

First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina
Organized in 1827

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2020 - 11:00 AM

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phyllis McGee

PRELUDE

Silent Prayer and Meditation:

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (1549)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, friends, saints, and sinners! Let us reflect on God's graciousness.

All: God provides for all our needs. God's abundance overflows.

One: Come, friends, saints, and sinners! Let us renew our commitment to God.

**All: We pledge our lives to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
and commit our energy, talents, and treasure to ministry in his name.**

One: Come, friends, saints, and sinners! Let us rejoice that we are children of God.

HYMN: "God of Great and God of Small" (vss. 1 & 4)

#19, *Glory to God Hymnal*

Please sing softly:

*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison):

Holy God, we confess that we often forget our roots. We think we have earned all the good things that we have in life. We ignore the true Source of our joy, believing that our efforts, our talents, our treasures have gained us our place in society. Forgive us for our failure to remember you and your amazing grace. Teach us to be thankful, remembering the sacrifices---not only of those who have gone before us---but also, the sacrifice of Jesus, who gave his very life for our sake. Help us to live and give in ways that bring new life to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayer - (How have you disappointed God, others, or yourself?)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE (responsive)

One: Hear the good news! We are made worthy of forgiveness and full acceptance in the Lord. Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross. I declare this to you friends so that you will believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE: *"The Gloria"* (Sung to the tune *We Gather Together*)

All glo - ry to God who cre - ates and for - gives us. All
glo - ry to Je - sus, Re - deem - er and friend. And
to the Spir - it, who is for - ev - er with us; Sing
glo - ry and praise, for God's love nev - er ends.

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WE HEAR THE WORD

DEDICATION OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: *1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19*

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: *"Remember and Give Thanks"* The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION (What is God saying to you this morning through scripture, sermon and song?)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Apostles' Creed (Contemporary)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of our church, especially during this time. If you are present at the outdoor service, you may deposit your offerings into the designated containers. Otherwise, offerings may be mailed to the church at PO Box 586, Lexington NC 27293, or you may give online by visiting our website (www.fpclxn.com) and clicking on the red "Give Online" button.

Offertory: "Now Thank we All Our God" (vss. 1-2)

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*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

O God, giver of all good gifts, your name is Generosity. We thank you for our many blessings. We now give out of our abundance as a sign of our trust in you and as an expression of gratitude. Bless these gifts, that our offerings may be used to share the good news through this church in word and deed. In Jesus' name, amen.

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us or you have been with us for years, we welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ. Whether you are here in person or worshipping via the internet, we are so glad you have gathered with us to give thanks to God and respond to Jesus' call to follow him. First Presbyterian Church of Lexington is a loving community in Christ where we *Call People to Faith, Develop them as Disciples, and Send them to Serve*. If you would like more information about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Nancy Dederer or one of our church leaders. Pastor Nancy can be reached at the church office (336/248-2140), by email at PastorNancy@fpclexnc.com, or by text or phone at 708/642-2742.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

We invite you to join us next Sunday, November 29, for our final outdoor worship service of the season. Beginning December 6, we will return to online-only worship services for the month of December. Worship services will continue to be held at 11 AM each Sunday. The live stream may be found at our YouTube channel: <http://tinyurl.com/fpclexncYouTube/live>.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Meals on Wheels is in need of two individuals or a couple who can make deliveries every other Friday. Meals are picked up around 10:30 on Friday morning, and it takes less than an hour to deliver the meals, so the commitment would be for about two hours per month of your time. It's an easy thing to do and brings so much satisfaction to the volunteer and much-needed help for the clients. If you can help, please contact Meals on Wheels coordinator Emmy Floyd at 336-956-1392 or bobemmy@ptmc.net.

COLLECTION FOR DAVIDSON MEDICAL MINISTRIES

Earlier in the year, we had begun to collect items for Davidson Medical Ministries as part of Touching Davidson County with Love. Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to collect these items as planned. DMMC is still in need, and we are now in a position to resume our collections. You may bring your donations to the church and place them in the designated area under the tv in the lobby. The item collection cards are posted on the Faith in Action bulletin board in the Third Avenue hallway and are also listed below. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Items needed are: *soap, shampoo, hand towels, combs, toilet paper, paper towels, ink pens, large paper clips, and tape*.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED TO FILL TIME AND TALENT POSITIONS

We are still in need of folks willing to help in many ways in the church, but especially in the area of our worship services. If you would like to volunteer to serve in any capacity, please contact Elders Pat Ulmer (pulmer62@gmail.com) or Phyllis McGee (pymcgee@gmail.com), who oversee the Worship Ministry Team, or Clerk of Session Margaret King (kingmt@live.com) and let them know. If you would like a copy of the Time and Talent form emailed or snail-mailed to you, please contact Jeanna (336-248-2140 or office@fpclexnc.com) and let her know. Many thanks to everyone for their service to our Lord and to our church family.

Ministers The People
 Transitional Pastor Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer
 Interim Director of Christian Education/Formation Mrs. Karen Carrickhoff
 Director of Music Mrs. Shelley Jennings
 Organist Mrs. Connie Burleson
 Director of Contemporary Worship Mr. Jack Harman

THE SESSION

Class of 2021

Donna Bryan Jan Kiefer
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 Anna Gobble Robin Team
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