

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025



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GOD MOVES US THROUGH SONG

GOD MOVES US THROUGH PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Come, Renew Us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Chancel Choir

Come Lord, come to us, enter our darkness with your light.
Fill our emptiness with your presence,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.
In our sadness, come as joy,
In our troubles, come as peace,
In our fearfulness, come as hope,
In our darkness, come as light,
In our frailty, come as strength.
In our loneliness, come as love.
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

-David Adam

GOD MOVES US THROUGH PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
say to the Lord:

**My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.**

For God will protect us from evil
and commands angels to guard us in all our ways.

**God rescues those who love God
and is present with us in trouble.**

God answers when we cry out
and reveals our salvation to us.

Let us worship God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 16

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE

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.*

GOD MOVES US THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Lent unfolds before us, great God,
we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.
The road is long, our sins are many,
and our burdens are heavy.
We can't imagine new life, Easter life,
because our current lives are filled
with bad choices and failed efforts.
Meet us in our weakness.
Take up our sins.
Ease our burdens.
Carry us on the way.
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.
Show us a love that is stronger than death,
a love no tomb can hold.

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

*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

*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.*

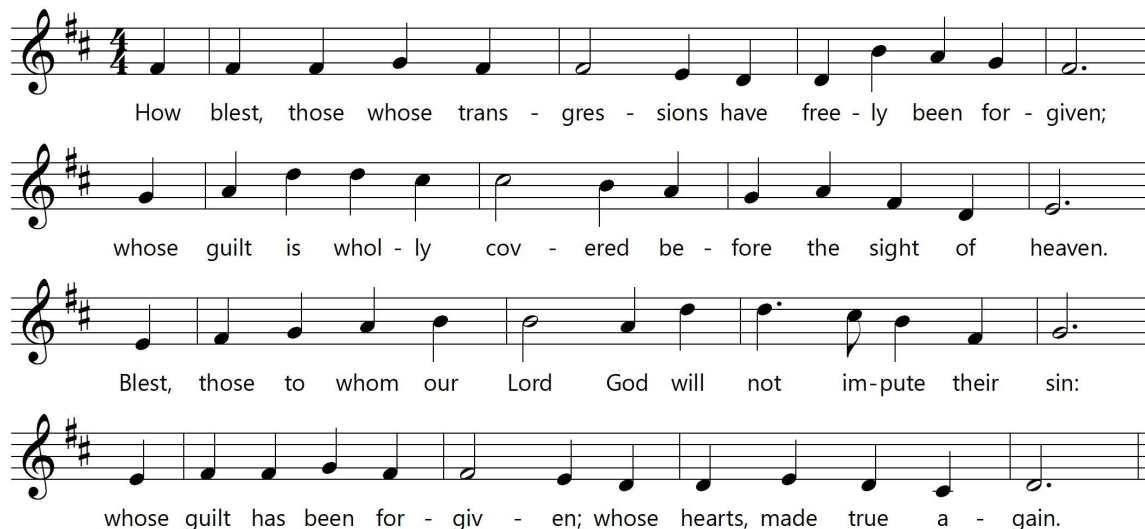
*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

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

*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

GOD MOVES US THROUGH THE WORD PROCLAIMED

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: William Payne Hogan and Berkley Rose Bowland

Presentation

Bill Coble, *Elder*

Questions to Parents

Keith and Jamie Lynn Hogan
Blair and Blythe Bowland

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and
teach that faith to your children?

Do you intend your children to be Christ's disciples, to obey his word and
show his love?

Do you promise through prayer and example, to support and
encourage your children to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ?

Questions to Congregation

Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, in the name of the whole
church of Christ, undertake with Keith and Jamie and Blythe and Blair
the Christian nurture of William and Berkley, so that in due time
they may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Do you?

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

Questions to Children

Will you be a friend to William and Berkley?

Will you let them know that they are welcome here?

If they get lost, will you show them the way?

Will you share stories and love of Jesus with them?

*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.*

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Introduction of William and Berkley to the Family of Faith

Welcome and Charge to the Congregation

William and Berkley are now received into the one holy catholic church through baptism. God has made them 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 William and Berkley into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ.

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Chancel Choir
Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin
Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp

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

O divine Word above, our hope and consolation,
eternal light of the heavens and the earth:
our voices greet the morning:
look down, O Lord, and hear thy people's prayer!
Inspire us, Lord, we pray, with the power of thy Spirit,
that hell may flee before thy mighty word.
From slumber waken us, our weary souls reviving.
That we may never forget thy laws!
Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on thy congregation
now gathered here in the sight of thy throne;
receive the hymns they offer to thy eternal glory;
renewed by thy gifts may they go forth in peace.

REFLECTION

ANTHEM

Like as the Hart

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Chancel Choir

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they daily say unto me Where is now thy God?
-Psalm 42:1-3

REFLECTION

ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Chancel Choir

Jorge Rodriguez Ochoa, violin

Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth,
and even for evermore.

-Psalm 121

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4: 1-13

Large Print Pew Bible, page 74

Pew Bible, page 61

REFLECTION

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION – NO. 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

GOD MOVES US IN OUR RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Have mercy, O God;
hear our prayer.

*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.

GOD MOVES US IN OUR GIVING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Chancel Choir

Jorge Rodriguez Ochoa, violin

Mark Payne, clarinet

Taylor Davis (b. 1980)

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

-Robert Lowry

Undesignated offerings today support the Music Fund of FPC. These gifts make possible guest musicians for worship and concerts. Thank you for your generosity.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings 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

GOD MOVES US IN OUR GOING OUT

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 689**

When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
 Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.
 - Words adapted from an old Gaelic rune

VOLUNTARY

Elegy

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin
Grace Wepner Ludtke, harp

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Lisa Mullen, M. Div., Parish Associate
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

Pennies for Hunger Offering is being received today. The collection is sent to Salem Presbytery where it is then divided and returned to local food ministries.

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](#).

COVER ART: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*, Pat Scheible. This mural is found outside the Chancel Choir Room.

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

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.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP

There will be a Days for Girls Workshop today at 2:00 p.m. in Room 122. There are items to sew, cut, and label to prepare for the summer shipment.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE INTEREST MEETING - AN INVITATION

For several years now, our church has been helping refugee families from around the world find new homes, life and hope in Alamance County. We have seen our newest neighbors join the community, attend schools, gain their US citizenship, gain employment, and become contributing members of our society. Right now, however, some of them need our assistance. The agencies, with which we have worked to help these families become self-sufficient, have lost their funding and are looking to faith-based groups like ours to help. If you would like to learn more and how you might be able to help, please consider attending an Interest Meeting today, at 4:00 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room. Staff from the North Carolina African Services Coalition will be there to brief us and discuss areas in which we may be able to provide assistance. We hope to see you there.

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB: The FPC Lunch Bunch Group will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 12 noon in Room 122 to discuss Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray's book *The First Ladies*. A fictional account about the relationship between two quiet revolutionaries, this novel explores the friendship between civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Together, they were out to change the world and offer a message of reconciliation and hope, and in the process, they demonstrated a testament to female strength and triumph of the human spirit. Join us for a thoughtful discussion of the work of these two amazing women.

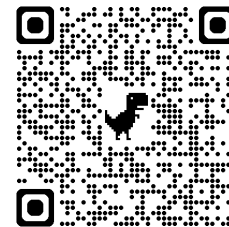
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 16th we will begin two new celebrations at FPC during worship:

CDC Celebration Sunday where we will highlight the wonderful ministry of our Child Development Center at FPC. The students and their families will receive a special invitation to attend service and the students will sing during worship.

Mr. Rogers Day (Neighboring Sunday) wear your favorite sweater and join us as we celebrate the ministry of Fred Rogers (who was a Presbyterian minister) and reflect on how we might be better neighbors today!

LENTEN STUDY: What Lies Between Us: Fostering First Steps Toward Racial Healing

Join Beth Hooten, Brownicity Certified Instructor, for a five session conversation about the social construct of race/ism. We will investigate history, examine common beliefs and identify consequences as we explore our society's challenges surrounding race and how faith may inform our individual and collective response. The guide, *What Lies Between Us: Fostering First Steps Toward Racial Healing*, prepared by Lucretia Carter Berry, PhD, will be provided to participants. Class will be held on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. (March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 2025). Sign up by March 9th using this QR code:



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!

OFFICE HOURS WITH PASTOR JIM AT THE BLEND

During the season of Lent, Pastor Jim will be holding office hours at **The Blend & Co. coffee shop (127 E Front St, Burlington, NC) each Thursday morning between 8-10 a.m.** Want to ask a question about last week's sermon or just have a cup of coffee and have conversation? Come meet Dr. Lunde in this effort to be present in our city and community!

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.



Moment's Meditation

We want clarity – and God gives a call.
We want a road map – and God gives a relationship.
We want answers – and God gives his hand.

Ann Voskamp

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 9

- 9:00 a.m. Learning to Use My Bible Class – Room 403
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Days for Girls Workshop – Room 122
- 4:00 p.m. Refugee Assistance Interest Meeting – Witherspoon Room
- 4:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship and Supper – Shive Hall
- 6:00 p.m. PW Circle #1 – Witherspoon Room

Monday, March 10

- 11:00 a.m. PW Circle #2 – Witherspoon Room
- 6:00 p.m. What LIES Between Us Class – Witherspoon Room

Tuesday, March 11

- 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
- 10:00 a.m. PW Circle #4 – Witherspoon Room
- Noon Lunch Bunch Book Club – Room 122

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

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

IN MEMORIAM

JO BIRTA FEROE

December 5, 1931– February 25, 2025

“I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord.”
John 11:25

IN MEMORIAM

LINDA VANN DYER

February 27, 1942 -March 1, 2025

“So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord’s.”
Romans 14:8



MATTHEW 25