WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it along the pew.

Voluntary: Claire de lune .......................................................... Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
John Alexander, organ

Welcome, Congregational Life & Extending Hospitality .................. Sid Batts
(Please turn off cell phones, and refrain from using cameras during worship.)

* Call to Worship
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
People: It is God who has made us, and we are God’s people;
the sheep of his pastures.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
People: Let us give thanks to him, bless his name.

* Processional Hymn: No. 285 – God, You Spin the Whirling Planets... Austrian Hymn
Text: Jane Parker Huber / Music: Franz Joseph Haydn

* Call to Confession................................................................. Lisa Witherspoon

* Prayer of Confession
Great and Good God,
Give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
Hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
* AssurancE oF pardon

* the pEace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

congregational response: Hear the Good News of Salvation ...............GLORIA PATRI
Text: John B. Renville / Music: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music

We Hear God’s Word

First lesson: Romans 5:1-5 ............................................................(Pew Bible, page 155)
Reader: Amy Kreimer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A Time For children ................................................................. Lisa Witherspoon
(Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to Worship Enrichment)
ANTHEM: God Is Seen .............................................................. arranged by Alice Parker

Through all the world below
God is seen all around;
Search hills and valleys through,
There He’s found.

The growing of the corn,
The lily and the thorn,
All declare God is there.
In meadows drest in green,
God is seen.

See springing waters rise,
Fountains flow, rivers run;
The mist that veils the sky
Hides the sun.

Then down the rain doth pour,
The ocean, it doth roar
And beat upon the shore,
And all praise, in their ways,
The God who ne’er declines
His designs.

The sun with all his rays
Speaks of God as he flies.
The comet in her blaze,
“God!” she cries.

The shining of the stars,
The moon, when she appears
His awful name declare;
See them fly, through the sky
And join the solemn sound
All around.

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 ............................................. (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 2 AND 3)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Growing Up in the Garden............................................... Sid Batts

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn of Response: No. 276 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness.................. FAITHFULNESS
Text: Thomas Obediah Chisholm / Music: William Marion Runyan

* Affirmation of Faith ........................................................................ Cheryl Crago

The Spirit helps believers grow in the new life. The Christian fellowship was not a society of perfect people. The struggle between the old way of life and the new was severe. Yet the Spirit produced among followers of Jesus love, joy, peace, and victories in the battle against evil. We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live we struggle with sin, but the Spirit’s presence assures us God will complete what he has begun in us. Amen.

– from A Declaration of Faith
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE concluding with 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Open Thou Mine Eyes .............................................John Rutter (b. 1945)

Summer Choir

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: Incline my heart and I shall desire:
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God
And beside thee let there be none else,
No other, nought else with thee.
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,
In truth of spirit, In rev’rence of body, In blessing of lips, In private and public.
– text: Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Text: Thomas Ken / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alle-
lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Prayer of Dedication
Cheryl Crago

Invitation to Discipleship and Church Membership
Sid Batts

Benediction
Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...
All: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
May we live by the Spirit.

Congregational Benediction: Go to the World!
Sine Nomine
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Voluntary: Carillon
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
John Alexander, organ
**Today’s Worship Leaders**

*Sid Batts*, Senior Pastor  
*Lisa Witherspoon*, Interim Associate Director of Children’s Ministry  
*Cheryl Crago*, FPC Elder  
*Amy Kreimer*, Lay Reader  
*Cameron Jones and Banks Peete*, Acolytes  
*Robert Wells*, Director of Music Ministry  
*John Alexander*, Associate Director of Music and Principal Organist  
*Summer Choir*

**This Morning in Rejoice!**

Rejoice!, our non-traditional service, takes place Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Mullin Life Center, receiving Sid Batts’ sermon via video link. Also leading Rejoice! today are

*Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care;  
*James Keith*, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!;  
*Kenneth Barham*, Lay Reader; and the Rejoice! Band.

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**Don’t assume ...**

...that the pastors know that you or other church members are in the hospital or home with a lengthy illness. Please call the church offices at 373-0445 and let us know so that we can pray for and extend a hand in prayer and care.

**Pastor on call**

When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call the main church number, 373-0445, and enter 1-2-3-4 when the greeting begins. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

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**Live streaming of worship services**

Our sanctuary worship services are live-streamed on the web, and can be accessed Sunday mornings at 10:40 am at [fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live](http://fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live). You can also sign up for reminders and alerts at [livestream.com/fpcgreensboro](http://livestream.com/fpcgreensboro).

In accordance with our Child Protection policy, parents of children leading in worship and parents of children being baptized will need to sign a parent release form.

* Please stand as you are able.

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WE WELCOME YOU ...
to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, we encourage you to wear a nametag, available in the blue Welcome notebooks.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS, please sign the attendance pad in the Welcome notebooks. We are a big church. We care about how folks are doing and try to pay attention when our members haven’t worshiped with us in a while. Please help us know you are here this week by signing your name. And please note the names of others on your pew and say “Hello!”

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, we offer ways to make worship meaningful for them:

Nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 in the Corl Building. Our child protection policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

Children in Worship bags at entrances help children learn about worship. Please return the bags with books and crayons after the service.

Worship Enrichment: After the children’s message in the 10:45 service, ages 4 to 7 are invited to follow adult leaders for a children’s worship time. They will return after the sermon.

Parking assistance
The Parking Assistance Ministry team (PAM) has spaces on both sides of Greene street reserved for our members and visitors with special needs. PAM volunteers can assist with guiding you to appropriate parking. If you are being driven to church, you may be dropped off at the Greene Street entrance while your driver parks.

Every Sunday, all can
Each Sunday, we collect donations of non-perishable food for Greensboro Urban Ministry’s pantry. Earlier this year, Greensboro and High Point were ranked as the nation’s most food-insecure metro area. Please join in this ministry, to help our neighbors experiencing food hardship.

Liturgical season
The liturgical color red seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors’ stoles signifies the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, as well as the ordination and installation of elders, deacons, and ministers in the PC (USA).

About this morning’s flowers
The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Tom and Elaine Wright’s parents and in honor of Tom and Elaine’s 59th wedding anniversary.

Regarding flowers for May 31, 2015
Last week’s flowers were given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Case Fagan’s marriage on Saturday, May 30, by Jim and Kate Matteson Schlosser, great-uncle and -aunt, who were married in this sanctuary 50 years ago.

Quiet Center available after services
Following the 10:45 service, a pastor will be available in the Quiet Center for anyone needing prayer or mediation. This prayer space is the first room on the right as you walk down the Smith building hallway from the Tower Room. All prayer requests are confidential.

IN MEMORIAM
Mary Ruth Hall Lloyd
May 28, 2015