

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025



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*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.*

*Setting by Jeremy  
Bankson.*

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

## MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Allegretto from *Sonata in A Major*

César Franck (1822-1890)

*Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin*

*Patrick Murphy, piano*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him;  
bless his name!**

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGLEBERG

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As your children, we face seasons of sadness, worry, and confusion.

Sometimes we can scarcely sing your praise.

We ask with the psalmist, “how can we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?”

And we allow ourselves to remain captive to the silence.

Yet, our times are in your hand, O Lord, and you have created us for hope and joy.

O beautiful Savior, hallow our songs with your presence,

**and move us to worship and serve you, as you make our sorrowing spirits sing.**

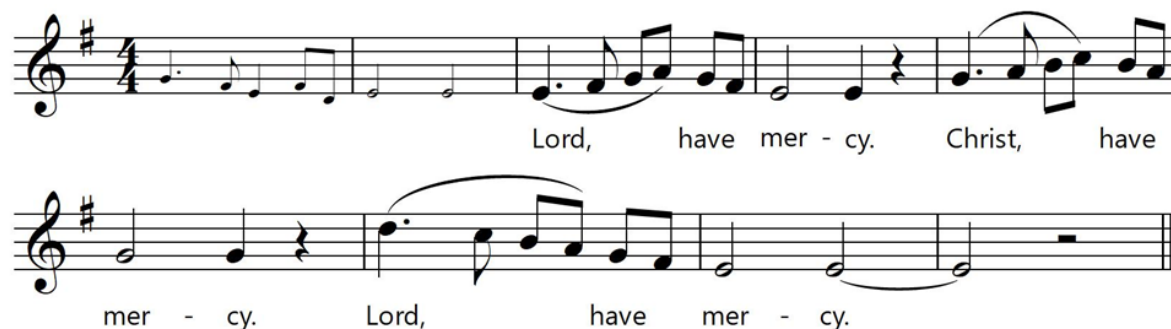
## \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION



## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver (1937-2021)



## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God!

GELOBT SEI GOTT



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

## \*HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION – NO. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

## FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Large Print Pew Bible, pages 756-757

Pew Bible, page 616

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.*

*Setting by  
Walter L. Pelz.*

## ANTHEM

To Everything a Season

Taylor Davis (b. 1980)

*Chancel Choir*  
*Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin*  
*Joby Bell, piano*

To everything a season, to everything a time,  
for every purpose under heaven, to everything there is a time.  
A time to live and die; to sow and harvest.  
A time to kill and heal; to wreck and build.  
To cry and laugh, to mourn and dance;  
there is a time.  
A time to cast away; to bring together.  
A time to be embraced; live alone.  
To find and lose; to keep and give;  
there is a time.  
A time to tear apart; to mend together.  
A time for silence, a time to speak,  
To love and hate; for war and peace.  
A time to live and die, to cry and laugh,  
to mourn and dance,  
a time.

*-Ecclesiastes 3:1*

## SECOND READING: Psalm 150

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 717*  
*Pew Bible, page 583*

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Dr. Jim Lunde

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 689

When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Ionian Creed*

We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
of male and female.  
We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.  
He descended into the earth

*Setting by Jeremy  
Bankson.*

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

to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.  
We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.  
Amen.

## 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.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Lord Jesus, Gentle Savior

Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

*Chancel Choir*  
*Joby Bell, organ*

Lord Jesus, gentle Savior My Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
Oh take the hand I offer and lead me till the end.  
Without Thee I would falter without Thee I would stray.  
Oh take my hand I pray Thee and lead me all the way.

I have no strength O Savior be Thou my strength I pray.  
Alone my footsteps wander be Thou my strength I pray.  
No friend I have beside Thee to whom Lord shall I go?  
Thou hast the words eternal to guide my steps below.

Thou art my only Savior My Master and my King.  
Accept the heart I offer, Accept the praise I bring,  
Until I reach the portal of thy blest fold above  
And join with choirs immortal to sing Thy wondrous love.

*-Herman W. Gockel*

## \*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 WORD INTO THE WORLD

Setting by

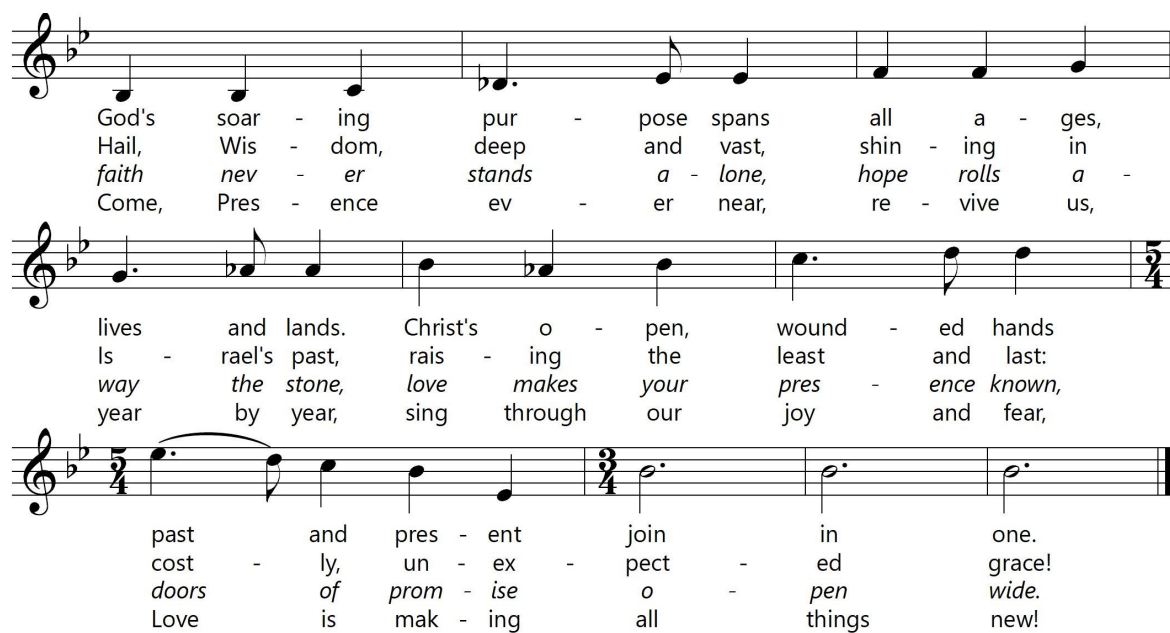
Sally Ann Morris.

## \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Sing Praises Old and New

MURPHY

All 1. Sing prais - es the old and new, past and  
All 2. Word, from the heart of God, cost - ly,  
Choir 3. Great Spir - it, make us wise, doors of  
All 4. Peo - ple of hope, be strong! Love is  
pres - ent join in one. Old cov - e - nants re - new:  
un - ex - pect - ed grace, Love, mak - ing all things good,  
prom - ise o - pen wide. Though e - vil's dead - ly lies  
mak - ing all things new. Lift our u - nit - ed song,  
new com - mit - ments have be - gun.  
Light of all the hu - man race,  
truth and good - ness set a - side,  
show what faith can dream and do!



God's soar - ing pur - pose spans all a - ges,  
Hail, Wis - dom, deep and vast, shin - ing in  
faith, nev - er stands a - lone, hope rolls a -  
Come, Pres - ence ev - er near, re - vive us,  
lives and lands. Christ's o - pen, wound - ed hands  
ls - rael's past, rais - ing the least and last:  
way the stone, love makes your pres - ence known,  
year by year, sing through our joy and fear,  
past and pres - ent join in one.  
cost - ly, un - ex - pect - ed grace!  
doors of prom - ise o - pen wide.  
Love is mak - ing all things new!

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## A MOMENT OF RECOGNITION

Eddie Gant and Nan Wooten, Elders

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing

William M. Snedden (b. 1962)

*Welborn E. Young, Conductor*  
*Chancel Choir*  
*Kenneth Lee, piano*

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And 'til we meet again, May God hold you,  
May God hold you in His hand.

May the sun make your days bright,  
may the stars illuminate your nights.  
May the flowers bloom along your path,  
your house stand firm against the storm.  
And 'til we meet again, May God hold you,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*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*

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

*Dedicated to  
Patrick Murphy in  
honor of his years  
of service as  
Organist-  
Choirmaster of  
First Presbyterian  
Church of  
Burlington, NC*

## Moment's Meditation



It is what we do routinely, not what we do rarely, that delineates the character of a person. *Joan D. Chittister*

## 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](#).

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Snodgrass Houston by her daughters and grandchildren.

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

**MUSIC NOTES:** Guest musicians in worship today include: Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin; Rob McConnell, trumpet; Robbie Elliot, trumpet; Erin Studstill Lopp, timpani; and Dr. Joby Bell, organ (Professor of Music at Appalachian State University). In addition to our Chancel Choir are singers who have sung under the direction of Patrick Murphy here at First Presbyterian Church of Burlington (the years 2007-2025) and at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro (where Patrick served 1982-2007).

The anthem, *To Everything a Season*, has been given in honor of J. Patrick Murphy for his 50 years of love, service, faithfulness, and leadership in the church through his ministry of music.

**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.

**LOVE GIFT:** As a reminder, a basket will be in the Narthex before and during today's service to drop off any cards, letters, or love gifts to Patrick. The basket will be moved to Shive Hall during the reception. Please take this opportunity to send your good wishes and special remembrances to Patrick!

**RECEPTION HONORING J. PATRICK MURPHY:** Patrick's retirement from FPCB is here. 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 today following worship, in Shive Hall, for a reception and thank you to Patrick.

**SAVE THE DATE:** FPC Staff to lunch with the Twin Lakes Community—Thursday, May 1 at noon.

### IN MEMORIAM

PETER BRUCE ANDREWS

November 1, 1937 - April 21, 2025

"So then, whether we live or whether we die,  
we are the Lord's" *Romans 14:8*