

**First Presbyterian Church  
Goldsboro, North Carolina**

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Dear Ones,

Sometimes I wonder, when I look out on a Sunday morning, how many of us are thinking, “No one understands how hard my life is right now.” I wonder.

Soulful music arises out of deep troubles. Here’s one composed in the pain of slavery: (I hear Paul Robeson’s stirring voice)

*Nobody knows the trouble I've seen  
Nobody knows my sorrow  
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen  
Glory hallelujah!  
Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down  
Oh, yes, Lord  
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground  
Oh, yes, Lord  
Although you see me going 'long so  
Oh, yes, Lord  
I have my trials here below  
Oh, yes, Lord*

Oh yes, Lord. There’s always been trouble. On an autumn day 380 years ago, Michael Neumark, a tailor, sent his son Georg off to college from their little German village. He sewed the money they had scrimped to save into his son’s coat. It was dangerous to travel. On the way, Georg was attacked and robbed. College was no longer an option. Bereft, he wandered from town to town, living hand to mouth, desperately searching for work. He was near the end of his rope when, out of nowhere, a job dropped into his lap. He found work as a tutor for the children of a wealthy family. In two years, he saved enough money to begin his law studies.

Years later, George Neumark was reading Psalm 55. One of its verses caught his heart: “Cast your cares upon the Lord, and he will sustain you.” Moved by his own struggle with trouble, he sat down and composed a poem. It has comforted untold thousands in the years since. Even though its language is archaic, to the patient, careful reader, its words ring with truth. I share them here for those wrestling with trouble, known or unknown.

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"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

by Georg Neumark, 1621-1681

Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878

*1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.*

*2. What can these anxious cares avail thee,  
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?  
What can it help if thou bewail thee  
O'er each dark moment as it flies?  
Our cross and trials do but press  
The heavier for our bitterness.*

*3. Be patient and await His leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure  
And His discerning love hath sent,  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known  
To Him who chose us for His own.*

*4. God knows full well when times of gladness  
Shall be the needful thing for thee.  
When He has tried thy soul with sadness  
And from all guile has found thee free,  
He comes to thee all unaware  
And makes thee own His loving care.*

*5. Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to everything.*

*6. All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.*

*7. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word, though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.*

It's in our hymnal now, or, at least a portion of it is, making cut after cut of new hymnals, green, blue, red, burgundy, and purple and the passing of time. The reason for that is that it speaks to the suffering soul. I pray it might speak to yours.

Much love,

Bob





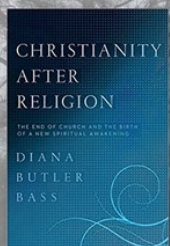
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## Young Adults

A lively discussion about Spirituality

For Young Adults in their 20's and 30's



- Thursday, November 8
- From 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Downtown at Well Travelled
- For singles and couples
- Childcare available at FPC
- To sign up call 919-734-5392

First Presbyterian Church  
1101 E. Ash Street

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Join us every Wednesday from September 19 through  
November 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FPC family will meet for Bible Study, Worship and Dinner.

- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Supervised Homework Hour (conf. hall)
- 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study (chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Children and youth Bible Study (upstairs)
- 5:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Worship and singing (chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Fellowship and dinner (activity center)

Please note: childcare available from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Please request ahead of time.

## 10th Annual FPC Merry Market

Friday  
November 16  
10 am—6 pm



Saturday  
November 17  
9 am—3 pm

First Presbyterian Church  
Activity Center  
1101 E. Ash Street

*Over 30 vendors with great items for the Holiday Season  
Proceeds go to support Presbyterian missions.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GOLDSBORO

## Prophets Foretold Him

### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

BY CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sunday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Practice each Sunday starting Sunday, November 4  
From 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the choir room.

**Questions:** Contact any of the musical team members  
Ann Hunter, Rosalyn Lomax, Kathryn Spicer, Susan Stackhouse,  
and Mary Taneti.



## Preaching Schedule

Nov. 4 Rev. Bardin  
Nov. 11 Rev. Bardin  
Nov. 18 Rev. Bardin  
Nov. 25 Rev. Bardin

## Elders

Nov. 5 Sue Wooten  
Nov. 12 Dan Blackshear  
Nov. 19 Linda Brown  
Nov. 26 Kim Brogden

## Deacons

Toby Brown  
Pam Jeanette  
Elva Graham  
Anne Fidler

## Ushers

Deacon-in-Charge:  
Ellen Best  
Co-Deacon:  
Anne Fidler  
Ushers: Jack Best, John Till

### Congratulations to the Class of 2021

#### Elders

Ellen Henderson  
Sam Hunter  
Borden Parker  
Barbara Ann Vinson

#### Deacons

Jason Blackburn  
Toby Brown  
Katherine Parker  
Joyce Wooten



**Operation Christmas Child** is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S. Please help make some child's Christmas happier by picking up your box(s) today and filling it with goodies the children will enjoy. The deadline to turn them in is **November 11<sup>th</sup>** at "Shoebox Dedication."

### DONATE FOR THE SOUP KITCHEN

The children and youth will be singing at the **Goldsboro Soup Kitchen** on **Saturday, December 15**. **We need your help!!** The youth will put together small personal hygiene packs to share with the guests at the Soup Kitchen. Please donate travel size items like tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap bars, deodorants, shampoos, and mouth wash. We are hoping to make at least 150 packs. A big bin is placed in the church reception area for collecting the items. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Questions/comments may be directed to Mary Taneti.



"Volunteers are needed to host the December 9 Church Socials. Please contact Evelyn Rose [evrose@suddenlink.net](mailto:evrose@suddenlink.net) or (919) 751-0339 to volunteer or with questions."



**Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be held on Wednesday, **November 21** at 7:00 p.m. in Black Chapel. During the worship service we will receive our annual offering of canned goods for United Church Ministries Food Pantry. You may bring your non-perishable items anytime during November.

