

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUTH SUNDAY

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Martindale

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

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

What a Beautiful Name

FPCB Youth Band

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah Richardson

God welcomes us all.

Whoever we are,

wherever we are,

however we are,

God welcomes us all.

Let us worship God!

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1. **Come Thou Fount of every blessing,**

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. **Here I raise my "Ebenezer";**

Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,

Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,

Interposed His precious blood.

3. **Oh, to grace how great a debtor,**

Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,

Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,

Seal it for Thy courts above.

4. Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above;
 Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.
 Here's my heart, Oh, take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lilah Wurl

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, forgive us for hoarding your blessings and not sharing them with others.
 We keep silent when a word is needed, and we speak when silence is the right course.
 Our hands remain idle and clean when they should be busy working with your people.
 Our hearts remain distant from your call to love one another.
 Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us.
 Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically
 share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions
 —on campus and throughout the world.

*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**

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

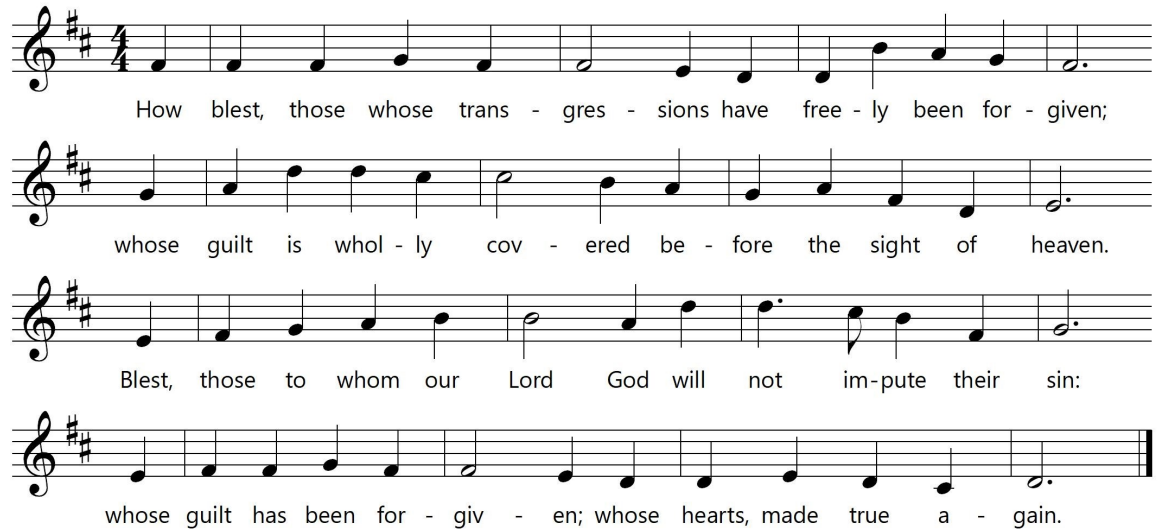
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

*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

*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.

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

Caroline Vincent

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Oliver Adams

FIRST READING: Psalm 133

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 706
Pew Bible, page 575*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Naomi, Nora, Nevy and Willy Fisher

In Remembrance

Ragan Courtney, lyrics, Buryl Red, composer, Jane Wellford, choreographer

SECOND READING: Luke 14:1,7-14

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

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Bennett Gould

ILLUSTRATION OF THE WORD: The Invitation

Youth

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy Hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH : Apostles' Creed

Nathan Clark

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Furniture Ministry

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

FPC Youth Band

Simple Gospel

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heav'n - ly host, Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Reverend Doctor Jim Lunde and Mary Chandler Giles

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to thank you, God...And so, with all your faithful people,
with choirs of angels, in every language of the earth, we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Richard Proulx, Land of Rest

The sacrament of The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with our crucified and risen Lord. In the Lord's Supper, the Church gives thanks to God for all God's gifts, is renewed and sustained by the power of Jesus Christ, and is in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. Today's celebration is by intinction. Come forward to receive the communion elements. All wafers are gluten free.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
 I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
 Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

5. High King of heaven, my vict'ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Bennett Gould

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

VOLUNTARY

Oceans

FPCB Youth Band

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

FPC Youth Band:

Bridget Vann, cellist

Caroline Vincent, vocalist

Nancy Martindale, vocalist

Oliver Adams, guitarist

Chris Doss, band leader



Moment's Meditation

There is unwavering peace today when an uncertain tomorrow
is trusted to an unchanging God. *Ann Voskamp*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

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 adapted from: *UWorship Resource*, 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!



LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB: Join the FPCB Lunch Bunch group on Tuesday, April 8, in the Witherspoon Room for a very interesting discussion of *The Wager*, the award winning book by David Grann. This is a stunning tale of a shipwreck, a mutiny and murder and of survival and strategy that culminates in a court martial, revealing a shocking truth. Not only do the characters end up on trial but the very idea of the existence of a world empire ends up on trial. From the author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*, *The Wager* will take you to distant lands with a captivating story.

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.

REFUGEE SUPPORT NEEDED

We, at First Presbyterian Church, embrace our call to be a Matthew 25 Church and serve Christ by helping those in need in our community. For the past few years, our church has been working with agencies to help fully vetted refugees resettle in Burlington. Christ is calling us to continue in that service with our newest neighbors. With reductions in government funding, some of the refugees relocated to Burlington have had their monetary and support assistance severely reduced or eliminated altogether. Perhaps you feel called to help and might serve in one or both of these ways:

A few members of our church and sister churches are forming a Support Team to help with transportation needs. If you are interested and would like to learn more or serve in this way, please contact Bruce Shields (203-668-2488 or bruce.shields@yale.edu).

If you are led to give a financial gift, cash or checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with note/memo "Refugee Assistance." For more information or to learn more, contact Kent Byrd (336-516-1592 or kentbyrd@gmail.com).

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).

APRIL LOCAL MISSION FOCUS:FURNITURE MINISTRY

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church Furniture Ministry is to provide good, useful furnishings to those in need, treating each client graciously with Christian hospitality. As a Matthew 25 church, our mission focuses on eradicating systemic poverty. Furniture Ministry volunteers, representing the church and demonstrating the love of Christ, seek to improve the overall health of our community by assisting each family in need with care, compassion, and sincerity. The support of our congregation, through donations of kitchen houseware, lightly used furnishings in good condition, and money is appreciated. Your support is critical to our success as we deal with the ever-growing needs of those less fortunate in Alamance County.

Current Needs: Mattress pads, new bed pillows, blankets, bed linens of all sizes, (particularly XL Twin size), flatware, dishes, small appliances, and small kitchen tables.

FURNITURE MINISTRY WORKDAY SATURDAY, APRIL 12

If you have been thinking of new ways to get involved in a meaningful service activity at First Presbyterian Church, look no further! The Furniture Ministry welcomes you to participate in our monthly service day, Saturday, April 12, beginning at 8:45 a.m. and ending at 12:00 noon. Volunteers, from adults to youth, will gather to deliver furniture, kitchen houseware, and Christian love to needy families referred to us by one of our social agency partners. Good news! There is a job for everyone (including enjoying doughnuts, coffee, and fellowship), from lifting furniture to folding sheets, cleaning new donations, or preparing bibles and plaques to be delivered. All you must do is show up and let us know how you would like to contribute! Finally, it's always a joy to accompany the delivery truck and participate in the face-to-face interactions with our new brothers and sisters in Christ. Please join us – you'll be glad you did!

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 6

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Shive Hall

Monday, April 7

- 10:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Council Meets – Room 122
- Noon Furniture Ministry Team Meeting – Room 228
- 6:00 p.m. What LIES Between Us Class – Witherspoon Room

Tuesday, April 8

- 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
- Noon Lunch Bunch Book Club – Witherspoon Room
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 17 Meets – Garrison Joyner Activities Building

Wednesday, April 9

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 1:00 p.m. Burlington Community Land Trust Sub-Committee Meeting – Room 122
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 10

- 6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
- 8:00 a.m. Burlington Community Land Trust Board Meeting – Room 122
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets – Room 201

Saturday, April 12

- 8:45 a.m. Furniture Ministry Workday
- 9:00 a.m. Refugee Assistance Team Meeting – Room 122

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE COMMUNION SERVICE – 7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary – Thursday, April 17

Thursday of this week is called “Maundy Thursday.” This term is derived from the Old French *maunde* and from the Latin *mandatum novum*, “a new commandment.” This new commandment of Christ was to love one another and was given on the night before his death (John 13:34). On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in his name, institutes the mystery of his abiding redemptive presence in the church’s celebrations of the Lord’s Supper. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian Year.

This service commemorates the suffering and death of Christ. Dating from the 8th century, Tenebrae was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows” and a Tenebrae Service is one in which light fades into darkness, as the sanctuary candles are extinguished with each of the scripture readings that tells the story of the betrayal and death of Jesus. This is symbolic of the physical darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified; symbolic of the fading spiritual light of the world as Christ, the Light, was leaving it; and symbolic of the fading of loyalty of the disciples and our own betrayal of Christ. With its movement from light to dark, the Tenebrae Service prepares us to receive the Light of Easter morning – to celebrate the joyous news of the resurrection.

Join us for this Holy Week communion service as we enter what Augustine referred to as “the triduum (three days) during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again.”

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Noon – Williams Chapel – Friday, April 18

All are welcome to join this service of contemplation.

EASTER SUNDAY–APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP– 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

On this day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we join with the community of believers in every time and place as the Gospel is proclaimed, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is shared, and hymns and anthems are sung, accompanied by brass, timpani and organ.

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERING THE CROSS: Bring fresh flowers to “flower the cross,” planted in the Davis Street lawn.

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN: Children are invited to come to a special Easter Sunday class including an egg hunt at 9:00 a.m. PreK in Room 223 and K-5th in Room 224. Adults and Youth are needed to help hide eggs at 9:00 a.m. Please let Charlotte Nance-Allbright know if you are able to help with these activities (callbright@fpcburlington.org).

EASTER SUNDAY ANNUAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE: The annual Butterfly Release will be on the front lawn at the flowering cross after worship (weather permitting). All are invited to join us as we celebrate the resurrection through the symbolism of the butterfly.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) Special Offering of the PC(USA) will be received. The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thank you for giving to this Special Offering.



MATTHEW 25

Easter Lilies: Easter lilies will be present for worship in the sanctuary and will beautify the sanctuary chancel for Live Streaming and Facebook Live worship on Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025). To order a lily as a memorial or honorarium (\$33 each) please complete the order form below and return it to the church with your check (make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and notate "Easter Lilies" on the memo line). Please contact the church at 336-228-1703 if you have questions.

The deadline to order is Monday, April 14.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM:

In Memory of _____

Donor _____

In Honor of _____

Donor _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____