

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 16, 2025

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Fred McFeely Rogers (1928-2003)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Someday, the house of God
will stand on the highest mountain.

**People will come from every place
to learn how to walk in God's path.**

God will show us what is fair
and put an end to our fighting.

**People will turn their old weapons
into new tools for growing food.**

Come, people of God:
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to love you
with heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

But, if we are honest, we know
that sometimes we hurt each other
and fail to keep our promises to you.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Teach us, day by day,
to turn away from what is wrong
and turn to you in faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life (Psalm 51)

IRISH

Have mer - cy, God, up - pon my life, and
make me clean with - in: pour out your ev - er -
faith - ful love and wash a - way my sin.

Text: David Gambrell, Psalm 51
As found at Hymn No. 421

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

How Blest, Those Whose Transgression

AURELIA

How blest, those whose trans - gres - sions have free - ly been for - given;
whose guilt is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heaven.
Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not im - pute their sin:
whose guilt has been for - giv - en; whose hearts, made true a - gain.

Text: The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909
As found at Hymn 446, stanza 1

***PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*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.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 215
Pew Bible, pages 171-172*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE PRESENTATION

SECOND READING: Luke 10: 25-37

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 87
Pew Bible, pages 71-72*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: God Moves Us to Be Neighbors

Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Teach Us to Be Neighbors

MCFEELY



1. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors, liv - ing, lov - ing side by side,
2. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors, giv - ing, serv - ing those in need,
3. Je - sus, teach us to be neigh-bors, work - ing pray - ing for the day



hands for help - ing one an - oth - er, arms of wel - come, o - pen wide.
mak - ing peace and do - ing jus - tice, shar - ing faith in word and deed.
when the Lamb will be the Shep-herd, when our tears are washed a - way.



Ev - er learn - ing, ev - er grow - ing, Je - sus, teach us all to be
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chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, joined in true com - mu - ni - ty.
chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, where we are one fam - i - ly.
chil - dren of the new cre - a - tion, sing - ing praise in har - mo - ny.

Text: David Gambrell, 2022
Music: Wil Smith, 2022

*We listen for what
God is saying to
God's people
through scripture,
song, and sermon.*

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Excerpted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

God is faithful still.

We trust in God.

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

God is faithful still.

We trust in God.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

God is faithful still.

We trust in God.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

We trust in God.

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: CDC

Katie and Jordan Britton

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Van Denman Thompson (1890-1967)

Nan Wooten, alto

Chancel Choir

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.

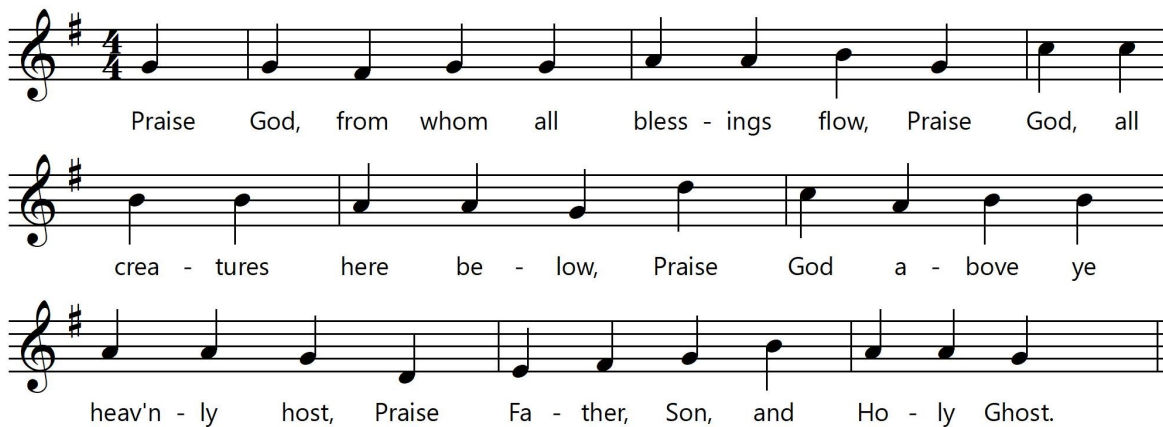
Beloved, if God so loved us we also ought to love one another.
If we love one another God abideth in us,
and his love is made perfect in us.
God is love, and whoso abideth in love abideth in God,
and God abideth in him.

-1 John 4

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low, Praise God a - bove ye
heav'n - ly host, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Tune: TALLIS' CANON, as found
at Hymn No. 675

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN — No. 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

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.

CDC SUNDAY: Welcome to all the CDC Child Development Center children and their families! We would love for you to join us for lemonade and cookies, so we can meet and treat you! So, please join after worship downstairs the John Knox Room (with the fireplace off the black and white hall).

WORSHIP NOTES: During the season of Lent, it is our tradition at FPC to remove Alleluias from worship; to sing the Doxology without Alleluias; and to offer no closing voluntary. These will return with the Joy of Easter Sunday.

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

LITURGY from Mr. Rodgers' Sunday Liturgy from PCUSA.

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!



RECEPTION HONORING J. PATRICK MURPHY: Patrick's retirement from FPCB is approaching. He has honored and protected and advanced our church's legacy of music being a foundational piece of our worship, of our healing, and of our joy. Please make plans to join us on April 27, at 11:15 a.m., in Shive Hall, for a reception and thank you to Patrick.

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.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS -Thursday, March 20, 2025, 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Our **March Friendship Group** will be a time for sharing as Patrick Murphy will offer some of his favorite music selections for the organ and the piano. He will tell stories about these pieces and connect them to his ministry here at FPCB. All followed by a very special lunch! **RSVP by March 17** to pmurphy@fpcburlington.org or call the church office, 336.228.1703. Please **NOTE** that **everyone** is INVITED – but if you wish to stay for lunch, please make a reservation! Thanks!

CATERPILLAR ORDERING TIME!

A FPCB Lenten and Easter tradition is to get caterpillars from church, watch them grow and form a chrysalis, then experience the wonder of the emerged butterfly. You'll take care of your butterflies until Easter when you will bring them to church, and we will release them after worship on the front lawn by the flowering cross. Would you like caterpillars? Contact Charlotte Nance-Allbright (callbright@fpcburlington.org or 336-228-1703 x 223) with the number that you want. Pick up March 23. Help separate them at 9:00 a.m. if you'd like! Caterpillars come with instructions for care. Great fun for all!

LENTEN CALENDARS AND DEVOTIONAL: Available in the Welcome Center and on the table outside the Church Office. Digital copy of the calendars available upon request (callbright@fpcburlington.org).

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 on 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.

DONATIONS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your many years of donating food for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. We are thankful we can continue to partner in this important ministry and mission. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bin outside the CDC entrance during the week or inside directly into the Food Pantry closet in the Welcome Center during office hours or on Sundays. Please note that food left in the outside bin is frequently brought inside to the closet, however, there are occasions that our neighbors experiencing hunger and/or homelessness may find the resources in the bin and take those to meet their need. Interested in volunteering with this meaningful mission? Please contact Bruce Shields (bruce.shields@yale.edu).

IN MEMORIAM

FRANCIS WIGGINS UNDERWOOD

March 20, 1926 - March 10, 2025

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord."

John 11:25

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:00 a.m. Learning to Use My Bible Class— Room 403
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Reception for CDC Families—John Knox Room
- 2:00 p.m. Family Fun Day
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship — Shive Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting — John Knox Room
- 7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting — Witherspoon Room

Monday, March 17

- 6:00 p.m. What LIES Between Us Class — Witherspoon Room

Tuesday, March 18

- 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. Weekly Staff Meeting — Room 203
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 17 Meets — Garrison Joyner Activities Building

Wednesday, March 19

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study — Witherspoon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night — Room 401
- 6:00 p.m. Pack 17 Meets — Garrison Joyner Activities Building
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 20

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study — Witherspoon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets — Room 201
- 11:00 a.m. Friendship Group — Sanctuary
- Noon Friendship Group Luncheon — Shive Hall
- 5:30 p.m. CDC Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Worship and Congregational Care Team Zoom Meeting



MATTHEW 25



Moment's Meditation

Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle.

Mister Rogers