April 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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
Aria in Classic Style
Marcel Grandjany (1891-1975)
Brigid May, harp

CALL TO WORSHIP
The Lord is the everlasting God.
The love of God endures forever.
The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.
The grace of God is unending. Let us worship the Lord.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 245
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
LLANFAIR
(Text and Tune are printed on page 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, forgive us.
Our communion is not always visible to the world.
Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church,
making it hard to see that we are your community.
We act as though we do not need each other.
We do not always love one another and so fail at loving you.
We do not know and bear one another’s burdens.
We fail to build each other up.
We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.
Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity
that you grant us.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Lord, Have Mercy
John Weaver (1937-2021)
The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.

We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

We listen for what God is saying to God’s people through scripture, song, and sermon.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

Glory to God

GEBOT SEI GOTT

Glory to God! The heav’ns adore! Let earth resound God’s praise therefore; Author of peace for evermore!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Michael Morgan

*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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO *LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE* PARTICIPANTS

Mary Parker

Charlie Davis  Hope Henderly
Miles Dicke  Jorja Hinson
Amelia Doss  Levi Wellman

ANTHEM

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit* setting by Harry Burleigh (1866-1949)

Willy Fisher, tenor

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 133:1-3

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM
Sonata in A Major, K. 208
Dominico Scarlatti (1685-1757)
Brigid May, harp

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Those Who Have Not Seen
Rev. Taylor Barner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 256
These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

(Rev. Taylor Barner)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Belhar Confession
We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ACTS OF GIVING AND RECEIVING
OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS
God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Vers la source dans le bois (Toward the source in the woods)

Marcel Tournier (1879-1951)

Brigid May, harp

*Congregational Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Hymn – No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

(Text and Tune are printed on page 8)

Voluntary

Toccata

Michelle Leclerc (1939-2006)

Taylor Barner, M. Div., Associate Pastor for Student Ministries

Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1. "Christ the Lord is risen to-day!"
2. Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
3. Lives again our glo-rious King, Al-le-lu-ia!
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre-a-tion, join to say:
Fought the fight, the bat-tle won,
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri-umphs high,
Death in vain for-bids him rise,
Je-sus died, our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!
Every knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re-ply,
Christ has o-pened par-a-dise.
Where your vic-to-ry, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!
Risen Christ, tri-umphant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author’s life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.
These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

1 These things did Thom-as count as real: the warmth of
2 The vi-sion of his skep-tic mind was keen e-
3 His rea-soned cer-tain-ties de-nied that one could
4 May we, O God, by grace be-lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
nough to make him blind to any un-ex-pect-ed
live when one had died, un-til his fin-gers read like
ris-en Christ re-ceive, whose raw im-print-ed hands reached

stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.
act too large for his small world of fact.
Braille the mark-ings of the spear and nail.
out and beck-oned Thom-as from his doubt.

This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples’ report that Christ had risen. His fact-seeking “skeptic mind” sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1984
MUSIC: Attrib. Elinah Kelsey Clarke, harm. Pilcher’s United States Harmony, 1799, alt.
Text © 1986 Oxford University Press
817  We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with
   gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
   none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor
   follow where you trod; but in your promise
   we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
   may our faith abound to call on you when
   you are near and seek where you are found.
4. And when our life of faith is done, in
   realms of clear light may we behold you
   as you are, with full and endless sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
MUSIC: Samuel McDowell, c. 1814; harm. Richard Poulus, 1886

DUNLAP’S CREEK  CM
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**Announcements**

**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 Shows Himself to Thomas*, Rowan LeCompte and Irene Le Compte, as found in the Resurrection Chapel, Washington National Cathedral.

**Chancel Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Veronica Allen and Dhani Biscocho who were married in the sanctuary yesterday, April 10, 2021.

**Music Notes:** Music texts and impressions, along with streaming music, are provided with permission from One License, License #A-715495. All rights reserved.

**Brigid May** started her musical studies with the piano when she was six years old. She began studying the harp three years later. Brigid is the harpist for the Triangle Youth Symphony, and she is a member of the North Carolina Harp Ensemble. In 2020, she was selected as the harpist for the NC All-State Honors Orchestra. Brigid studies harp with Jacquelyn Bartlett, and she is currently preparing for the American Harp Society National Competition. A junior at Holly Springs High School, she plans to study Harp Performance in college.

**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.

**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: 4/9-4/11 Ron Shive (336-263-1884).

**Pennies for Hunger Sunday:** Your donation to Pennies for Hunger helps local organizations such as Allied Churches of Alamance County, Andrews Elementary Snack Pack Program, and Residential Treatment Services of Alamance, Inc. Please send your check or cash donation to the church office: Attn: Lacey Way, 508 W. Davis St, Burlington, NC 27215.

**The FPC Lunch Bunch Book Club** meets via Zoom on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 12 noon for discussion on another fabulous book club pick *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. This book traces a young lawyer’s dedication to defending those most desperate and in need: those wrongly condemned and imprisoned and women and children caught up and trapped in our criminal justice system. It makes a compelling argument for “compassion in the pursuit of justice” and “the potential for mercy to redeem us.” We welcome our own Rev. Dr. Ron Shive, who will lead the discussion on the book and share with us Bryan Stevenson’s work at the Equal Justice Initiative. The award winning book is now a major motion picture starring Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx.

If you have not been a participant but would like to join and receive the emails about the book club, including the Zoom address for meetings, please let Gayle Gunn know via email at gaylegunn@bellsouth.net.

**John Knox Fellowship:** Join Rev. Frank Covington via Zoom on April 18, & 25 at 9:15 a.m. for “The Greatest Commandment in One Word: What Jesus Said and Did in Response to the Commandment...and What this Might Mean for Us.” Contact Charlotte Nance-Allbright (callbright@fpcburlington.org) for the zoom link if you do not already receive the class emails.

**Mid-week Bible Study—Mid-week Class 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

**Join the Enrichment Class** via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. After a time of fellowship, we will dive into “Conversations: Feasting on the Word.” Contact Karen Carrouth for more information or to receive the Zoom link. All are welcome!

**The Racial Justice Task Force and the Adult Studies Committee** invites the congregation to participate in a workshop series titled “Christians and Racial Equity”. Topics include: historical context, race matters, white supremacy, the Bible and racism, and reimagining the future. The workshop is presented by Rev. LaShauna Austria, owner of Seeds of Change Consulting, located in Graham, NC. Rev. Austria is active in our community as an organizer, farmer, and ordained faith leader; she has experience in working with faith-based communities to promote racial equity awareness. The series will take place on five Sundays in the spring of 2021 via Zoom. A session will be held next Sunday (April 18) from 3:00-5:30 and again May 16.

To sign up, use this link: [https://forms.gle/TFFVY9qajBfkTJeP6](https://forms.gle/TFFVY9qajBfkTJeP6). If you have any questions, please email Loy Campbell at loyannecampbell@gmail.com.
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!

DIAPER DRIVE
The Diaper Ministry is collecting diapers as part of our monthly Giving Calendar in April. The Diapers go to our partner agencies: Allied Churches, Salvation Army, the Adolescent Parenting Program at the Exchange Club, the Baby Closet at the Alamance County Health Department and Family Abuse Services. Please drop your diapers in the boxes outside of the CDC entrance door to the church building. Thank you for supporting this ministry. If you have questions please email Mary Erwin at fryetie@gmail.com.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: This year’s Youth Fundraiser is Cow Patty Bingo and there are prizes to be won! Cow Patty Bingo is exactly what it sounds like! The youth group will be selling squares on our “bingo board” and if the cow goes #2 on your square, YOU WIN! The grand prize winner will win a cash prize of $1500! There are two options for purchasing a square. Randomly selected squares are $100/square or you may select your square for $125/square. We hope you will consider donating to support youth ministry here at FPC! Contact Taylor to purchase a square and/or ask questions.

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER HERB FESTIVAL
The 22nd Herb Festival dates are: April 15th – April 17th, 2021
Place: First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot, 508 W. Davis Street, Burlington, NC 27215
This will be an OUTDOOR ONLY EVENT with Covid Safety Protocols in place. Masks & Social Distancing will be Required.
A limited number of Plant Pre-orders will be available online until 04/08/21, for curbside pick-up 04/16/21- 04/17/21 only.

April 15th, 2021 for the Supporting Member Preview Shopping 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Open for Public Onsite Shopping: April 16th, 2021 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
April 17th, 2021 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

FPC Vision Statement
First Presbyterian Church recognizes that God is on the move, and our church, inspired by God’s Holy Spirit, will continue to grow in God’s love and the example of Jesus Christ as we minister to each other, the community, and the world. Guided by God’s calling for our church and each of us as individuals, we will advance God’s mission more fully by:
Cultivating a nurturing community,
Discovering new expressions of faith through worship and music while preserving holy traditions,
Regularly assessing how we need to change in order to sustain our partnership with God’s mission for years to come, and
Engaging in the spiritual, physical, and emotional work of God’s mission.
Sunday, April 11
8:30 a.m. Outdoor In-Person Worship Service — Front Lawn — Weather Permitting
9:15 a.m. John Knox Fellowship Meets via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Worship Service — Live Streaming
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meets — Calvin Hall and Zoom
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group Meets
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group Meets
7:00 p.m. PW Circle #1 Meets via Zoom

Monday, April 12
10:00 a.m. PW Circle #2 Meets via Zoom
2:00 p.m. Furniture Ministry Team Meets via Zoom
4:30 p.m. CDC Board Meeting via Zoom
5:30 p.m. Contemplative Ministry Meets via Zoom
8:15 p.m. UKIRK Meets via Zoom

Tuesday, April 13
9:00 a.m. Andrews Food Packing — Feeding Our Children — Calvin Hall
Noon Lunch Bunch Book Club Meets via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. PW Circle #4 Meets via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, April 14
10:00 a.m. Searching for the Word with Dr. Ed Moore via Zoom
5:30 p.m. Re-Entry Task Force Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, April 15
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

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