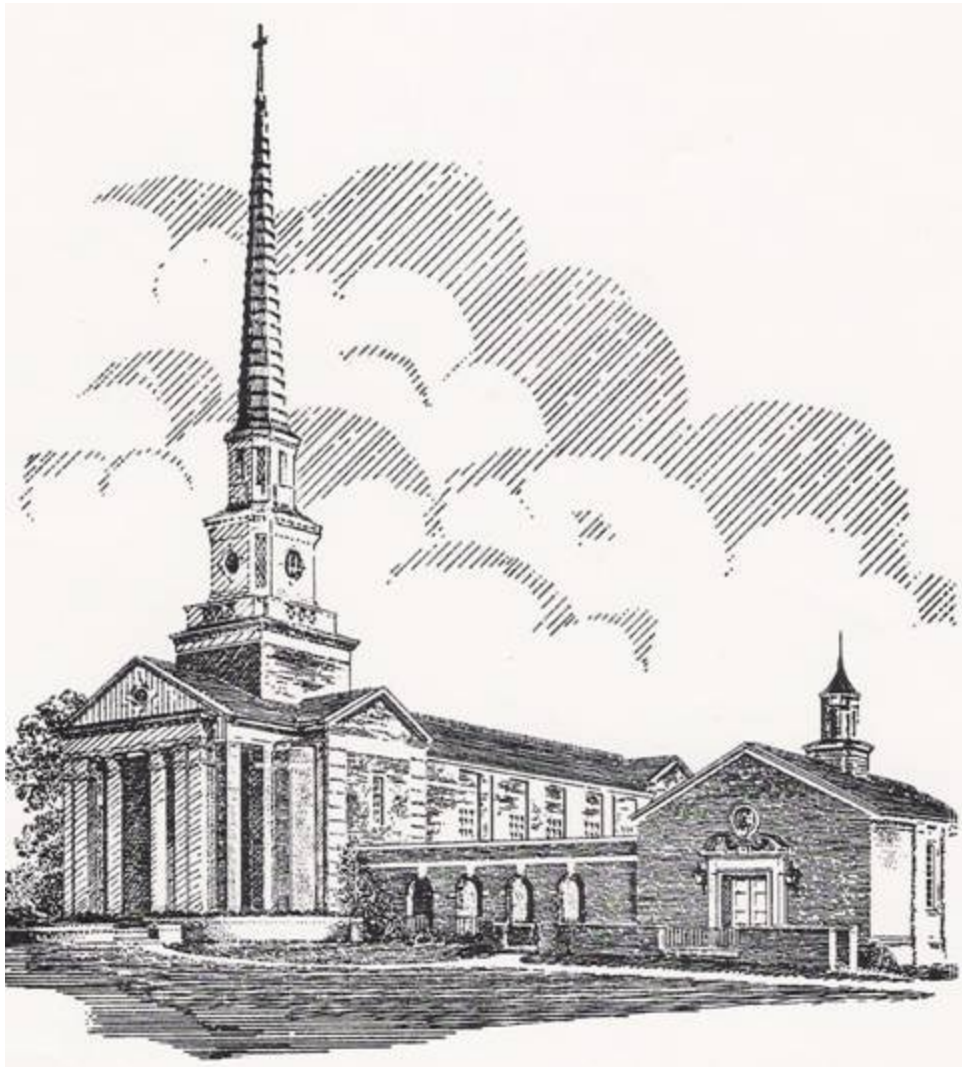


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 28, 2024



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

*The congregation is
invited to reflect silently
during the Music for
Preparation as a time of
prayer and meditation.*

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.*

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

Antiphon No. 3

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

W. Thomas Jones, guest organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Live in God's love!

Let that love be poured out for all God's people!

Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

We are called to be God's witnesses.

Celebrate and rejoice.

Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN – NO. 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have given us eyes,

but we have not always looked at creation's beauty.

You have given us ears,

but we have not always listened to nature speaking.

You have given us tongues,

but we have not always joined Earth's song of praise.

You have given us hands,

but we have not always been makers and menders.

You have given us feet,

but we have not always shared in the dance of life.

You have given us minds,

but we have not always thought beyond ourselves.

You have given us wills,

but we have not always chosen the good.

You have given us hearts,

but we have not always loved without reserve.

You have made us in your image;

forgive us that we do not always display your likeness.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie eleison*)

John Weaver (1937-2021)

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

***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

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 25: 6-7

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 746
Pew Bible, page 607*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown setting by K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)
Kelly Higgs Glenn, soprano

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see;
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.

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

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.

I need not tell thee who I am; my sin and misery declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name; look on thy hands, and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now.

'Tis Love! 'tis Love! thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee; pure, universal love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love!
-Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14: 12-24

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 94
Pew Bible, page 77*

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

SERMON: S.U.C.C.E.S.

Rev. Scott Lawson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE - NO. 769**

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - from *Confession of 1967*, Presbyterian Church (USA) 9.08

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.

Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs,
temptations, joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God in word and deed

and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.

But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes.

Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them,
he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord.

The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Andrews Elementary School

Brittany Myers, Andrews Elementary Social Worker

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.

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

setting by Richard Walters

Kelly Higgs Glenn, soprano

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*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. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Minor (BWV 558a)

Attr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Temporary Acting Head of Staff
Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A., C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

Please remain seated and quiet until the conclusion of the closing voluntary.

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.

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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.

GUEST PREACHER: Scott Lawson is Parish Associate at Starmount Presbyterian Church, Greensboro until the end of August. He pastored an international church in Hong Kong and was the founding CEO of a venture philanthropic foundation, also in Hong Kong. He was one of the first Americans to study in China (1981). He is married to Marybeth Asher-Lawson, pastor of Springwood Presbyterian Church, a partner in mission with First Presbyterian. Their daughter Grace resides in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

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)

JULY MISSION GIVING FOCUS is Benevolence Farm. Check out their website to find out more about the organization benevolencefarm.org. FPC will collect your donations of paper towels, bathroom tissue, facial tissue, and body care products during the month of July. Drop off donations in the marked bin outside the CDC/Welcome Center entrance or in the bin in the Welcome Center.

Get your FIRST PRESBYTERIAN GEAR!

Show your FPC spirit AND support our youth ministry programs at the same time!

Wouldn't it be great to have FPC shirts? Now is your chance to purchase clothing with the FPC logo to wear with pride. The youth ministry program will receive a portion of the sales.

The online store will be open until Friday, August 9. When it closes, it will take a few weeks to print all of our gear and then we'll get it to you.

As always, we are so grateful for the incredible support that FPC has shown for our youth.

The online store is open!

<https://grahamsport.chippily.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchBurlington/>

NEW FURNITURE MINISTRY HOURS — MONDAYS 9 AM- 12N

Out of concern for our volunteers in the extreme heat we are experiencing, the Furniture Ministry will change our warehouse, delivery and pickup hours to Monday mornings, 9 am -12N. This change will be effective beginning Monday, July 22 and continue through Labor Day.

Also, at the current time, our warehouse is full! We are suspending pickups from all except church members briefly while we make more deliveries and create space.

The next churchwide workday is Saturday, August 10, 9 am- 12N. Please plan to attend!

Furniture Ministry volunteers can be reached by calling 336-212-2937.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 28

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. FISHin (Faith in Small Hearts) – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
11:15 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – Room 201
4:00 p.m. Yoga – Shive Hall

Monday, July 29

- 5:00 p.m. Mission Team Elders Meet via Zoom

Tuesday, July 30

- 8:00 a.m. Walk and Talk
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Gratitude and Generosity Team Meeting – Room 201

Wednesday, July 31

- 6:00 p.m. TableTop Game Night – John Knox Room

Thursday, August 1

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room 201

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICERS: The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations for the office of Deacon and Elder for the Class of 2027. Please direct your recommendations in writing or email to the Church Office by August 4. Email address: reception@fpcburlington.org. A list of current officers and a description of duties are now available in the Narthex, Welcome Center, and Church Office.



A Moment's Meditation

Maybe the desire to make something beautiful
is the piece of God that is inside each of us.

Mary Oliver



MATTHEW 25