



First Presbyterian Church

of Raleigh, North Carolina

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith, and action.

October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Moment for Generosity

David Poisson

Introit

Sing Praise to God

Arr. Rebecca Bonam

Ann Poisson, flute

Call to Worship

Great is God's faithfulness! Great is God's faithfulness!

All we have ever needed, God has provided.

Let us join with all of creation to declare God's goodness.

Indeed, Great is God's faithfulness! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

Forgive us, Steadfast God, for our mindset of scarcity. We fear we will not have enough, hoard what we do have, and trick ourselves into thinking we are in control. Free us from this burden, Holy One, and ground us in your generosity. Help us see that you are our provider, that you are the greatness and power, the victory and the majesty now and forever.

(Let us continue our confession in silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

Welcome to Worship!

Some notes about the service:

*An asterisk denotes standing, in body or spirit.

Words in bold are read aloud by the congregation.

We welcome Clara Bartz this morning as our guest organist. We are deeply grateful to her for helping to lead our worship together.

Worship is, first and foremost, a people's meeting with the God who has taken the initiative to gather that people.

We come before God in confession with as much honesty as we can muster. But we do so knowing that God's grace is far bigger than our shortcomings or the power of sin.

We offer this same response week in and week out as a reminder of what God commands. Saying it each week helps it take root within us and guide us throughout the week.

*Response of Gratitude | Hymn 581

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

We Listen and Respond to God's Word

Anthem (11:00)

Small Deeds

John D. Horman

FPC Children's Choir

The Anthem lyrics may be found on the back page of the bulletin.

The entire church is asked to pray along with the children. This reminds the children that they are an important part of our church community.

Children's Moment (11:00)

Beth Thaxton

After the Children's Moment, children ages 4 - 2nd gr. are invited to the Library for Children's Church and will return to their pews during the hymn following the sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

Mary Jo Littlewood

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-12, 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"All I have Needed Thy Hand Hath Provided"* The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

Silent Reflection

During our time of Silent Reflection ask yourself, "Given what I have heard and experienced today, is God calling me to change or grow in any way?"

*Hymn 711

Lord of All Good

TOULON

*Affirmation of Faith: from The Westminster Shorter Catechism

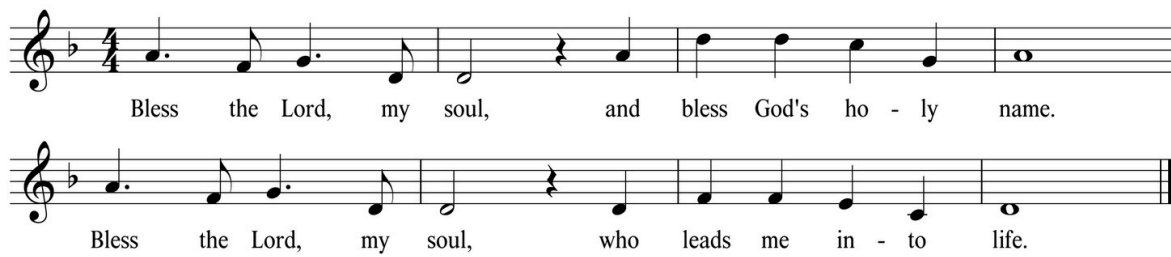
What do we pray for in the forth petition of the Lord's prayer?

In the fourth petition, which is, "Give us this day our daily bread," we pray that, of God's free gift, we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy God's blessings with them. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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.



An Invitation to Generosity

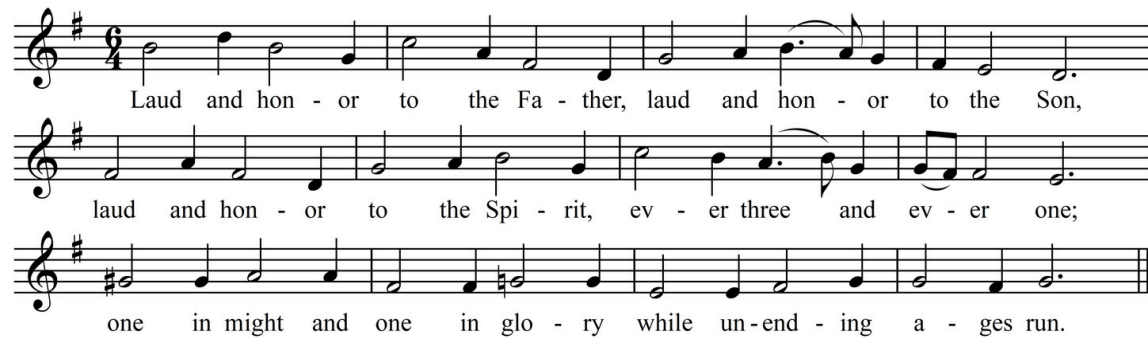
Offertory

Sonata No. 1 Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology | Hymn 394, stanza 4

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



*Prayer of Dedication

We Carry God's Word into the World

*Hymn 714

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | Hymn 541 stanza 1

RANDOLPH

**God be with you till we meet again;
 loving counsels guide, uphold you,
 with a shepherd's care enfold you:
 God be with you till we meet again.**

*Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

Prelude in G Major, BWV 550

J.S. Bach

The offering is closely tied to the church's calling to serve the poor and to reach out to the community. We offer not just a portion of what we have, but also our entire lives in service to God and God's people.

On the far right of each hymn or musical piece, written in all capitals, is the title of the hymn tune. If the name is not in capitals, it is the composer's name.

As the service comes to an end, please be mindful of those who wish to remain to hear the Postlude.

Anthem

Small deeds, done with great conviction;
small deeds each one wisely planned;
small deeds, touched by truth and beauty;
small deeds guided by the hand of God.

I may never be like Noah, and build a mighty arc,
but I can light one candle to drive away the dark.

I may never be like Moses - from Pharaoh's yoke be freed,
but I can lend a helping hand to those who are in need!

I may never be like Hannah, and give to God my son,
but I can give the gift of love to people, one by one.



The Chancel flowers are given by Anne and Bucky Carter to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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On the Calendar This Week October 19 – October 25

Today – Early Worship 8:30am | Sunday School 9:45am | Late Worship 11:00am
Pathfinders (K-2) & ROCK Stars (3rd-5th) 5:00pm | Youth Group 5:30pm

Monday, October 20 – Staff Meeting 1:00pm | RYC Benefit Concert 5:00pm

Tuesday, October 21 – Enough for Today Podcast 8:00am | CDC Chapel 10:30am

Wednesday, October 22 – Early Birds 6:30am | CDC Music 10:00am | Session Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, October 23 – Bible Study at Glenaire 2:30pm | Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Friday, October 24 – No events or activities scheduled for today.

Saturday, October 25 – No events or activities scheduled for today.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 10:45 a.m. for the purposes of electing new church officers. Please mark this important date on your calendars.

Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 26 from 5-7pm

Join us for a fun-filled evening of costumes, candy, and community at our annual Trunk or Treat event! Whether you plan to just participate OR can host a trunk, we'd love to have you! All ages are invited, friends welcome, and even if your children are grown, come host a trunk and join us for the fun! Exciting trunks where you can trick or treat, games to participate in! Decorate your trunk and bring candy to share with our children! Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided for all at no cost. Kids—come dressed in your Halloween best! To help us plan for food, please register at fpcraleigh.org/events ahead of time.

Book Study with Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

Join us on October 27 at 7 p.m. via zoom as we discuss Frank Bruni's *The Beauty of Dusk*. This book recounts Bruni's loss of vision and the physical and spiritual shifts that ensue. See First Press for Zoom link.

FPC Walks the Camino

We are planning a trip to walk 100km of the Camino (The Way of St. James) in Spain next fall and hope you'll consider joining us. The trip will be September 30-October 7, 2026. We'll have an interest meeting and a chance for you to ask questions on Sunday, November 2 at 9:30am in the Parlor, as well as a zoom interest meeting on Monday, November 3 at 7:30pm. Reach out to Laurie Taylor Weicher with any questions. See First Press for the Zoom link.

Save the Date

Please note that on Sunday, November 2, we will have one combined worship service at 11:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and adjust your schedules accordingly.

Call for Volunteer Drivers – Adult Fellowship Outings

Do you enjoy driving and serving others? Our Adult Fellowship group is seeking volunteer drivers to help with occasional outings throughout the year. These events are a meaningful way for our older adults to connect, enjoy time together, and experience fellowship beyond the church walls. If you're available to drive a church vehicle and would like to be part of this important ministry, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you can help once or more regularly, your time and care make a big difference. Please contact our Facilities Manager, Russell Clark if you're interested or have any questions.

PW Product Sales

The Presbyterian Women will hold their PW Product Sale again this year. You will find their table in the Edge Lobby on several Sundays over the next few months. Visit their table on October 26, November 23, December 7, and December 14.

FPC Shares Item for October

This month's FPC Shares item is Canned Meat! Bring this item and/or your favorite non-perishable food donations to the church. There are FPC Shares receptacles on both sides of the Edge Lobby and in two places in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space outside the sanctuary.

Mission Highlight

Rise Against Hunger

In the continued spirit of gratitude for our abundance of many blessings, we invite you to take part in a different type of Thanksgiving Worship. Instead of a traditional Thanksgiving service in the sanctuary and congregational meal, we will be combining elements of worship with a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event in Memorial Hall. To learn more about Rise Against Hunger, please visit <https://riseagainsthunger.org/>

There will be something for everyone – ages 5 to 105! There will be perimeter seating for observers. Childcare will be provided for those younger than 5 years of age.

And, in the spirit of feeding others, please bring your favorite FPC Shares item to support our local food pantries.

Join us in our effort to pack 16,000 meals for those in need. We would love to see you!

Tuesday, November 25

6:00 – 8:00 pm (Worship & Meal Packing)

5:00 – 6:00 pm (Set-Up)