



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024

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

Allegro

Jean Baptiste Loeillet (1680-1730)

Linda Cykert, flute

Ashley Barret, oboe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Jesus is the true vine
and we are the branches.

God is love; abide in God,
and God will abide in you.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy,
we confess that we continue to live in fear.

You make us branches of your vine,
but we fail to abide in you.

You extend your promise to all,
yet we seek to cut off and exclude.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Sanctify us in your perfect love,
the love that casts out all fear,
so that we may truly love one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Please join in reading
aloud those parts of the
service printed
in **bold**.*

When this symbol ()
precedes an element of
the service, please rise
in body or spirit.*

*We lay before God our
own sins,
the sins and
brokenness of our
fellow worshipers,
the church universal,
and the world.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie eleison*)

John Weaver (1937-2021)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Glo - ry to God! The heav'ns a - dore! Let earth re - sound God's
praise there - fore; Au - thor of peace for ev - er - more!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Michael Morgan

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

STORY TELLING

Allie Moffitt

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM:

Caroline Esther Gunn

PRESENTATION

Elder: Gayle Gunn

QUESTIONS TO PARENTS

Scott and Katherine Gunn

1. Who is your Lord and Savior?
2. Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and teach that faith to your child?
3. Do you intend your child to be Christ's disciple, to obey his word and show his love?
4. Do you promise through prayer and example, to support and encourage Caroline to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

1. Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with Scott and Katherine the Christian nurture of Caroline, so that in due time she may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
2. Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN

1. Will you be a friend to Caroline?
2. Will you let her know that she is welcome here?
3. If she gets lost, will you show her the way?
4. Will you share stories and love of Jesus with her?

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

INTRODUCTION OF CAROLINE TO THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PRAYER

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Caroline is now received into the one holy catholic church through baptism. God has made Caroline a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you to love her and to encourage her to be a faithful disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**With joy and thankfulness we welcome Caroline into Christ's church,
for we are all one in Christ.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

STUTTGART

Child of bless - ing, child of pro - mise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,
with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.

Text: Ronald S.Cole-Turner, 1980

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 118:19-25

Large Print Pew Bible, page 695

Pew Bible, pages 565-566

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christian Baptism is the sign and seal of our initiation into the household of faith, and a symbol of inclusion in God's grace and covenant with the Church. In Baptism, we die to what separates us from God and are raised to newness of life in Jesus Christ. Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to God's children of all ages. The Paschal Candle burns at baptisms to signify the Spirit and fire that John the Baptist promised to those who are baptized in Christ.

ANTHEM

A Vineyard Grows

arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

*Chancel Choir
Linda Cykert, flute
Ashley Barret, oboe
Tom Jones, organ*

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green,
The planting of the Lord himself.
His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here
To bear the choicest fruit for him.
We are his branches, chosen, dear, and though we feel the dressers' knife,
We are the objects of his care.
From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery
With fruit which true joys derive.
Vine, keep what I was meant to be:
Your branch, with your rich life in me.

-Jaroslav J. Vajda

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 133-134
Pew Bible, page 109*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: A Bunch of Fruits

Rev. Carrie Tuttle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Blessed Spring

BERGLUND



Choir 1. O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
All 2. Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
All 3. When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
All 4. As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
All 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - ry: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Our response to hearing God's Word includes singing and saying what we believe.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

- *The Apostles' Creed*

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.

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Andante from *Trio for Flute, Oboe, and Piano*
Linda Cykert, flute
Ashley Barret, oboe
Tom Jones, piano

Lucy Ding (b. 1944)

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly
host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BEARING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN – No. 300**

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary No. 5 in A Minor

Samuel Wesley (1766–1837)

Tom Jones, organ

*Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Temporary Acting Head of Staff
John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us. . We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office to be added to the weekly email list. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to a minister. The Church Office phone number is 336-228-1703.

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

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS: Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

RED ROSE is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Charlotte Belle Chandler Leyden born to Helen Chandler and Ben Leyden on April 18. Joining in the celebration are big brother Thomas Leyden and grandparents Chan and Cindy Chandler.

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 contact the minister on call: Carrie Tuttle (336-708-0451)

APRIL MISSION GIVING FOCUS: FURNITURE MINISTRY: Please keep Furniture Ministry in your prayers during April, the FPCB mission giving focus month for Furniture Ministry, and consider how God is calling you to give. Requests for help from the Furniture Ministry are increasing sharply and straining their ability to meet all needs. Monetary gifts would be especially appreciated. Please see a list of needed items in the e-blast. Small items can be dropped off in the donation bins by the Welcome Center doors. Larger items can be dropped off on Mondays between 1:00-4:00 p.m. or contact furnmin3@gmail.com to coordinate. The phone number for the Furniture Ministry is 336-212-2937.

ENRICHMENT CLASS – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Room 228: The Enrichment Class will be discussing David LaMotte's book, *Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of the Powerlessness*, on May 5th, 12th, and 19th during the Sunday School hour. Do you feel powerless to address the problems we face in our community, nation, and world? While challenging our misconceptions about how change occurs, LaMotte offers a new perspective that is encouraging, challenging, hopeful, and practical. Come join us!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Vacation Bible School is just around the corner - June 17-20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. - and it is time to get our volunteers lined up. If you are able to assist with VBS in any of these ways, please let Charlotte Nance-Allbright know (callbright@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703 x 223).

Shepherd a group (guide the children from one room to the other);

Decorating (vision for what the spaces could be, assist with getting supplies, help on decorating day);

Shepherd/Driver for Mission Mania group.

CAMP FIRELIGHT: A SUMMERCAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD- Vacation Bible School at FPCB June 17-20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (optional dinner at 5:00 p.m. \$8 per person). Children 3 years (as of August 2023 and potty trained) to 5th grade will enjoy this opportunity for faith formation and fellowship. Join Firefly "Lu" each evening as we explore Psalm 53:3 through hands-on activities, music, and play. For more information or to volunteer, contact Charlotte Nance-Allbright (callbright@fpcburlington.org (336)228-1703 x 223) Scan the QR code to register



PW BIRTHDAY SALAD SUPPER AND INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS: Attention women of the church! You are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women (PW) Birthday Salad Supper and the installation of our new leaders on **May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room!** What is the Birthday Offering collected by PW? Presbyterian Women, Inc., the women's organization in PC (USA), uses the Birthday Offering to award grants to a maximum of five programs. Primarily making capital improvement projects possible, the Birthday Offering supports domestic and international ministries. Awards range from \$75,000 to \$150,000. Birthday Offering envelopes will be at each table for you to give as you are led to do so. Also, we are collecting books for children (ages 6-9) at Andrews Elementary School. Books will be given to the students, so they will have books of their own to read over the summer. These opportunities are meaningful ways to celebrate the blessings in your life.

Please flip through your recipes and bring a scrumptious salad to share: egg salad/deviled eggs, chicken salad, tuna salad, pasta salad, garden salad, vegetable salad, fruit salad, etc. One person from each circle will bring a sheet cake, so dessert will be covered. Can't wait to see you on May 6th for an enjoyable evening!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Adults – Room 203, Room 228, and the John Knox Room
9:00 a.m. Sacred Art for Children
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. FISHin (Faith in Small Hearts) – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Senior Youth Recognition Luncheon – Witherspoon Room
3:00 p.m. Education Elder Zoom Call
5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group – Room 406
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group – Room 403

Monday, April 29

- 5:00 p.m. Mission Elder Zoom Call

Tuesday, April 30

- 6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
7:30 a.m. High School Dough Devotions – The Park (S. Church St.)
8:00 a.m. Walk and Talk – Shive Hall or Outside
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Room 122
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 17 Meets – Garrison Joyner Activities Building

Wednesday, May 1

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
Noon Staff Luncheon at TV@B
6:00 p.m. TableTop Game Night – Room 401
6:00 p.m. Pack 4017 Meets – Garrison Joyner Activities Building
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 225

Thursday, May 2

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
9:00 a.m. Soul Food Small Group – Kitchen
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room 201
Noon Staff Luncheon at TLC



A Moment's Meditation

This day, I seek the Lord.

- Howard Thurman

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