

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 26, 2025



Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue, James Tissot,, 1836-1902

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us prepare our hearts to worship God.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Poco Lento

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen...People of God, what do you hear?

The sound of God's love poured out and claiming us as God's own.

Listen...People of God, what do you hear?

The sound of music giving glory to God!

Listen...People of God, what do you hear?

The sound of children leading us in praising God's name!

People of God, let us lift our voices together in worship!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 396

Brethren, We Have Met for Worship

HOLY MANNA

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess

that we have wandered from your light.

We follow paths of self-indulgence,

instead of focusing on our need of you.

We passively accept

the suffering of the world,

expecting others to stand up and work

for the change we would like to see.

Lord, in your strength,

renew us and compel us by your invitation

that we may work to pursue

your justice and mercy for all people,

sharing your light in ways great and small.

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

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Forgive Our Sins

DETROIT

"For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us Lord, to pray,
But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

*Text: Rosamond E. Herklots,
as found at Hymn No. 444*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look u - pon me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

*Text: Native American, version by Jane Parker Huber, 1989
As found at Hymn No. 441*

***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

FIRST READING: Psalm 19

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 613-614
Pew Bible, pages 498-499*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

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.

ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Edward Elgar

Chancel Choir

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for the morning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so that the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations, as the earth bringeth forth her bud.

-Isaiah 61

SECOND READING: Luke 4:14-21

Large Print Pew Bible, pages 74-75

Pew Bible, page 61

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Let it Shine...In Your Hearing

Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE — No. 782**

Hear My Prayer, O God

HYMN CHANT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

Méditation

Louis Vierne, transcribed by Maurice Duruflé

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures 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 WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN — No. 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

March Imperial

Edward Elgar

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

All are invited to remain seated for the voluntary. If you must leave, please do so quietly.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. 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 one of our ministers. 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 at 336-228-1703 to be added to the weekly email list.

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE: *Boxcast* will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning. Click here to view: [on our website](#) and on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

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

LITURGY FROM *Call to Worship*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

OFFERING RITUAL: In the pew racks you will find "Offering Ritual" cards. The giving of our offerings and ourselves is vital part of worship in which we express our gratitude for God's blessings. The passing of the offering plate is a visible demonstration of our commitment to devote our time and treasures to Christ's ministry. If you give monthly, quarterly, annually; or through stocks, credit cards, or e-giving, you may still participate in the offering ritual by placing this card in the offering plate. If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, you will find instructions on the back side of this card. Scan this QR code to access FPC's online Giving with your Smartphone. It's easy to download a QR Code reader from the App Store!

PASTOR ON-CALL 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 pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

JANUARY MISSION FOCUS is Salvation Army.

ALTERNATIVE GIVING UPDATE

Thank you so much for your generosity! Because of your big hearts, we raised \$4,633.58 for our community partners through our Alternative Giving project. Your donations make a big difference in our community. Again, thank you!

ENRICHMENT CLASS invites you to join us in Room 228 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. January 26, February 2, 9, & 16, Paul Reeves will lead the class discussion using the resource "After Jesus Before Christianity: A Historical Exploration of the First Two Centuries of Jesus Movements" by Erin Vearncombe, Brandon Scott, Hal Taussig, and The Westar Institute, and with Forward by Sue Monk Kidd.

JOIN THE PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) RESPONSE TO WILDFIRES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our hearts are breaking for our neighbors in California who have lost homes, loved ones, businesses, and churches to the wildfires. Here is a way that you can help. Give to PDA and designate your funds to go to the Southern California Wildfires.

To give online <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/southern-california-wildfires>

To send a check - be sure to memo or include a note DR000165- U.S. Wildfires

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RECORDED BIBLE STUDIES Did you know we have recorded Bible studies from 2020 to present? Perhaps you are not able to attend a Bible study in person, or you want to take a peek at a study that was done by Jim Pace, Ed Moore, or Ron Shive? Contact our Director of Christian Formation (callbright@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703 x 223) to find out more or request a link to view the recordings.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - Join the FPCB youth in this mission February 9

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Join the FPCB youth as they, along with countless other young people around the US, share in God's love for our neighbors in need this Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice is Allied Churches of Alamance County. The second Sunday of each month, we typically collect Pennies for Hunger which also aids those in the community who are experiencing food insecurities. This month, we are called to support the First Presbyterian youth engagement in missions and join in the Souper Bowl of Caring opportunity to support our community partners. Thank you for giving with grateful hearts.

SALTY SAINTS...

Let's get the New Year started with some fellowship, pizza and an Elon Basketball game! We have reserved the back bar area at The Rosemary at Elon starting at 5:00 on Thursday, February 20th. We will order pizzas for those who are interested, then head over to watch the Elon Phoenix take on the Towson Tigers...tip off is at 7:00. If there is enough interest in the ball game, we will get a block of tickets so we can sit together. We don't need an RSVP for the pizza social at The Rosemary, but if you are interested in the basketball game, please shoot an email to gaylegunn@bellsouth.net by Tuesday, February 18th so we can get tickets.

Also put these dates on your calendar!

April 3 TBD

May 14 TBD

MEMORIAL BLOODMOBILE: The American Red Cross is planning to hold a blood drive on February 25, 2025 in Shive Hall.

The American Red Cross is planning to hold the First Presbyterian Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 Shive Hall from 2:00-6:30 p.m. The blood drive is done in memory of Harold Lloyd who organized a number of blood drives at FPC and Barbara Lloyd who was a faithful Red Cross volunteer for many years.

Donor registration is now available. To schedule an appointment go to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code **FPC**. If you need assistance or information you may contact Lucy Kernodle, Site Coordinator, at lkernodle@bellsouth.net. Please schedule your appointment as soon as possible so you will get the time you want! The site, redcrossblood.org also gives information about guidelines about who may donate blood and what to expect as a blood donor.

More information may be found in the weekly e-blast.

2025 PRITCHETT SYMPOSIUM at The First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC welcomes the Rev. Dr. Samuel L. Adams, Mary Jane and John F. McNair Chair in Biblical Studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Sunday, March 30, 2025 9:00 a.m. faith formation; 10:00 a.m. worship; 11:00 a.m. lunch and faith formation. Your RSVP for lunch will help with catering arrangements (reception@fpcburlington.org) The class theme: Wealth and Poverty in the Biblical World and Today.

Samuel L. Adams, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has served churches in Chicago, New Haven, and Richmond. His research focuses on wisdom literature and wealth and poverty in the biblical world and today, and he has published on both topics. Other interests include apocalypticism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Bible and film, and the Bible and Christian theology in the context of American political discourse. He is editor of the seminary's journal, *Interpretation*. Adams's wife, Helen Bell Adams, is a primary care physician in Richmond, and he has two grown children, Virginia and Charlie. He came to Burlington every year as a child, because his grandfather was an officer with the Chamber of Commerce.

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

Lisa Mullen, M. Div., Parish Associate

J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education

Nolan Chilton, Inquirer for Ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament, Student at Duke Divinity School

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 26

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:00 a.m. Session Gathering – Room 201
- 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Alternative Giving Planning Team Meeting – Room 203
- 5:00 p.m. FPC Youth to Graham Presbyterian Church
- 5:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting – John Knox Room
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Witherspoon Room

Monday, January 27

- 8:30 a.m. ACAC Serving Team at ACAC—Team A

Tuesday, January 28

- 6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 7:30 a.m. Dough Devotions for Youth – The Park
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Room 203

Wednesday, January 29

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night – Room 401
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets – Room 201

Friday, January 31

- 6:00 p.m. YoungLife – Garrison Joyner Activities Building

Moment's Meditation



The power for creating a better future is contained in the present moment:
You create a good future by creating a good present.

Eckhart Tolle