

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church recognizes that God is on the move. Our church, inspired by God's Holy Spirit, will continue to grow in God's love and the example of Jesus Christ as we minister to each other, the community, and the world. Guided by God's calling for our church and each of us as individuals, we will advance God's mission more fully by:

4. Engaging in the spiritual, physical, and emotional work of God's mission

We believe God's mission, to heal the world through reconciliation and restoration, is the foundation for the work of all believers. The spiritual, physical, and emotional work within the ministry of Christ's people contributes to the accomplishment of the purpose of the church. First Presbyterian Church will continue to be engaged in both internal and external mission work. The support for social justice, inclusiveness, and making a difference in the community are FPC initiatives that will provide opportunities for the congregation to actively participate in God's mission.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*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.*

*From John Wurster the
Presbyterian Outlook*

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

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

Concerto in E-flat

Karl Stamitz (1745-1801)

Allegro

Mark Payne, clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into God's presence with singing.

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God

DIX

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

through Jesus, you taught us that the last shall be first

and the first shall be last,

but we often struggle with creating space so that others might thrive.

We are haphazard with your creation,

choosing convenience over conservation,

and recklessly assume there will always be enough to go around.

We are often content for those on the margins to be "first" in the afterlife

but not in this life.

And sometimes we fall prey to the world's priorities, which whisper

that we must come in first

and have the most

and that we are always in jeopardy of not being enough.

Help us, O God, to lean into the example of our servant savior,

who models power in vulnerability

and invites us to serve one another.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us.

***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.

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 100

Large Print Pew Bible, page 679

Pew Bible, page 552

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

ANTHEM

Seek to Serve

Lloyd Pfautsch (1921-2003)

Chancel Choir

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve.
May I live as one who knows the love of God.
Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve.
With my ears may I hear, with my eyes may I see.
With my lips may I speak, may your Word be heard through me.
Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

SECOND READING: Luke 22:24-27

Large Print Pew Bible, pages 105-106

Pew Bible, page 87

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

SERMON: Who Are We? A Church Who Serves Alongside

Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

- The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

David Pinson

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

The Servant Song

David Schwoebel (b, 1957)

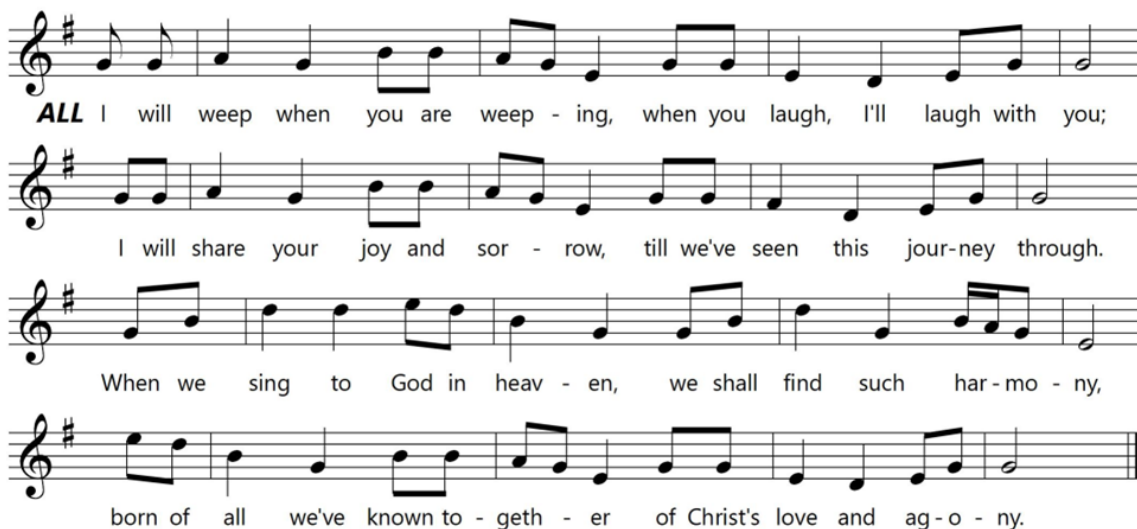
Chancel Choir and Congregation
Mark Payne, clarinet

*If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all,
they shall be the last, they shall be the last; be the servant of all.*

We are travelers on a journey, Fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you In the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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ALL I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sor - row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.
When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny,
born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures 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

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 733**

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Please remain seated and quiet until the conclusion of the closing voluntary.

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

IN MEMORIAM

McSHERRY "MACK" E. LACKEY

January 29, 1936 – September 6, 2024

*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord."
 John 11:25*

IN MEMORIAM

MARGARET "PEGGY" ANN SKILLMAN

January 1, 1930 – September 11, 2024

*"So then, whether we live or whether we die,
 we are the Lord's."
 Romans 14:8*



A Moment's Meditation

In every person is the creation story. Since the first day of our beginning, the Spirit has brooded over the formless, dark void of our lives, calling us into fullness of being through our gifts.
 Elizabeth O'Connor

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.

NARTHEX FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Theresa M. Rizzo by Britt Stadler and family.

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 by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the minister on call.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service today. The purpose of the meeting is to hear from the Nominating Committee and to vote on the following slate of officers.

Deacons :

Brian Wells (Class of 2027)

Cydney Lunsford Bates (Class of 2027)

Wendy Lunsford (Class of 2027)

Penny Lewis (Class of 2027)

Betsy Miller (Class of 2025)

Sharron Joyce (Class of 2027)

Judith Wright (Class of 2027)

Lucy Kernodle (Class of 2027)

Becky Wagoner (Class of 2027)

Bibby Pinson (Class of 2026)

Elder Class of 2027:

Gail McGowen

Jerry Bailey

A.C. Arnn

David Sapp

Avery Wagoner

Sarah Beth Hardy

Caroline Durham

Scott Moffitt

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION: All are welcome at 4:00 p.m. next Sunday (September 22) in the sanctuary for the installation service of The Rev. Dr. Jim Lunde as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Burlington.

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM led by Mr. Steve Matthews Mondays, September 16, 23 & 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Knox Room. All are welcome.

Thursday, September 19—11:00 a.m. Shive Hall

Jim Jam!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Shive Hall!! Our fall kickoff **FRIENDSHIP GROUP** brings the opportunity to greet our new pastor, Jim Lunde, hear his stories and ask him burning questions. All followed by a delicious lunch! RSVP September 16 to pmurphy@fpcburlington.org or call the church office, 336.228.1703

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is our September Mission Giving Focus. We are highlighting the Women's Build and have a team ready to put on their hard hats, swing a hammer, and love our neighbors in need. The FPCB Pink Ladies would love your prayers for all the teams and the people who will receive the homes they help to build. If you feel moved to give to help with the cost of the home, the giving link is <https://grouprev.com/womenbuild2024-teamfirstprezpinkladies>. You'll see our team met their goal (YAY!) and additional gifts are most welcome.

FPC FACILITY SECURITY SYSTEM: A new, improved, and expanded security system will be installed during the week of Monday, September 16 through Friday, September 20. If you plan to visit the church during next week, please be patient and understanding as new cabling, devices, and software are being provided in a phased effort. Equipment testing and staff training will also be taking place throughout next week. Access into the sanctuary for next Sunday's worship will not be impacted by the work that is being performed during the week.

MEMORIAL BLOODMOBILE:

The American Red Cross is planning to hold a blood drive on Monday, September 30, 2024 in Shive Hall from 2:00– 6:30 P.M.

The blood drive is done in memory of Harold Lloyd who organized a number of blood drives at FPC and Barbara Lloyd who was a faithful Red Cross volunteer for many years.

Donor registration is now available. To schedule an appointment go to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code FPC. If you need assistance or information you may contact Lucy Kernodle, Site Coordinator, at lkernodle@bellsouth.net. More details are available in the weekly e-blast.

SNOW CAMP OUTDOOR THEATER - STUDIO 1 is presenting "Pathway to Freedom" and we are going Saturday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. Charlotte is purchasing tickets and needs to know who is attending. Please contact Charlotte (callbright@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703 x 223) to let her know how many tickets you want and if you want general admission (\$17), senior adult (\$14), or student (\$14). RSVP no later than September 25.

Did you miss the **SMALL GROUP** information? It is not too late to sign up. Check out fpcsmallgroups.org for more information about these opportunities:

- The Pointe and Take Root Socials
- Field Trips of Faith & Justice and 508 Partnership Poetry Class
- Soul Food; Thank you, Jesus; and Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Liturgical Movement; Walk-n-Talk; and Furniture Ministry

Find where God is calling you to learn, grow, and get to know your church family.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Work Team Meeting — Room 122
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal — Room 220
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship — Shive Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting — Witherspoon Room

Monday, September 16

- 6:30 p.m. Understanding Christian Nationalism — John Knox Room

Tuesday, September 17

- 6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — Witherspoon Room
- 7:30 a.m. Dough Devotions — The Park Restaurant
- 8:00 a.m. Walk and Talk
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting — Room 203
- 3:00 p.m. CDC Board Meeting — Room 122
- 5:30 p.m. Liturgical Movement Small Group — Room 403
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Pack 17 Meets — Garrison Joyner Activities Building

Wednesday, September 18

- 8:00 a.m. Burlington Land Trust Meeting — Room 122
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Witherspoon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 4017 Meets — Garrison Joyner Activities Building
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 19

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study — Witherspoon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry — Room 201
- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Group — Shive Hall
- 5:30 p.m. CDC Back to School Staff Meeting — Witherspoon Room