Welcome and Announcements
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us now prepare our hearts to worship God.

Music for Preparation
Pièce héroïque
César Franck (1822-1890)

Call to Worship
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We praise and bless you, ever-living God,
for the acts of love by which you redeem the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed king
by those who spread their garments and palm branches
along his way.
Let these branches be for us signs of his victory;
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem
Mark 11:1-11
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

*Congregational Hymn – No. 196
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
(Text and Tune are printed on page 8)

*Call to Confession
*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Strong Savior,
we join voices in praise to you,
gladly proclaiming you as our King;
yet seek more to fulfill our own desires
than to accomplish your will.

We strive more to extend our influence
than to seek your kingdom.

Forgive us, for saying one thing,
while living another.

Help us by your Spirit
to walk in your way of the cross,
that we would love God with all our heart,
and our neighbors as ourselves.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Jesus Think on Me

Text: Symeon of Cyrene, 5th century; trans. Allen W. Chartfield, 1876, alt.
As found at Hymn No. 417, Glory to God hymnal

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear the Good News of Salvation

As found at Hymn No. 441, Glory to God hymnal.

We lay before God
our own sins,
the sins and
brokenness of our
fellow worshipers,
the church
universal,
and the world.
We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 31:9-16
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 15:6-20
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON IN MUSIC

The Words from the Cross

Ron Shive, narrator

Patty Philipps, soprano
Polly Butler Cornelius, soprano

Nan Wooten, alto
Fredda Payne, alto

William Snedden, tenor
Dan Callaway, tenor

David D’Ardenne, baritone
Kenneth Lee, baritone

Jesus, in thy dying woes, even while thy lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for thy foes; hear us, holy Jesus.
O may we, who mercy need, be like thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed: hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near thee dies,
Promising him paradise: hear us, holy Jesus.
May our hearts to thee incline, looking from our cross to thine;
Cheer our souls with hope divine: hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, loving to the end her whose heart thy sorrows rend,
And thy dearest human friend: hear us, holy Jesus.
May we in thy sorrows share, for thy sake all peril dare,
And enjoy thy tender care: hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, with our evil left alone,
While no light from heaven is shown: hear us, holy Jesus.
When we seem in vain to pray, and our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay; hear us, holy Jesus.

Jesus, in thy thirst and pain, while thy wounds thy lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain: hear us, holy Jesus.
Jesus, all our ransom paid, all thy Father’s will obeyed;
By thy sufferings perfect made: hear us, holy Jesus.
Our response to hearing God’s Word includes singing and saying what we believe.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER

Our Redeemer suffered death, 
was buried and rose again for our sake.
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher, 
for us you were obedient, even to death:
Teach us to obey God’s will in all things.

Christ our life, 
by dying on the cross 
you destroyed the power of evil and death:
Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, 
you were despised, 
and humiliated as a condemned criminal:
Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, 
you gave your life out of love for us:
Help us to love one another.

Christ our Savior, 
on the cross you embraced all time 
with your outstretched arms:
Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus, Lamb of God, 
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, 
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, 
grant us peace.

SILENT PRAYER

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.

**MOMENT FOR MISSION:** One Great Hour of Sharing

**ACTS OF GIVING AND RECEIVING**

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY**

It Is a Thing Most Wonderful  
Philip Moore (b. 1943)

It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from heaven,  
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,  
for love of those who loved him not.

I sometimes think about the cross,  
and shut my eyes, and try to see  
the cruel nails and crown of thorns  
and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love, which, like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.  
—William Walsham How (1823-1897)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*  
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

(Text and Tune are printed on page 9)

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God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.
JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor  196

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
2. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
3. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blest
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne’s court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred

2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceiving, and fears annoying, never shall the cross for love upon my way, from the cross the radiance

3. When the sun of bliss is beam ing light and cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the

5. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

TEXT: John Bowring, 1825
MUSIC: Nathaniel Conkley, 1849
A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith.

COVER ART: Christ Crucified between Two Thieves, Rembrandt van Rijn (created 1653-55).

LIVE TELEPHONE WORSHIP
To listen to the worship service, simply call 888-969-5508 at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. You will also be given an option of receiving a weekly call prior to each worship service.

Please help us and pass this information along to any church member or community member who would benefit from this opportunity.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: Boxcast will not only stream to our website at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, but also to our Facebook page. The service will be available to view on our website and on the FPC Facebook page.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Church Office remains closed. The staff will be working in the office from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday and from home the remainder of the day. Please contact all staff by phone or email only.

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PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION
If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may call the minister on call: 3/26-3/28 Ron Shive (336-263-1884).

JOHN KNOX FELLOWSHIP: John Knox Fellowship March 28 video lesson and reflection guide.

The Way of the Cross: The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord’s passion and death. This practice is also known as Stations of the Cross. If you are not already on the John Knox Fellowship class email list and would like to receive the links to the video, reflection guide, and The Book of Occasional Services, please let Charlotte Nance-Albright know (callbright@fpcburlington.org).

John Knox Fellowship Sundays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

The Greatest Commandment led by Rev. Frank Covington.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY
Mid-week Class starting March 31 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Searching for the Word: Interpreting Difficult Biblical Texts led by Ed Moore

Vexing Texts: We’ve all seen excerpts from scripture mustered to the cultural cause of the moment, sometimes in ways that strain historical context and ignore ancient norms. In this four part series, we’ll review the basics of responsible exegesis and explore ways in which nettlesome texts may be responsibly interpreted in the contemporary church. RSVP to participate in this class by contacting reception@fpcburlington.org

SAVE THE DATE: AMERICAN RED CROSS MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE
March 30, 2021 in Calvin Hall

Please save the date! The American Red Cross is planning to hold the First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive on March 30, 2021, from 2:00-6:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. (Please note the change in the time.) The bloodmobile is being held in memory of Harold and Barbara Lloyd, former members of First Presbyterian. When available you may schedule an appointment online at redcross.org and use the sponsor code FPC. If you need assistance or information you may contact Lucy Kernodle, site coordinator, at lkernodle@bellsouth.net. The site, redcrossblood.org also gives guidelines about who may donate and what to expect as a blood donor. Help maintain the blood supply and Give Now!

MISSION AND OUTREACH

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY DURING THE COVID 19 CRISIS

FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD COLLECTION - Our church can still reach out to help those in need by donating food. Collection boxes are located outside the church entrance adjacent to the main parking lot and all you have to do is drive by and drop off your food donation. Thanks for doing whatever you can!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY BUILD
Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County is our mission focus for our March Giving Calendar. There are many ways to volunteer to help with the planning and participation of the 2021-2022 Unity Build. Contact Bill Rodgers (bjcovecottage@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. Contact Charlotte Nance-Albright (callbright@fpcburlington.org) or see the church website for more information.

GIVE TO THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING special offering. Why? Because food is life. Because water is life. Because survivors are key to shaping lives focused on justice for all. Because we are the Church, together. To learn where your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing go, and how your gift supports the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People, visit https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/ for more information.
Sunday, March 28
10:00 a.m.    Worship Service — Live Streaming
11:30 a.m.    PreK through 5th grade gathering at the church on the back patio for Lenten Series
4:00 p.m.     Confirmation Meets — Calvin Hall and Zoom
5:00 p.m.     Middle and High School Youth Groups Meet

Tuesday, March 30
10:00 a.m.    Staff Meeting via Zoom
2:00—6:30 p.m. Blood Drive — Calvin Hall
7:30 p.m.     UKIRK Meets via Zoom

Wednesday, March 31
7:00 p.m.     Enrichment Class Meets via Zoom

Thursday, April 1
9:00 a.m.     Staff Meeting via Zoom
6:00 p.m.     Young Adult Gathering
7:00 p.m.     Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion — Live Streaming

Friday, April 2
Noon         Good Friday Worship Service — Live Streaming

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Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Communion Service –
“The Sixth Word: Jesus Understands Disappointment” – Taylor Barner
Live-streaming, Facebook, and Phone-streaming only

Friday, April 2, Noon – Good Friday Service –
“The Seventh Word: Jesus Understands Self-Offering” – Carrie Tuttle
Live-streaming, Facebook, and Phone-streaming only

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Flowering Cross – Everyone is invited to bring fresh flowers to “flower the cross,” which will be placed by the plaza between the sanctuary and chapel.

8:30 a.m. – Outdoor In-Person Easter Service – Pre-registration is required –
Please click the following link for instructions and to sign-up:
https://files.constantcontact.com/12c2bc11101/eda1044c-b0e4-4359-a4f3-743434aece3f5.pdf.
Please bring your own mask and a chair or blanket.

10:00 a.m. – Easter Communion Service
Live-streaming, Facebook, and Phone-streaming only
We will join online only with believers in every time and place as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ through hymns and anthems, accompanied by the Chancel Choir Ensemble, trumpet and organ. A prelude of music for organ and trumpet will begin at 9:50 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – Outdoor In-Person Easter Service – Pre-registration is required –
Please click the following link for instructions and to sign-up:
https://files.constantcontact.com/12c2bc11101/eda1044c-b0e4-4359-a4f3-743434aece3f5.pdf.
Please bring your own mask and a chair or blanket.
At the conclusion of this service, children will release their Easter butterflies.