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
Benedictus
I bring you peace.
I bring you contentment.

CALL TO WORSHIP
We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,
who lays down his life for his sheep.
We gather to worship Jesus Christ,
who calls us to lay down our lives for others.
Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 248
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
(Text and Tune are printed on page 6)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O God, you have called us to love,
not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
You have laid down your life for us
and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another.
Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers
when the world needs our hands and our feet.
Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world,
hiding behind a myth of independence.
Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness,
raise us to new life in you.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Glory to God

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Glory to God! The heav'ns a-dore! 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 23
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Patty Philipps, soprano

Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind.

O Hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

- Bernard of Clairvaux, trans. Edward Caswall

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.
NEW TESTAMENT READING:  1 John 3:16-24
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON:  With Whom Are You in Love?  Dr. Ron Shive

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace  O WALY WALY
(Text and Tune are printed on page 7)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from A Declaration of Faith

God created human beings with a need for community
and with freedom to enter into it
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience
and to one another with love and helpfulness.
We believe that we have been created
to relate to God and each other
in freedom and responsibility.
We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility
by trying to live without God and other people
or against God and other people.
Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.
Since every human being is made
for communion with God and others,
we must treat no one with contempt.
We are to respect and love all other people
and ourselves as well.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Andrews’ Elementary Book Drive  Lucy Kernodle

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY
The Lord Is My Shepherd  
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Patty Philipps, soprano

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Congregational Hymn – No. 295
Go to the World!  
SINE NOMINE

(Text and Tune are printed on page 8)

VOLUNTARY
Carillon-Sortie  
Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection.”

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1984
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

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HYMN TO JOY
B.Y.7, B.D
Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace:
   where there is hate, may we sow love;
   where there is hurt, may we forgive;
   where there is strife, may we make one.

2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
   where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
   where all is night, may we sow light;
   where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
   to be consoled, but to console,
   nor look to understanding hearts,
   but look for hearts to understand.

4. May we not look for love's return,
   but seek to love unselfishly,
   for in our giving we receive,
   and in forgiving are forgiven.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn
   through death's dark night to endless day:
   to wake at last in heaven's light.
Go to the World!

1 Go to the world! Go into all the world.
2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
for I am with you till the age shall end.

baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
**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:** *The Good Shepherd*, Jesus Mafa community, Cameroon.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Kristin Moffitt and Elaine Sampson by their family.

**RED ROSE** is given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Milo Wyrick Savits born to Reuben and Logan Savits on April 20, 2021. Proud grandparents are Steve and Karen Garrison.

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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.

**Please Register for In-Person Worship this Next Sunday!** We are happy to welcome you to in-person worship in a safe and sacredly-distanced capacity in the Sanctuary beginning on Sunday, May 2. Your staff and the COVI-19 Re-Entry Task Force have developed the following plan.

There will be two identical services offered—an 8:30 Inside In-Person Service and a 10:00 a.m. Livestreamed Service.

The May 10:00 service will be available online, Facebook, and PhoneStreaming and have no in-person worshipers, except for confirmation on May 2, Youth Sunday on May 16, and a baptism on May 23. Beginning June 6, we anticipate adding in-person worshipers at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Please register for 8:30 a.m. in-person worship during May by visiting the church website. Please register all of those attending in your pod in one order. Since we have a limited capacity, you are encouraged to register ahead of time. If you have trouble registering or have any questions, please contact Tracy Barker (336-228-1703) in the church office. Worship will be limited for the in-person service to 70 people.

All worshippers will covenant to follow the COVID-safety protocols found on the website. Your registration will serve as acknowledgement of you and your family’s covenant.

**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: 4/23-4/25 Taylor Barner (412-613-0835).

**Taize Worship, Today 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.

**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!

**Please Join the Presbyterian Women’s Drive By/Drop Off Book Collection for Andrews Elementary Pre-K-2nd Grade Students Sunday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Greet the church staff and children, pick up a cupcake and receive information on the PW Birthday Offering and Installation of Officers Monday, May 3 at 5:30 via Zoom.

**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:** The Youth Fundraiser has been postponed to Sunday May 23rd. All purchased squares for our Cow Patty Bingo are still valid and there are many more available! The livestream will take place starting at 3:00 p.m. and a link will be shared closer to the date. We hope you will join us as we wrap up another year of youth ministry at FPC! Squares may be purchased through Taylor or any member of the youth group. Thank you for your continued support of our young people!

**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.**

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**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 25
8:30 a.m. Outdoor In-Person Worship Service — Front Lawn — Weather Permitted
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. Gathering on the Back Patio for Prek - 5th grade
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meets — Calvin Hall and Zoom
5:00 p.m. Middle School and High School Youth Group Meets
6:30 p.m. Taize Worship Service — Live Streaming

Monday, April 26
5:30 p.m. Partners in Mission Team Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. VBS Leader’s Zoom Meeting
8:15 p.m. UKIRK Meets via Zoom

Tuesday, April 27
8:00 a.m. Lectio Divina Meditation Group Meets via Zoom
9:00 a.m. Andrews’ Food Packing — Calvin Hall
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 28
9:00 a.m. Andrews Snack Packing — Witherspoon Room
5:30 p.m. Re-Entry Task Force Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Enrichment Class Meets via Zoom
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Zoom Gathering

Thursday, April 29
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom
4:30 p.m. Communications Team Meeting via Zoom
5:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting via Zoom

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