



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4, 2025

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

Litany (Suite in G)

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We glorify you, O Lord,
for you have lifted us up.
**O Lord, our God, we cried out to you,
and you healed us.**
Sing praises to the Lord, O faithful ones,
and praise God's holy name.
**For God's anger is but for a moment,
but God's favor is for a lifetime.**
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
**O God, you have turned our mourning
into dancing!**
Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 246**

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God,
in Jesus you have shown us love.
You call us, even command us,
to show that love in our lives.
Yet we turn away
from what you would have us do.
We confess that the ways of love**

*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.*

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

are not our ways.
 We deny and ignore,
 hurt and hate,
 despise and reject.
 Have mercy on us.
 Help us to receive your love
 so that we can love others.
 Help us to receive your love
 so that we can love ourselves.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver (1937-2021)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Glo - ry to God! The heav'ns a - dore! Let earth re - sound God's
 praise there - fore; Au - thor of peace for ev - er - more!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Michael Morgan

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.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

STORY TELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-9

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 154-155
Pew Bible, page 127*

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

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

ANTHEM

Psalm 150

John Harper (1872-1944)

Chancel Choir

Alleluya, Praise God in his holy place,
Praise him for his powerful deeds, Praise his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with lute and harp,
O praise him with timbrel and dance, Praise him with strings and pipe.
O praise him with resounding cymbals, Praise him with clashing of cymbals.
Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.
Alleluya!

SECOND READING: Acts 9:10-20

*Large Print Pew Bible, page 155
Pew Bible, pages 127-128*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Footsteps of the Apostles: From Enemies to Siblings

Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – No. 720**

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

RECEPTION OF THE 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS

PRESENTATION

Daniel James Bryan	Nathan Dean Clark
Daniel McBrayer Doss	Eleanor Jean Fisher
Griffin David Inman	Margaret Anne Parker
Jeremiah Davis Richardson	Madeline Gwen Vann
Caroline Lawrence Vincent	

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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;

Apostles' Creed

The word confirm, from the Latin confirmare, means "to strengthen." At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit and the church's prayers strengthen those who are being confirmed. This strengthening includes preparing individuals who were baptized to 1) profess their personal faith and the faith of the church and 2) declare their intent to take part actively and responsibly in the church's worship and mission. (Big God, Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith 2018).

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.

ANOINTING

WELCOME

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Communion Prayer

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Chancel Choir

We place upon your table, Lord, the food of life, the bread and wine,
As symbols of our daily work, according to your grand design.
Within these simple things there lie the height and depth of human life;
Our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
Accept them, Lord, they come from you. We take them humbly from your hand.
These gifts of yours for higher use we offer as you command.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 and our greatest joy... Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every
time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

-from Hymn No. 1, *Glory to God*

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

*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
bread is gluten
free.*

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Rejoice, The Lord is King

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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

Lisa Mullen, M. Div., Parish Associate

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

IN MEMORIAM

JANICE ELLSWORTH LACELLE DAUGHERTY

June 30, 1943-April 22, 2025

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



Moment's Meditation

The truth of the matter is that the whole world has already
been turned upside down by the work of Jesus Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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.

MUSIC: For the month of May, Jane Kolarich is preparing and conducting the Chancel Choir. David Vaughan is playing the organ.

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.

2025 PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING, SALAD SUPPER AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Calling all ladies of the church! You are invited to attend the PW Birthday Salad Supper and the installation of our new leaders on **May 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Witherspoon Room**. Presbyterian Women, Inc., the women's organization in PC (USA), uses the Birthday Offering to award grants to domestic and international ministries. Primarily making capital improvement projects possible, the two 2025 grants went to: 1) Red Cloud Renewable Lakota Thiyuha Dome Home Project, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota (\$150,000) and 2) Leland Presbyterian Church Windward Volunteer Housing Facility, in Leland, Mississippi (\$150,000). Birthday Offering envelopes will be at each table for you to give as you are able. This is a meaningful way to celebrate the blessings in your life.

Please flip through your recipes and prepare a scrumptious salad to share (e.g. egg salad/deviled eggs, chicken salad, tossed salad, fruit salad, congealed salad, pasta salad, bean salad, etc.). One person from each circle will bring a sheet cake, so dessert will be provided. If you would like to drop off your food before you park, there will be folks to receive your potluck item at the CDC entrance. Can't wait to see you on May 5th for a wonderful evening of fellowship!

CHURCHWIDE FURNITURE MINISTRY WORKDAY

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:45 - 12:00 Noon

Yes, it's Mother's Day weekend, and here is a great opportunity to honor your mother and her example of loving service. Come out for a few hours on Saturday morning and help to deliver furniture, kitchen housewares and Christian love to several families—including many mothers—who are eagerly awaiting our arrival.

All are invited! There is a job for everyone---plus coffee, donuts and fellowship.

If possible, email furnmin3@gmail.com to let us know you are coming—or just show up. You will be glad you did!

BOOK CLUB: The FPC Lunch bunch Group ends in the 2024-2025 season with bestselling author Anne Lamott's book *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy*. Known as an author of great sensitivity, wisdom, and humor, Lamott explores the concept of "mercy" - "the promise to offer and receive relief and forgiveness." For Lamott, mercy is the "light that shines in dark places." In this book, she invites us to risk being changed by mercy, to take a seat at the table, to become a member of community, to learn how to forgive and to accept forgiveness. Join the group on May 13 at 12 noon in the Witherspoon Room as it explores this Lamott classic and delves deeply into the extraordinary power of "mercy".

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER is the May Mission Giving Focus.

SALTY SAINTS: Please join your fellow Salty Saints on **Wednesday, May 14th 5:30 p.m.**, outside at Virginia and Hugh Cummings' barn, 2609 Pitts Road, Elon. Sandwich trays and chips will be on hand, and anyone who wants to can bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share. We'll have waters and soft drinks available, and bring your own additional beverages if you like. Relax on the porch, play corn hole, or do a little easy fishing! Hugh will have some rods and bait ready, or feel free to bring your own. Hope to see you there!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by the Session for Sunday, May 18 immediately following worship in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a nominating committee.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship – Shive Hall

Monday, May 5

- 6:00 p.m. PW Birthday Offering, Salad Supper and Installation of Officers – Witherspoon Room

Tuesday, May 6

- 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

Wednesday, May 7

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

Thursday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 10

- 9:00 a.m. Furniture Ministry Workday

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