



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rocky Mount

Outdoor Worship
September 13, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Bagpipes Emily Sprague

Welcome and Announcements Matt Baker

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 100, verses 1-5*) Hannah Trawick

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, All the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and to God that we belong.

All: **We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: The Lord is Good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: **And his faithfulness to all generations.**

Hallelujah, Amen!

Special Music Jennie Vance

Prayer of Confession

We bless you, O Lord, with our lips, yet our lives tell a different story.

We recall your goodness in worship, yet we fret about tomorrow.

You forgive our sins, yet we continue in the patterns.

You save us from the pit, yet we discover new ways to fall.

Do not deal with us according to our sin.

Do not repay us for our wrongdoing.

Remove our sin from us, once again.

Show compassion to your children, we humbly pray.

Amen.

Bibles for Rising Third Graders

Scripture Psalm 103:1-13

Sermon "God's Overwhelming Love"

Solo "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Virginia Feagans

Prayers of the People

Benediction and Butterflies

Bagpipes Postlude



Turn over for the many Christian Education Offerings this fall at First Presbyterian Church.



Pre-K Kids

Pastors Matt and Hannah will lead a Bible Stories and Coloring Zoom session for our littlest members on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. starting **September 23, 2020**. The Pre-K families will receive their own link for this and do not need to pre-register for this Zoom class.

Elementary Age Kids

We have selected a new curriculum called "Celebrate Wonder" and on Sunday, **September 13th** families can pick up a packet to be used at home for that week's lesson. A short video will be available for the kids to watch to accompany the lesson (more info can be found in the notebook).

Middle School

Our Middle School youth will meet from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the church on Sunday evenings throughout the school year starting **September 20th** to engage in the process of Confirmation with Pastors Matt and Hannah. All youth are invited for a shared dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Sundays of each month. The first shared dinner in September is **September 20, 2020**.

High School

Our High School youth will gather on the first and third Sundays of each month from 6-7:00 p.m. for Faith and the Front Page—an informal discussion series around questions raised about learning to live out one's faith in the "real" world. All youth are invited for a shared dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall on the first and third Sundays of each month. The first gathering for High School is **September 20, 2020**.

An Invitation

Any congregation-led Bible studies such as *Present Word* and *PEP (Presbyterians Educating Presbyterians)* as well as any additional small groups are invited to resume in-person meetings after our 9 a.m. outdoor worship service on Sunday mornings.

Brown Bag Bible Study

Brown Bag Bible Study participants will resume meeting Mondays at noon with a pastor for a time of biblical discussion. This group will gather (socially distanced) **in the church parlor** at noon starting **September 21, 2020**. Please note—the group will not meet September 28, 2020 due to the upcoming Stewardship lunch.

FPC's Autumn Zoom Series!

FPC will be hosting a 6-week virtual Zoom series from the week of September 20-October 27. Sign up for one or more of the options at <https://tinyurl.com/y6ht5np7>! By signing up, you will receive a Zoom packet with information on how to get on zoom, notes on the classes, and weekly reminders. Mark your calendars and get excited with us!

- Mondays at 7:00—**The Road Back to You: A Study in Enneagram and Spirituality**: Join Pastor Hannah on Mondays at 7pm starting September 21st for a journey of self (re-) discovery in a time that has forced us to question who we are, who we want to be and who God is calling us to be.
- Tuesdays at 2:00—**Mindfulness and Wholeness**: Join Dionne Seale on Tuesdays at 2pm for an ongoing study to learn the practice of Mindfulness and Wholeness—two important practices for surviving life's curveballs and thriving in the midst of life's uncertainties.
- Wednesdays at 6:00—**Minor Prophets Bible Study**: Join Pastor Matt for FPCRM's traditional Wednesday Night Bible Study starting September 23rd. For six weeks, Matt will lead study and discussion on the Minor Prophets who led their communities through change and upheaval. How do the lessons of the Minor Prophets guide us in this day and this age?
- Thursdays at 12:00—**Pastoral Prayer Time**: Starting September 24th, join your pastors for a time of check-in, prayer, and renewal so that we might support one another in times of hardship, and rejoice with one another in times of celebration!