

**Entrance**

Gathering (*As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.*)  
 Prelude (*Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*)

*Footsteps of Jesus* - arr. L. Smith

Prelude on *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

*Grace Greater than Our Sin* with *By His Grace* - arr. C. Tomquist

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome (*During this time please pass the pew notebooks.*)

Time of Centering Jill Boliek, piano

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* - arr. B. Wolaver

Lighting of the Altar Candles

\*Invocation

\*Opening Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

No. 577

**Proclamation**

Old Testament Lesson  
 Sacrament of Baptism

Genesis 1:26-28

Elise Nadine Schreiner

The Challenge to the Congregation

Pastor:

What greater expectation could you cherish than that this grace may not be squandered as it has been so often throughout history, as it is being squandered in our own time and even in our own communities? What greater purpose could you have than that this priceless newness be enabled to develop freely and fully? As we accept Elise into our fellowship:

Will you open yourselves to the future she contains?

**People:** **We will.**

Pastor: Will you help to enrich the family of faith in which Elise may grow into fullness?

**People:** **We will.**

The Challenge to the Parents  
 The Sacrament of Baptism

Pastor:

Elise Nadine, we baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

Baptismal Prayer (*in unison*)

**Our Heavenly Father, source of all love and wisdom, so guide and uphold Adam and Amanda; that by loving care, wise counsel, and holy example they may enable Elise to**

mature in that life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is everlasting joy and peace. Amen.

\*Hymn of Response (*first verse*)

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

No. 605

*Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,  
 where your cleansing waters flow.  
 Number them among your people;  
 bless as Christ blessed long ago.  
 Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
 compass them with love and light.  
 Fill, ahont them; send your Spirit,  
 holy dove, and heart's delight.*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(*Children age 4 - 1st grade may leave for children's church.*)

Gospel Lesson

Meditation

Luke 15:11-24  
 Rev. Hal Bruen

"The God We Model"

**Response**

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Congregational Prayer (*in unison*)

**O One and Only God, You have made each of us unique and formed us to be united in one family of life. Be with us, Eternal One, as we seek to unite our lives with Your power and Your love. Great is the power of Your love. You have made us in Your image. You have exalted us to struggle against evil, to strive for holiness, to plant seeds of love in all our dwellings. Lord, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing; let there be moments when the lightning of Your Presence illumines the darkness in which we walk and as we pray the words Jesus taught.**

The Lord's Prayer (*please pray in unison*)

**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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 forever. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

Jill Boliek and Kenny Hill, duet  
*All That I Am* - W. Himes

\*Doxology (*sung in unison*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
 Amen.**

**Sending Forth**

\*Closing Hymn (*verses 1,2, & 3*)

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

No. 581

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Postlude

*Praise Him! Praise Him!* - arr. M. McDonald

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 \*please rise in body or in spirit

*We welcome The Rev. Hal Bruen to our pulpit this morning. Hal is a retired UMC pastor. His last appointment was at St. Paul's UMC in Syracuse, NY where he served for 18 years. He is a graduate of Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. For eleven years he taught World Religions at Wake Tech Community College. His wife Daanna is a member of PGUMC. He is the father of Leanna Willey.*

*If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.*

**Weekly Prayer List**

**Sympathies** to Teri Lowder on the loss of her cousin's son; to Betty Ann Starkes on the loss of her sister.

**Concerns:** Lydia Mackenzie; Diana Barbee; Valerie Elrod; Betty Ann Starkes; Brenda Camu; Meredith Cart; Evelyn Castleberry; Crystal Strickland; Connie Dimitroff; Robbie Stewart; Theinarenne Hooper; Sharon Karlic; Keda Olive; Floyd Bailey; Randy Callahan; Ralph Fordham; Sandy Castleberry; Fay Davenport's dad; Jeannette Day's mom, dad, & sister; Heather Wilson's dad; Elizabeth Anderson's mom; Martin Schreiner's mom & dad; Cheryl Crane's dad; Nikki Williams's mom; Kirk Pedersen's mom; Cathy Anderson's dad; Sandy Jenkens's mom; Norah; Kim Arwood's mom; Patsy; Lisa Beers's mom; Bryan Koproowski's dad; Lucinda Sullivan's mom & dad; Leslie Schreiner's dad; Trisha Myers's daughter; Rachel; Dale & Jane Stokes's son; Jared; Melissa Kennedy's grandson; Jane & Dale Stokes's granddaughters; Evelyn; Trisha Myers's brother; Bill; Julie Lebrina's brother; Joel; John Cady's son-in-law; Warren Williams's aunt; Betty Pierce's niece; Donna; Cathy Anderson's niece; Laura; Dian Banker's friend; Dorothy; Kenny Hill's friend; Bill.

Today's worship service is being broadcast live on the internet and recorded for later viewing.

#### Weekly Announcements

**Come vacation with us!** Join us at the Raleigh Grande movie theater on Wednesday, August 17, for a private viewing of the 1980s cult classic, *The Groovies*, at 6:30 p.m. The church will cover the cost of admission to the movie; concessions will be available for you to purchase on your own. Please plan to meet in front of the theater by 6:00 p.m. so our group can enter the theater together. Hope to see you there!

**It's time to start thinking ahead to the next school year and the Backpack Buddies program.** As the cost of living continues to go up, food insecurities are very prevalent. Backpack Buddies provides pre-packaged, nutritious meals for the weekends when students don't have access to school meals. The estimated cost to sponsor a child for an entire year is \$300, but any amount helps and all donations are welcomed. Checks may be made payable to PGNMC with *Backpack Buddies* specified on the memo line, or you may donate online through the church's website. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Collins at 919-606-3884.

**Have a child 18 years old or younger?** To help us support them on their spiritual journey, please fill out a Children & Youth Ministries Registration Form located in the pew notebooks and place the completed form in the offering plate. All information provided will be kept confidential. If you have questions please contact Ashley Yohman at [ashley.yohman@pgnmc.org](mailto:ashley.yohman@pgnmc.org).

**Mark your calendars!** PGNMC's reinstated Book Club will have their first meeting on Monday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hyder House. The book we're reading is *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton. Please contact the church office if you'd like to pick up a copy of the book.

**A limited number of church pictorial directories are available for those who are not using the digital version.** To receive a hard copy or learn how to view the digital copy, please contact the church office.

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