

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



Jesus Teaching His Disciples, Bazzi Rahib (1684)

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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.

Adapted from Bobby Hulme-Lippert with *the Presbyterian Outlook*.

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.

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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

Berceuse (*Cradle Song*) Manuel de Falla (1876-1946)
Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,
and meditate on God's word day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season.
Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing WEISSE FLAGGEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition
and vain conceit.
We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions,
rather than the wisdom that comes from above.
Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves
and others.
Help us to resist these things which separate us
and help us to always draw near to your grace.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy LAND OF REST



*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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO KINDERGARDENERS AND FIRST GRADERS

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| Jack Clark | John Ryan Moffitt |
| Noah Detter | Ellie Claire Powell |
| Jack Hardy | Lenoir Sapp |
| Ava Joe Lambeth | Ella Grace Tomasevich |
| Beckett Yates Lambeth | Caroline Wilson |
| Ben Lunde | Easton Wisner |

Let the children come! Today we celebrate a milestone with our kindergarten and 1st grade children. They are beginning to be more engaged in worship and in reading the Bible as a spiritual practice. We, their church family, give them the gift of a Story Bible so that families can spend time together wondering about God's Word. Living into the baptismal covenant that you have made, encourage the children and families when you see them, support parents, grandparents, and guardians in this journey, and learn from the children as much as you teach them.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 1

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 602
Pew Bible, page 489*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Word of God Come Down to Earth setting by John Ferguson (b. 1941)
Chancel Choir

Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heaven descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die, Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, Speak to us, your love outpouring.

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

Word that speaks God's tender love, One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us, Word of life, with one Bread feed us.
-James Quinn, SJ

SECOND READING: James 3:13-18; 4:7-8a

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 279-280
Pew Bible, pages 230, 231*

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SERMON: Drawing Near

Rev. Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 459**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

-from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Solitary Hill

Brian Crain (b. 1969)

Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin

*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. 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in G Major, K. 301

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Allegro con spirito

Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin

All are invited to remain seated for the voluntary. If you must leave, please do so quietly.

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications

J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

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.

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MUSIC NOTE: Gifts to the Music Fund in memory of Jeanette Newlin are providing violinist Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa for our service today. The opening voluntary is subtitled *Nana*, which translates to *grandmother*, a fitting tribute to Jeanette.

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 honor of Mandy Holt and Justin Rosenblum, who were married in the Sanctuary yesterday.

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

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

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 by end of day today.

THE 508 PARTNERSHIP FAITH AND AFRICAN AMERICAN POETRY CLASS will begin October 1 at noon at First Baptist Church on Apple St. Bring your lunch. We will use *The Vintage Book of African American Poetry: 200 Years of Vision, Struggle, Power, Beauty, and Triumph from 50 Outstanding Poets*, ed. Michael S. Harper and Anthony Walton. See the eblast or contact Harry Brown or Charlotte Nance-Allbright for more information.

THE OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS IS CROSSROADS: CrossRoads is the local nonprofit that offers free and confidential services to survivors and caregivers of survivors of sexual violence, child maltreatment, and human trafficking in the counties of Alamance, Caswell, and Person. These services include offering free access to resources. CrossRoads is in need of the following items to support this mission: Men's and boys' personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, combs, brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hair care products for African American hair, etc...), Women's and girls' personal care items (same as items listed for men, also in need of feminine hygiene products and products specifically for African American hair), Children's diapers of all sizes (including pull ups), Underwear of all sizes for boys and girls, Underwear of all sizes for women, Sports bras in all sizes, T-shirts and sweatpants of all sizes for children, women and men. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside the CDC (black & white hallway) door or inside in the Welcome Center. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

THE PCUSA PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING will be received on Sunday, October 6 during worship. The theme this year is "We are there" and reminds us that "Every time the world is troubled, and we dare to wake and see; every time our neighbors call us, and we stand with those in need; and every time we are peacemakers, and the fearful are set free. In our living, in our giving, we are there." 25% of the offering will be given to Allied Churches of Alamance County (ACAC), 25% will go to mid-councils to support peacemaking in our region, and 50% will support the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Special Offering envelopes will be available for you to use during worship.



A Moment's Meditation

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8 NRSV

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:00 a.m. *Children Worship Too!*— Sanctuary
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. New Bern Work Team Meeting — Room 122
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal — Room 220
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday Funday Water Play for Children and Youth

Monday, September 30

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Council Meeting — Room 122
- 2:00 p.m. American Red Cross Memorial Bloodmobile— Shive Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Understanding Christian Nationalism — John Knox Room

Tuesday, October 1

- 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
- Noon 508 Partnership Faith and African American Poetry Class — First Baptist (Apple Street)
- 5:45 p.m. Liturgical Movement Small Group — Room 223
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Pack 17 Meets — Garrison Joyner Activities Building

Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Witherspoon Room
- 2:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Team Meeting — Room 201
- 6:00 p.m. Salty Saints Gathering — Red Oak Brewery
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 4017 Meets — Garrison Joyner Activities Building
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study — Witherspoon Room
- 9:00 a.m. Soul Food Small Group — Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry — Room 201

Friday, October 4

- 2:00 p.m. Lou Knight Memorial Service — Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Knight Family Reception — Shive Hall

Saturday, October 5

- 7:30 p.m. Pathway to Freedom Field Trip — Snow Camp