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and I will sing thy love and praise.
My song shall ever tell thy loving kindness; my heart will sing thy righteousness;
Thou wilt receive, for thou wilt ever receive the broken spirit;
A contrite heart, Lord, thou wilt bless. My heart will ever sing thy righteousness.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

Large Print Pew Bible, page 111

Pew Bible, pages 91-92

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Here and There"

Dr. Bob Dunham

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE - NO. 19**

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

- from *The Confession of 1967*(PCUSA)

We acknowledge that God's sovereign love
is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds.
We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But in Jesus Christ God reveals love
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.
The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world
and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*Our response to
hearing God's Word
includes singing and
saying what we
believe.*

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Set Me As a Seal

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Polly Butler Cornelius, soprano

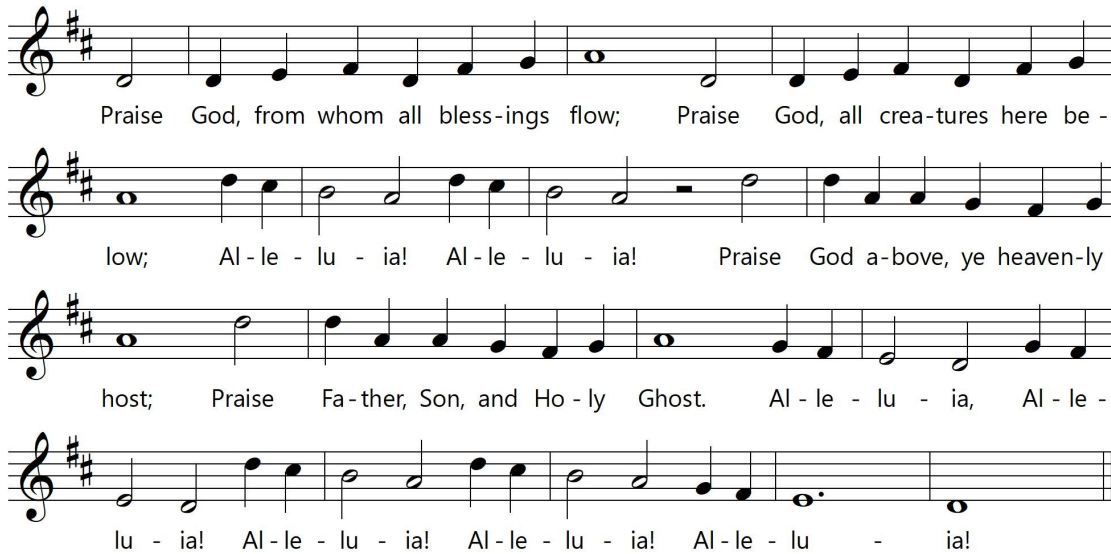
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, nor the floods drown it.
And if one were to give all the possessions of his house for love,
it would utterly be despised.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death!

-Song of Songs 8:6-7

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BEARING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN – No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

VOLUNTARY

Gavotte in F Major

Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)

Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Temporary Acting Head of Staff

*God blesses and
sends us in mission
to the world.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us. . We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office to be added to the weekly email list. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to a minister. The Church Office phone number is 336-228-1703.

MUSIC NOTES: Music texts and impressions, along with streaming music, are provided with permission from One License, License #A-715495. All rights reserved.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS: Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jeanette Newlin by her family.

GUEST PREACHER: Bob Dunham is pastor emeritus of the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, a congregation he served as pastor for 26 years. Next month he will mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a Presbyterian pastor. He also served churches in Auburn, Alabama, Covington, Georgia, Charleston, South Carolina, and New York City. He and his wife, Marla, have two adult children and two grandchildren.

PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the minister on call: Carrie Tuttle (336-708-0451)

JULY MISSION GIVING FOCUS is Benevolence Farm. Check out their website to find out more about the organization benevolencefarm.org. FPC will collect your donations of paper towels, bathroom tissue, facial tissue, and body care products during the month of July. Drop off donations in the marked bin outside the CDC/Welcome Center entrance or in the bin in the Welcome Center.

HABITAT UNITY BUILD: Volunteers are needed to join with other local churches to work on the Habitat for Humanity Unity Build in July. First Presbyterian is scheduled for July 24 (Wednesday). We need three volunteers from 7:45 am to 1:00 pm. No experience is necessary. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to volunteer or just find out more information, please contact Jay Pringle at 336-263-4369.

Get your FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GEAR!

Show your FPC spirit AND support our youth ministry programs at the same time!

Wouldn't it be great to have FPC shirts? Now is your chance to purchase clothing with the FPC logo to wear with pride. The youth ministry program will receive a portion of the sales.

The online store will be open until Friday, August 9. When it closes, it will take a few weeks to print all of our gear and then we'll get it to you.

As always, we are so grateful for the incredible support that FPC has shown for our youth.

The online store is open!

<https://grahamsport.chippily.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchBurlington/>

NEW FURNITURE MINISTRY HOURS — MONDAYS 9 AM- 12N

Out of concern for our volunteers in the extreme heat we are experiencing, the Furniture Ministry will change our warehouse, delivery and pickup hours to Monday mornings, 9 am -12N. This change will be effective beginning Monday, July 22 and continue through Labor Day.

Also, at the current time, our warehouse is full! We are suspending pickups from all except church members briefly while we make more deliveries and create space.

The next churchwide workday is Saturday, August 10, 9 am- 12N. Please plan to attend!

Furniture Ministry volunteers can be reached by calling 336-212-2937.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 21

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. FISHin (Faith in Small Hearts) – Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
- 4:00 p.m. Yoga – Shive Hall

Monday, July 22

- 8:30 a.m. ACAC Serving Team A Volunteers

Tuesday, July 23

- 8:00 a.m. Walk and Talk
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 24

- 7:45 a.m. Habitat Unity Build
- 6:00 p.m. TableTop Game Night – John Knox Room

Thursday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room 201

IN MEMORIAM

JEANETTE ZIMMERMAN NEWLIN

February 13, 1931– July 13, 2024

“I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord.”
John 11:25

IN MEMORIAM

MARION CHAPMAN STADLER

April 27, 1929– July 13, 2024

“So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord’s”
Romans 14:8

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS: The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations for the office of Deacon and Elder for the Class of 2027. Please direct your recommendations in writing or email to the Church Office by August 4. Email address: reception@fpcburlington.org. A list of current officers and a description of duties are now available in the Narthex, Welcome Center, and Church Office.



A Moment's Meditation

God, renew our spirits-Your spirit within us-and make us worthy carriers of Your message of love and hope and life in all we say and do this day and forever more.

Marian Wright Edelman



MATTHEW 25