MAY 2, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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
Andante from Concerto I George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
W. Thomas Jones, organ

*Call to Worship
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.
God is love.
We love because God first loved us.

*Call to Confession

*Corporate Prayer of Confession
O Lord our God,
you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength
to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

*Silent Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*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 (10:00)

Prayer for Illumination
OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 22:25-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Beloved, Let Us Love One Another  Van Denman Thompson (1890-1967)
  Fredda Payne, alto

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God;
and everyone that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God.
Herein is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us
and sent his Son to atone for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us we also ought to love one another.
If we love one another God abideth in us,
and his love is made perfect in us.
God is love, and whoso abideth in love abideth in God,
and God abideth in him.

1 John 4

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 John 4:7-21
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: God Loves the Ku Klux Klan!  Dr. Ron Shive

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  - 2021 Confirmation Class

I believe in the One True God,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe anything is possible through God.
God loves us unconditionally,
even though we let sin into our lives. God is hope.
I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
fully God and fully human.
He has no hatred towards anyone,
no matter their race, sexuality, or gender.
Jesus died on the cross for our sin.
He died so we could have a clean slate.
Then three days later he rose from the dead.
Then after that, he rose to the heavens
promising us that he would return one day.
Jesus is our Savior.
I believe in the Holy Spirit who is God’s Spirit with us.
I believe the Spirit is a guide for us,
teaching and leading us as we do for others.
The Spirit lets us know that God has our back.
I believe that the Church is not just a building,
but a people united under Christ.
The Church is love,
because God is love.
RECOGNITION OF 2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS (10:00)

STATEMENT ABOUT CONFIRMATION

Bob Hill

PRESENTATION OF CONFIFFIRMANDS WITH CONFIRMATION PARTNERS

CONFIRMAND    CONFIRMATION PARTNER

Jackson Roth Allbright    Jordan Doss
Genevieve Louise Fisher    Amy Richardson
Bennett Jackson Gould    Willy Fisher
Houston Grace Hopcroft    Mary Erwin
Catherine Holloman Parker    Catherine Wall
Charlie Grace Walsh    Rebecca Wagoner

QUESTIONS OF RENUNCIATION AND COMMITMENT

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin
and evil and its power in the world?
Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God makes with you in baptism?

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES BY CONFIRMATION PARTNERS

COMMittal OF THE CONGREGATION

Bob Hill

Having heard their renunciation, their profession of faith, and their
commitment to Christ’s ministry in the church, what do we, their family
of faith, now promise them?

We thank God for claiming each one through Jesus Christ.
We rejoice in the good confession which each one has made today.
We now welcome them into full and active membership and ministry in
Christ’s church.
We promise to love them, to pray for them, and to encourage them in the
following of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIffIRMANDS

CHARGE TO THE CONFIffIRMANDS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.
**Anthem**

Lord Jesus, Gentle Savior  
Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)  
Fredda Payne, alto

Lord Jesus, gentle Savior  
My Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
Oh take the hand I offer and lead me till the end.  
Without Thee I would falter without Thee I would stray.  
Oh take my hand I pray Thee and lead me all the way.

I have no strength  
O Savior be Thou my strength I pray.  
Alone my footsteps wander be Thou my strength I pray.  
No friend I have beside Thee to whom Lord shall I go?  
Thou hast the words eternal to guide my steps below.

Thou art my only Savior  
My Master and my King.  
Accept the heart I offer, Accept the praise I bring,  
Until I reach the portal of thy blest fold above  
And join with choirs immortal to sing Thy wondrous love.

-Herman W. Gockel

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**Bearing the Word into the World**

*Charge and Benediction*

Ronald L. Shive, D. Min., Pastor  
Taylor Barner, M. Div., Associate Pastor for Student Ministries  
Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education  
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster, sabbatical leave  
W. Thomas Jones, guest organist

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.
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.

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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.

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: 4/30-5/2 Ron Shive (336-263-1884).

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 TODAY 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 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to participate.

SMALL GROUP INSIDE GATHERINGS AND MEETING: Beginning Monday, May 3, the church will be available Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Monday – Wednesday, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. for meetings of less than 20 people. Each meeting must be scheduled with Kathleen Seagroves in the church office and all established protocol followed that includes social contacting.

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!

ANDREWS ELEMENTARY BOOK DRIVE: From May 1st through May 31st Presbyterian Women will be collecting books for Andrews Elementary children pre-k through 2nd grades. Slightly used or new books please. Boxes will be placed at the daycare entrance where our drive through is located. They will be collected daily and then taken to Andrews the first of June. These books are for summer reading and the kids really love having books of their own. Andrews and PW say thank you. Questions call Candy McCall or Lucy Kernode.

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB: The FPC Lunch Bunch Book Club meets via Zoom on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 12 noon for a lively discussion. Our final book club pick for the program year is a fascinating read by Kathy Izard from Charlotte, North Carolina. The Hundred Story Home chronicles Kathy’s personal commitments to “do good and love well” and to follow a whispered call to bring “a home” to Charlotte’s chronically homeless. This personal memoir is a testament to how one person, with the help of others, can and does change the world. She invites readers to live out their own stories and in so doing, takes us on the first steps of her journey to find her own way home. She writes “I wrote The Hundred Story Home not to convince you to solve homelessness in your community but to help you solve the homelessness in you.” Join us for a discussion that is sure to prove interesting and moving.

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.

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 Tracy 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.
Sunday, May 2
8:30 a.m.  In-Person Worship Service — Sanctuary — Preregistration is Required
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. Presbyterian Women’s Drive By/Drop Off Book Collection for Andrews Elementary
5:00 p.m.  Middle School and High School Youth Group Meets

Monday, May 3
10:00 a.m.  Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Council Zoom Meeting
5:30 p.m.  Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering and Installation of Officers via Zoom
6:30 p.m.  Children’s Sub-Team Meeting via Zoom
8:15 p.m.  UKIRK Meets via Zoom

Tuesday, May 4
8:00 a.m.  Lectio Divina Meditation Group Meets via Zoom
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom
5:30 p.m.  Fellowship Sub-Team Zoom Meeting
7:00 p.m.  CLT Morrowtown Meeting — Calvin Hall

Wednesday, May 5
5:30 p.m.  Re-Entry Task Force Meeting via Zoom
7:00 p.m.  Enrichment Class Meets via Zoom

Thursday, May 6
9:00 a.m.  Staff Meeting via Zoom
6:30 p.m.  Local Mission’s Team Zoom Meeting

Saturday, May 8
9:00 a.m.  *Bel Canto* Recording Session — Sanctuary

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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**.
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