

Please join in

in bold.

reading aloud

those parts of the service printed

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)

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!

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 246 Christ is Alive!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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

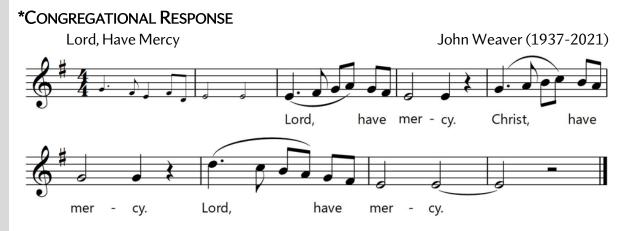
> from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

TRURO

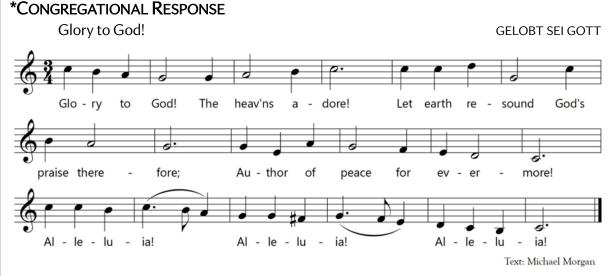
are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION



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

*Assurance of Pardon



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

			<i>We listen for what God is saying to</i>
FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-9	-	<i>Bible</i> , pages 154-155 <i>Pew Bible,</i> page 127	God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.
Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God.			
ANTHEM			
Psalm 150		larper (1872-1944)	
Char Alleluya, Praise God in his holy place Praise him for his powerful deeds, Pr Praise him with sound of trumpet, P O praise him with timbrel and dance O praise him with resounding cymba Let everything that lives and that bro Alleluya!	raise his surpassing greatness raise him with lute and harp, , Praise him with strings and als, Praise him with clashing c	pipe. of cymbals.	
SECOND READING: Acts 9:10-20	Large Print	<i>Pew Bible</i> , page 155	
-	Pew B	<i>Bible,</i> 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			<i>The word confirm, from the Latin</i>
Jesus Calls Us		GALILEE	<i>confirmare, means</i> <i>"to strengthen." A</i>
RECEPTION OF THE 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS			<i>Confirmation, the</i> <i>Holy Spirit and the</i>
PRESENTATION			<i>church's prayers</i> <i>strengthen those</i>
Daniel James Bryan	Nathan Dean Clark		who are being
Daniel McBrayer Doss	Eleanor Jean Fisher		confirmed. This strengthening
Griffin David Inman	Margaret Anne Parker		includes preparing
Jeremiah Davis Richardson Caroline Lawrence Vincent	Madeline Gwen Vann		individuals who were baptized to 1 profess their
Profession of Faith		Apostles' Creed	personal faith and
I believe in God the Father Almighty,			<i>the faith of the church and 2)</i>
Maker of heaven and earth,		declare their intent	
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;			to take part actively
who was conceived by the	Holy Ghost,		and responsibly in the church's
born of the Virgin Mary,			worship and
suffered under Pontius Pila	ite,		mission. (Big God, Big Questions:
was crucified, dead, and bu	ried;		Confirmation for a
he descended into hell;			<i>Growing Faith 2018).</i>
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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. 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



SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

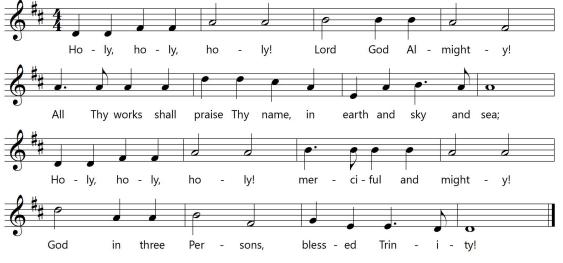
And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

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:



-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

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – NO. 547

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world. Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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*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	y 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, Ma	ay 8		
6:45 a.m.	Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study – Witherspoon Room		
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets – Room 201		
Saturday, Ma	y 10		
9:00 a.m.	, Furniture Ministry Workday		

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