March 18, 2021

Third 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**
Cantilène
Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**
See what love that God has given us,
that we should be called children of God!
You alone, O God, make us dwell in safety.
Let the light of your face shine on us!

*Congregational Hymn – No. 234*
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
(ST. KEVIN)

(Text and Tune are printed on page 6)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Corporate Prayer of Confession*

Everlasting Father,
by your Spirit you raised your holy child Jesus from the dead,
and by that same Spirit you raise us up with him,
calling and adopting us as your own.

Like a mother who never ceases caring for her children,
you continue to comfort, shelter, and nurture us.
Yet we live as though your sustaining provision and protection
were neither trustworthy nor sufficient.

Forgive us for denying and disowning you
as our Source and Sustainer.
Renew us in faith, hope, and love;
that we may proclaim
with joyous words and integrity of life
the good news of your sure salvation,
through Jesus, our Risen Lord.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

*Congregational Response*
Lord, Have Mercy
John Weaver (1937-2021)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Glory to God

GELOBT SEI GOT

Glory to God! The heav'ns adore! Let earth resound God's praise there fore; Author of peace for ever more!

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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 4
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Praise Be to Thee

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Kenneth Lee, baritone

Praise be to Thee, Lord God of Hosts!
My soul shall be joyful in Thee, I shall rejoice, Lord, in Thee.
Like a shepherd hast Thou led us, Lord,
Thine the hand that healeth us;
through Thy great goodness are we restored.
Praise be to Thee, Lord God of Hosts!
My soul shall be joyful in Thee; I shall rejoice, Lord, in Thee.
I shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 3:1-7
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: P.B.P.W.M.G.I.F.W.M.Y
Dr. Ron Shive

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.

The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response – No. 345
In an Age of Twisted Values
(Text and Tune are printed on page 7)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

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
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to rest within green pastures,
    He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He giveth peace unto my soul,
    He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through death’s dark vale of shadows,
    My heart shall fear no evil, for Thou art still with me;
Thy rod and staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table here before me in the presence of mine enemies:
    my head with oil Thou dost anoint, my cup runneth over.
Yea, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,
    and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forevermore.

-Psalms 23

*Congregational Response*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction*

*Congregational Hymn – No. 246*

Christ Is Alive!

(Text and Tune are printed on page 8)

Voluntary

Toccata (from Suite Gothique)

Leon Boëllmann (1862-1897)
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234

1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
3 Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
4 Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:

loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying,
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing

led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters,
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying,
welcomes in unwearying strains Jesus resurrection!
your deep peace, which ever more passes human knowing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Easter tide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.

TEXT: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1859, alt. ST. KEVIN
MUSIC: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872, alt.
In an Age of Twisted Values

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)
Fm Cm Fm Eb Ab Eb

1 In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need. In sophisticated language we have
dice and fear. Ha - tred swiftly turns to cru - elty if we
full of strife, when our children are be - wil - dered, when they
to obey. Turn us from our
full - ful wan - dering; give us

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm Bb C7 Fm Cm Fm Eb Ab

2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -
justified our greed. By our struggle for pos - ses - sions
hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid -
lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged
truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it

(Bpm) Fm Cm Fm Db Ab

3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and
all the care we know they need, hear our cry and
come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Bm) (Em) (C) (G)
Bpm Fm Cm Fm C7 Fm Cm

4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly

(Eb) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
Bb C7 Fm Cm Fm

heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.
heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.
heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.
Christ Is Alive!

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Pal estine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time. loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

3 In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

TRUBIO
MiTiC: Monica Sarza, c. 1778
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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 Cares for All, stained glass in the Church of the Natividad, Pangasinan, Philippines, 20th century.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Blake Henjes and in honor of her family given by James and Elizabeth Hooten.

A Red Rose is given to the glory of God and in loving honor of the birth of Bennett Bridges Sapp born on April 6, 2021 to parents David and Ann Bradey Sapp. Grandparents are Bob and Penny Lewis.

A Red Rose is given to the glory of God and in loving honor of the birth of Baylor Davis Way born on April 7, 2021 to Steven and Lacey Way.

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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: 4/16-4/18 Ron Shive (336-263-1884).

Taize Worship, Sunday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. – Join us for a Livestream worship service in the Taize tradition, as we offer a time of quiet, prayers, contemplative music, times of silence, and scripture in the midst of these challenging days. Simply call 888-969-5508 (for telephone access) at 6:30 p.m. or access our livestream link on the church website or on our Facebook page for a live experience, or later through the music page on the website.

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 today from 3:00-5:30 and again May 16.

To sign up, use this link: https://forms.gle/TFFVY9qaj8kTJJePS. If you have any questions, please email Loy Campbell at loyanecampbell@gmail.com.

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!

To sign up, use this link: https://forms.gle/TFFVY9qaj8kTJJePS.
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.

PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN, ISRAEL, AND PALESTINE - FEBRUARY 2022
We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel and future international travel is now a possibility! In light of that, Dr. Shive is planning a pilgrimage to Jordan, Israel, and Palestine for February 2022. The trip will be from Friday, February 11- Saturday, February 26, 2022. We will depart Charlotte and arrive in Amman, Jordan. We will then spend four days in Jordan, four in Galilee, three in Bethlehem, and three in Jerusalem. We will return to the U.S. out of Tel Aviv.
In planning this trip, Dr. Shive has worked directly with a travel agency in Bethlehem and can assure you of a trip that will inspire your heart and broaden your understanding of this land that we call holy. Please email Tracey Barker (reception@fpcburlington.org) for a copy of the itinerary and detailed trip information. This tour will be limited to twenty people, so you will need to respond as soon as possible to secure your spot. A deposit is required by May 31.

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 18
8:30 a.m.  Outdoor In-Person Worship Service — Front Lawn — Weather Permitting
9:00 a.m.  Learning to Use My Bible — Patio outside Calvin Hall
9:15 a.m.  John Knox Fellowship Meets via Zoom
10:00 a.m.  Worship Service — Live Streaming
11:30 a.m.  Mystery Day for 3rd — 5th Graders
3:00 p.m.  Racial Justice Workshop via Zoom
4:00 p.m.  Confirmation Meets — Calvin Hall and Zoom
5:00 p.m.  Middle School and High School Youth Group Meets

Monday, April 19
8:15 p.m.  UKIRK Meets via Zoom

Tuesday, April 20
10:00 a.m.  Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 21
9:00 a.m.  Andrews Snack Packing — Witherspoon Room
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
7:00 p.m.  Enrichment Class Meets via Zoom

Thursday, April 22
9:00 a.m.  Staff Meeting via Zoom

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