



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Pastorale in F" ~ J.S. Bach

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call on God with praise and thanksgiving. Tell of God's wonderful works.
People: Today we open ourselves to God's presence. Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.
Leader: When we eat, we are reminded of God's provision. When we drink pure water, we give thanks.
People: Surely God has blessed us with food and drink. Daily we are strengthened for tasks we face.
Leader: We are guided by God's laws and statutes. We benefit from God's generosity.
People: Let all the people worship with joy! Let all whom God has chosen sing together!
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 65

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are people of the flesh more than people of the spirit. Our lives are not worthy of the gospel of Christ. We admit our resentment when some people we deem unworthy benefit from your generosity. We confess our lack of attention to your laws, your living Word, your prompting Spirit. You alone are our salvation, our healing, and our high opportunity to serve. We choose to belong to you. Accept and change us, we pray. Amen.
(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has offered us a presence we have not recognized, bread we have ignored, and compassion we have not deserved. The food from heaven is offered to us daily, freely given to all who are open to receive it. Let us rejoice in this moment of God's amazing generosity, opening our lives to the gifts of God. Friends, believe the good news...
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI No. 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ~ Robert Lau

*Those who are able, please stand.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Exodus 16:2-15
People: Thanks be to God. Matthew 20: 1-16

SERMON "First and Last" Rev. John Pruitt

*HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" No. 649

*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 AND 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

OFFERTORY "Kyrie" ~ Jean Langlais

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 475

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in D Minor" ~ J.S. Bach

Serving Today (Sep 24)

Greeters: Millie Vernon, Bernie Krecklow
Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self
Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush

Serving Next Sunday (Oct 1)

Greeters: Millie Vernon, Bernie Krecklow
Ushers: Norman & Lynda Self
Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush
Element Prep: Kay Sudderth, Nancy Bolen
Assisting Elders: Rusty Sudderth, Bob Myers, Ellen Watts, Nancy Sharp, Rich Tincher

*Those who are able, please stand.

GOOD MORNING! We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today (9/24)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
Mon (9/25)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
Tue (9/26)	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Weight Watchers
Wed (9/27)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	5:30p	Christian Education Committee Meeting
	6:30p	Missions Committee Meeting
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu (9/28)	10:00a	EGG Committee Meeting
	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
Fri (9/29)		No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat (9/30)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
		Men's Bible Study
Sun (10/1)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

Looking for a Men's Bible Study: On Saturday mornings, at 8:30a, there is a Men's Bible Study held at Tom Parker's home. This group meets for approximately 1 hr. and are currently reading "*Mere Christianity*" by C.S. Lewis. For more information please call Tom Parker at 336-784-1263.

Rent-A-Youth: Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

Committee Chairs

Don't forget to pick up your mail from your mailbox located in the audio room just out side of the Sanctuary.

Guest Organist

We welcome John Fair as our guest organist today. John relocated to Kernersville in 1990 from the D.C. area where he served as music director at Christ Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Va. He served as organist for Main Street UMC for over 15 years and at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Greensboro before retiring from being on the bench full time. John now regularly substitutes for churches in this area and in Southern Virginia.

Please fill out prayer request cards.

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!



First Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Pruitt, Pastor

Amy Evans, Christian Education Director
Jane Johnson, Secretary

Nancy Bolen, Choir Director
Kay Sudderth, Organist