

DEVELOPING A
Courageous Faith
The Gospel of Matthew

11:00am Traditional Worship

Prelude

“Carillon de Westminster” *Louis Vierne*

Words of Welcome..... Rev Dr. Shelton Sanford

Call to Worship — *Psalm 119:36-37*

Leader: Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

All: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

Leader: Preserve my life according to your word.

Hymn of Praise

“Oh, How I Love Jesus” *Whitfield/American melody*

Prayer of Adoration and Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response — *2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Amen.

Announcements

Choral Preparation

“Lord, Here Am I” *Crosby/Beck/Courtney*

Reading of the Word — Matthew 6:19-34

Sermon Rev. Dr. Richard Gibbons

“DEVELOPING A COURAGEOUS FAITH” — Part 10

Hymn of Response

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” *Kirkpatrick/Stead/Vineyard Music Group*

Benediction

Postlude

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Madison Dix and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shirley West Sr.,
by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Shirley West Jr. and family.





Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Vision: Growing faithful Christians to engage and impact the culture with the transforming power of Jesus Christ

Ministry News and Announcements

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY—Today is dedicated to prayerful consideration of our commitments of our time, our skills and talents, and our possessions to First Presbyterian Church for the coming year and beyond. We are instructed throughout Scripture to return these “first fruits” with a cheerful and generous heart.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY OCTOBER 25—Next Sunday we will return the commitment cards that we receive in the mail October 20-23. You may make your commitment in person at our services that Sunday, by mail, or online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click Give).

ARE YOU READY TO SING CHRISTMAS MUSIC?—“And Heaven and Nature Sing” will be the celebratory theme of *Christmas@First 2020*, to be performed **Saturday, December 12**. It’s not too late to join our Christmas Choir! Rehearsals are on **Sundays**, 9:00–9:40am and 4:00–5:00pm—choose morning or afternoon rehearsal time. Children and teens (grades 3-12) are invited to rehearse and sing with parents/grandparents. You can sing with a mask and/or face shield, and you will be encouraged to spread out in the Sanctuary during rehearsals. If you prefer to participate in rehearsals or performances virtually, contact Susan Messer (smesser@firstpresgreenville.org).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES—Be a part of changing children’s lives all over the world in Jesus’ name through a simple gift! Pick up a shoebox from the Loggia or Fellowship Hall, fill it with requested items, and return it by **Monday, November 16**. OR you can build a shoebox online at SamaritansPurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/. *Questions?* Contact Karen King (565.0936, kking@firstpresgreenville.org) or visit SamaritansPurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/.

FIRST PRES ONLINE DIRECTORY—Our new online pictorial directory, accessible only to FPC covenant partners, will give you contact information for adult members and community groups. To access the directory, visit FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Connect, Covenant Partners Directory*) for instructions. Printed directories will be available soon in the Vineyard Bookstore. Watch for more details.

FPC VETERANS LUNCHEON—The Military Ministry is hosting our annual luncheon for FPC Veterans and their spouses on **Monday, November 9**, 11:30am–1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We would love for you to join us if you are a member of FPC and have served in the armed forces. Guest speaker will be retired MG Mastin Robeson, USMC. Lunch and prize drawing are included. Space is limited, so please register at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Events*) by **Monday, November 2**. *Questions?* Contact Tammy Burkhalter, Congregational Care Director (565.0943, tburkhalter@firstpresgreenville.org).

UPDATING FPC VETERAN INFORMATION—Our Military Ministry would like to honor those veterans who are current First Pres members by publishing their names in the church bulletin on Sunday, November 8. If you have not previously submitted your information, please complete the form online at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Connect, All Ministries, MILITARY*) by **Friday, October 30**. *Questions?* Contact Tammy Burkhalter (565.0943).

SCRAP WOOD NEEDED FOR ADVENT FESTIVAL—For this year’s Family Advent Festival, Children’s Ministry needs *scrap wood, eight inches wide, any length*. Bring wood by **November 15** to the conference room near Children’s Ministry, or contact Tina Jones (tjones@firstpresgreenville.org) for pick-up. *Thank you!*

NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS BENEFIT OCTOBER 29—Join Neighborhood Focus on **Thursday, October 29**, at Cleghorn Gun Club (Rutherfordton, NC) for the 3rd Annual *Pull for Hope*, a sporting clays benefit to support the 2020-2021 Afterschool Program at Neighborhood Focus. For details and registration, go to NeighborhoodFocus.org. *Questions?* Contact Keith Groce at 704.7848 or kgroce@neighborhoodfocus.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL—In the movie *Unplanned*, the group praying outside the Planned Parenthood clinic was *40 Days for Life*. First Presbyterian is invited to join the *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil outside the Greenville abortion facility on Grove Road **now through November 1**. If you want to spend an hour bringing the power of prayer to saving pre-born children from abortion, please sign up at 40daysforlife.com/greenville or contact Meredith Roddey at 846.395.2701.

NEW STUDY: HOW DO YOU SEE THE WORLD?—All women are invited to join our Thursday Community Bible Study Group as we begin a new study, *Christian Worldview*, by R. C. Sproul. This five-week study will meet **Thursdays, October 22–November 19**, 11:00am–12:30pm in the Parlor. R. C. Sproul examines today’s popular worldviews and demonstrates that only the Christian worldview truly answers life’s most important questions. For details contact Joanne Quantz (843.340.3316) or Grace Lynn Curry (299.5268).

REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL—First Pres offers a basketball ministry for K5 through 12th grade with Church League Basketball for Youth (CLBBY). The CLBBY Board announced the season will run **January 2–February 25, 2021**. Registration is open until **November 1**; cost is \$70. Register at FirstPresGreenville.org (click *Youth Basketball* icon).

JOIN THE GRACE BEREAVEMENT TEAM—Our Grace Bereavement Ministry serves bereaved members of our congregation, and would love to hear from you if you feel called to fill this vital role. Please contact Susan Stewart (stewart@firstpresgreenville.org or 565.0966) for details.

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ONLINE GIVING

Your generous giving enables us to continue transforming the heart of the city! You can give electronically to the operating budget or Capital Campaign at FirstPresGreenville.org (click the *Give* menu), or you may mail your offering or place it in the offering plates before or after worship. *Questions?* Contact Kristy Service (kservice@firstpresgreenville.org, 565.0929).