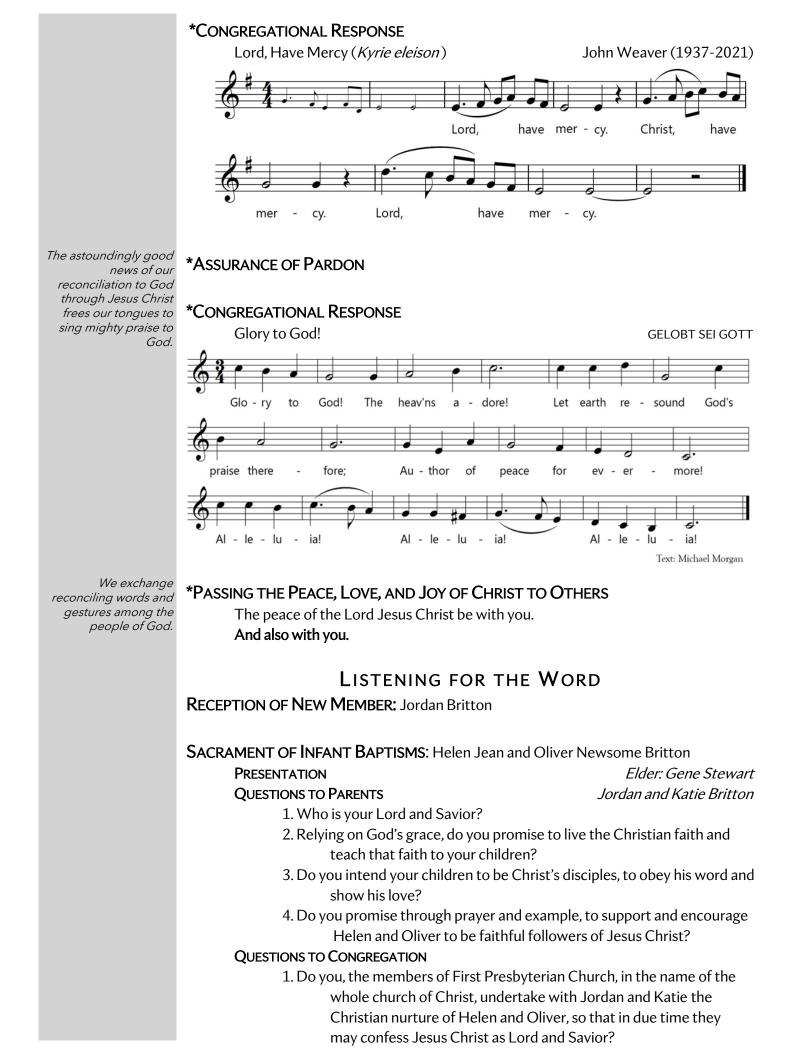


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 508 West Davis Street Burlington, North Carolina

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

| Please join in reading | WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEME | INTS | | |
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| aloud those parts of the service printed | The grace of our Lord Jesu | is Christ be with you all | | |
| in bold . | And also with you. | | | |
| | Let us now prepare our he | arts to worship God. | | |
| The congregation is | | | | |
| nvited to reflect silently during the Music for | | | Marcel Grandjany (18 | 891-1975) |
| Preparation as a time of prayer and meditation. | | Aiden Sowers, harp | | |
| | CALL TO WORSHIP | | | |
| | O give thanks to the Lord, | for the Lord is good! | | |
| | The steadfast love of the L | | oy! | |
| | Sing praises to the Lord ou | | | |
| | With glad thanksgiving, we | e will praise God's name | ! | |
| When this symbol (*) | | .2 | | |
| precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit. | | nly Wise | | ST. DENIO |
| | *CALL TO CONFESSION | | | |
| We lay before God our | *CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONF | ESSION | | |
| own sins, | To love you and to love ou | • | e essence of our calling | |
| the sins and brokenness of our | and the foundation of ou | · · | | |
| fellow worshipers, the church universal, | but because such love is | | • • • • • • • • • • | |
| and the world. | we have pretended that We have worked on having | | - | |
| | and we try to avoid the s | | Junu morais, | |
| | But your summons to love, | | to vou and to others. | |
| | often goes ignored. | | ··· /····· | |
| | Make our hearts open to the | nis holy calling, | | |
| | that we might begin to r | | | |
| | through Jesus Christ ou | [•] Lord. Now hear our pa | rticular confessions, | |
| | offered in silence | | | |
| | *SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSIO | N | | |



2. Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN

- 1. Will you be a friend to Helen and Oliver?
- 2. Will you let them know that they are welcome here?
- 3. If they get lost, will you show them the way?
- 4. Will you share stories and love of Jesus with them?
- THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE ACT OF BAPTIZING

INTRODUCTION OF HELEN AND OLIVER TO THE FAMILY OF FAITH PRAYER

WELCOME AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

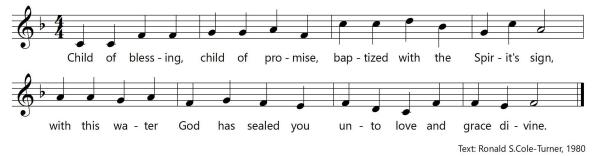
Helen and Oliver are now received into the one holy catholic church through baptism. God has made Helen and Oliver members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you to love them and to encourage them to be faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



STUTTGART



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 Large Print Pew Bible, pages 755-756

int Pew Bible, pages 755-756 *Pew Bible*, page 615 We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

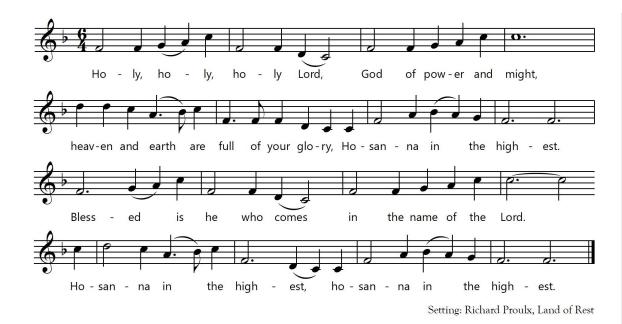
Chancel Choir

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; E'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. -John 14:15-18

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.

| | GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-13 | <i>Large Print Pew Bible</i> , page 134 <i>Pew Bible</i> , page 109 |
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| | The Gospel of the Lord. | Pew bible, page 109 |
| | Praise to you, O Christ. | |
| | Fraise to you, O Chirist. | |
| | SERMON: "Addressing our Joy Deficit" | Rev. Dr. Ed McLeod |
| | Responding to the | Word |
| Our receptors to | *Hymn of Response – No. 755 | |
| Our response to hearing God's Word includes singing and | | WEISSE FLAGGEN |
| 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 A | |
| | 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 THE LORD'S SUPPER | |
| | INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE | |
| | GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | |
| | The Lord be with you. | |
| | And also with you. | |
| | Lift up your hearts. | |
| | We lift them to the Lord. | |
| | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | |
| | It is right to give our thanks and praise. | |
| | who forever sing to the glory of your nam | ie: |
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Lord's Supper During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance. As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Chancel Choir Kelly Higgs Glenn, soprano Kenneth Lee, baritone

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this,

Love is strong as death. Greater Love nation of nan than this

that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree,

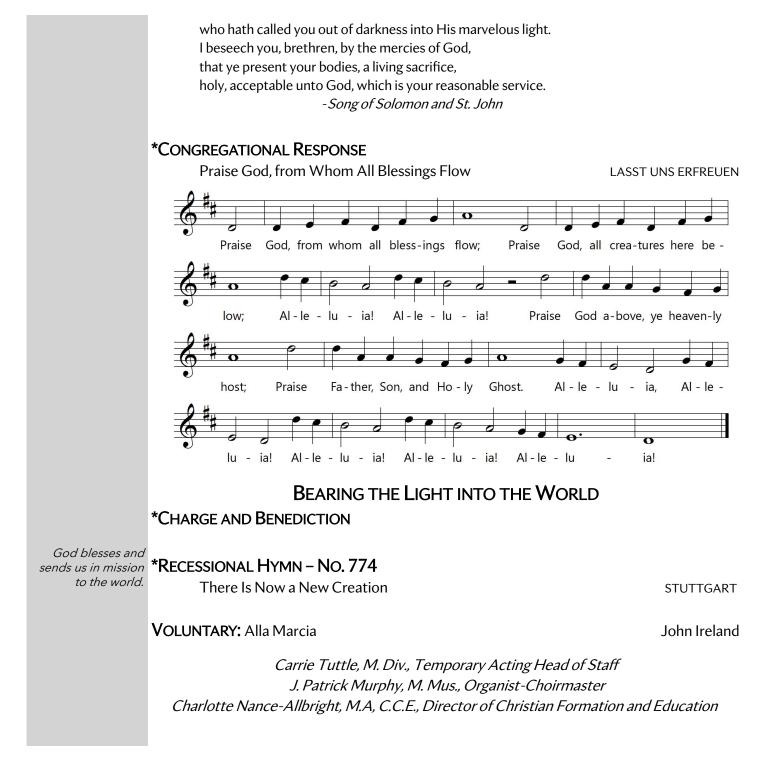
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified,

in the Name of the Lord Jesus;

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

that ye should show forth the praises of Him



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.

TODAY, WE WELCOME THE REV. DR. ED MCLEOD to the pulpit. Dr. McLeod retired in May, 2023 after 19 years as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. He and his wife, Jenny, have two children and 5 grandchildren.

WE WELCOME HARPIST Aiden Sowers to worship today. Aiden is a senior at The University of North Carolina School of the Arts High School and a harp student of Jacquelyn Bartlett. He is a native of Cobbs Creek, Virginia and plans to attend Florida State University this fall on a full tuition scholarship, studying harp with Noël Wan (who played a concert here at FPC in February). During communion, Aiden will play En bateau (On the Boat) by Claude Debussy. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following the May 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee.

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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clark Saxon Leonard by Peggy Harrelson.

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)

MAY MISSION GIVING FOCUS – WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER: Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the WRC. As the May monthly giving focus, you are encouraged to donate these items during the month. Full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, full bar soap, women's deodorant, full size toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, gallon sealable bags, and giftbags to place all the items in. Diapers are also appreciated (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7) and adult-sized pull-ups. Donations can be placed in the bin outside the Welcome Center/CDC doors or in the Welcome Center in the designated bin.

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!

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!

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB: May's Lunch Bunch pick is book three in C.S. Lewis's fantasy series The Chronicles of Narnia, The Horse and His Boy. This is the story of two runaways who join forces and go on a desperate journey. They are looking to only escape their harsh and narrow lives but their journey together takes them into the center of a terrible battle. What results is the story of a "wild gallop for freedom." Those C.S. Lewis and Narnia aficionados will want to join this most interesting discussion on May 7 at noon in the John Knox Room.

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

FURNITURE MINISTRY DON'T TRASH IT: Mark your calendars and plan to pick up a bag or two of linens to wash beginning Monday, May 20.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP IN MAY: Join your friends on Thursday, May 16 at 11:00 a.m. for a *Spring Extravaganza* featuring harpist Grace Wepner Ludtke, cellist Samuel Magill, and flutist Lucien Rinando as we celebrate a great season of Friendship. The program will be held in the Sanctuary with a lunch on the lawn. Please make your RSVPs by Monday, May 13 to pmurphy@fpcburlington.org or call the Church Office (336-228-1703).

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SUMMER BLESSINGS: The Fellowship Team invites you to the Ice Cream Social and Summer Blessings on June 2 at 4:00 p.m. in Shive Hall. This is for ALL ages! In addition to yummy ice cream provided by the Fellowship Team, you'll have a chance to write a blessing on a stud for the Habitat Unity Build, see what is happening at VBS "Camp Firelight," and write a note to children and youth who are participating in FPC summer camps. Folks who make homemade ice cream are invited to bring some to share (making and bringing ice cream is not required for attendance). Your RSVP to reception@fpcburlington.org is appreciated.

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| | Calendar | | |
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| SUNDAY, MAY | 5 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | FISHin (Faith in Small Hearts) — Sanctuary | | |
| 11:15 a.m. | Mission Team Meeting – Room 228 | | |
| 11:15 a.m. | Mission Trip Planning Meeting—Room 122 | | |
| 4:00 p.m. | Trip Meeting – Witherspoon Room | | |
| 5:00 p.m. | High School Youth Group – Room 406 | | |
| 5:00 p.m. | Middle School Youth Group – Room 403 | | |
| Monday, May 6 | 6 | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | PW Coordinating Council Meeting – Room 122 | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | PW Birthday Salad Supper/Annual Meeting —Witherspoon Room | | |
| Tuesday, May 2 | 7 | | |
| 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, M | lay 8 | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Wednesday Bible Study—Witherspoon Room | | |
| Noon | Labyrinth Small Group Gathering – Shive Hall | | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir End of Season Potluck | | |
| Thursday, May | 9 | | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Andrews Snack Pack Assembly — Witherspoon Room | | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry — Room 201 | | |
| 11:30 a.m. | Alamance Ministers' Meeting/Luncheon— Shive Hall | | |
| ATIVE | | | |
| WPLATIVE MIL | A Moment's Meditation | | |
| CONT STRA | Then he said to them all, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it." | | |

Luke 9:23-24 NRSV