

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
JUNE 1, 2025



The Ascension, Albrecht Dürer

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

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

Psalm 17

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

The tune and a text for meditation may be found at Hymn 211, **Glory to God**
David Vaughan, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great ruler over all the earth.**
God chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our ruler, sing praises!
**For God is the ruler of all the earth;
let us worship God!**

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

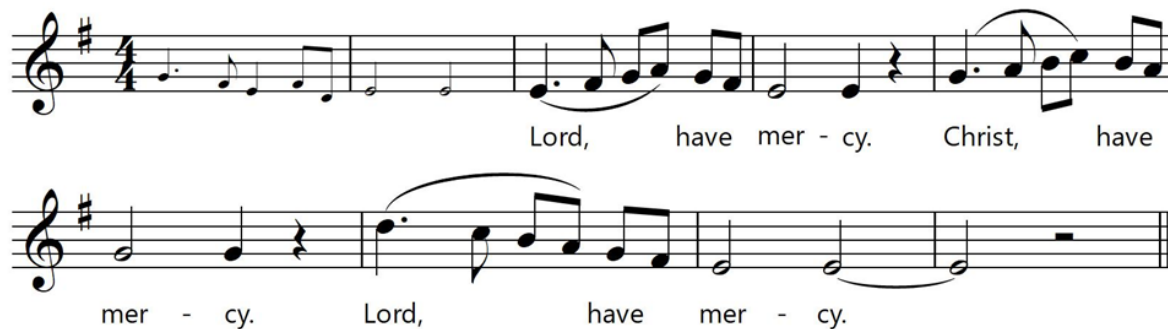
God of all time and space,
we confess our failure to use well
our time and our space.
We give our hearts to trivial matters.
We struggle to separate truth from clutter.
We neglect the needs of the neighbors
you direct us to love.
We exploit the world you have made
and have failed to care for your creation.
Forgive us.
Reshape our priorities and guide our efforts
that we may live our days to your glory.

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Luke 24:44-53

Large Print Pew Bible, page 111

Pew Bible, page 91

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Tree of Life

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

The text may be found at Hymn 226, **Glory 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.

SECOND READING: Acts 11:1-11

Large Print Pew Bible, page 158

Pew Bible, page 130

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: You Will Be My Witnesses

Dr. Jim Lunde

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind

Claude Means (1912-1999)

Let us, with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord, for he is kind;
For God's mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze God's name abroad, For of gods, he is God:
He with all-commanding might Filled the new-made world with light.

All things living God doth feed, God's full hand supplies their need;
For God's mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure. Amen.

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

*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!

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.

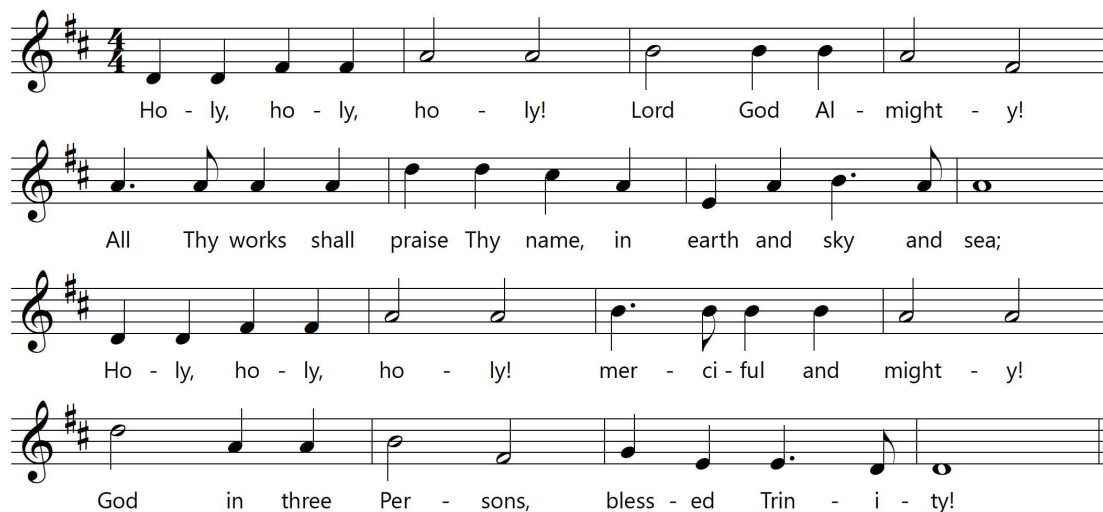
Lift up your hearts.

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*

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.

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world.

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 After Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN – No. 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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

Moment's Meditation

Dear God, Let me never forget that your name is Love. Amen
Henri Nouwen



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.

LITURGY today is liturgy is from *Call to Worship, PCUSA*.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dean Vaughn by his family.

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.

JUNE SUMMER CHOIR - 2025 EDITION: Did you enjoy singing in your high school chorus (no matter how long ago) ... and you miss it? Did you sing in college, while majoring in a non-music discipline ... and want to slide in and sing again? SUMMER CHOIR is for you! Rehearsals for easy, meaningful anthems are on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the sanctuary. Many of our regular singers will be present to welcome and help you - and you'll add immeasurably to our worship. We guarantee a wonderful experience as we sing and worship together. (June 8 anthems include "Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me" and "I Will Sing With the Spirit") Please come on Sundays at 9:15am! Questions? Call/text David Vaughan, 336-512-1115.

THE DON'T TRASH IT! LINENS DRIVE—Our Annual Churchwide Opportunity to Serve

Linens are ready to be picked up for washing! Pick them up after church today or any Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 am -12N at the Garrison-Joyner Building (Scout Hut)

Come and help volunteers sort and package linens any Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 am-12N at the Garrison-Joyner Building (Scout Hut).

Pick up oversized comforters and mattress pads and take them to the laundromat.

We provide the quarters! A huge pile awaits in the Scout Hut.

Thank you so much for your help with this effort which enables us to deliver a complete "bed-in-a- bag" with every mattress set we deliver —approximately 375 a year!

Donations needed now:

- Upholstered furniture—sofas and chairs
- Pots and pans, especially frying pans, sauce pans and large soup/pasta pots
- Cooking utensils and Kitchen knives

VBS MISSION PROJECT - Care Kits for our neighbors experiencing homelessness in coordination with Allied Churches of Alamance County.

Please bring any or all of these items in June. A collection bin will be located in the hallway across from Charlotte's office (Room 204) near the coffee station.

The kits will be gallon Ziplock-type bags with these items inside; therefore the items need to be small enough to fit in the gallon bag:

Travel size dry shampoo
Travel size deodorant
Packets bathing towelettes
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Hand sanitizer
Small bottles of water
Granola bars

PENTECOST PARTY: Join us for a Pentecost Celebration after worship on Sunday June 8th in Shive Hall.

On the festival day of Pentecost God poured out God's Spirit upon disciples gathered from many nations. Wind rushed through the house and flames rested upon their heads. Then the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they were able to speak in other languages which the Spirit gave to them. A crowd drawn by the sound, were astonished because they were able to understand the believers in their own native language. We call this the Birthday of the Church. You are invited to join us for pizza and salad, &, of course, birthday cake. We will explore kid and adult-friendly games and crafts of wind, flame and languages!

ADULT MISSION TRIP: Would you like to join a local team to share in mission in the Burnsville area from 7/28 through 7/31 to participate in Hurricane Helene relief work. The group will be working with the North Carolina Baptist on Mission relief program. The work will be light construction or some demolition as we help bring homes damaged during last year's Hurricane Helene back to a livable condition. Baptists on Mission has reserved 10 spaces for our team with housing and meals provided. Carpooling to the site will take place. To sign up, contact Henry Carrouth (336-213-6335).

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1

9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
11:15 a.m. Youth Advisors Meet – Room 227

Monday, June 2

Noon Furniture Ministry Team Meeting – Room 228
6:30 p.m. VBS Leader and Shepherd Training via Zoom

Tuesday, June 3

7:30 a.m. Dough Devotions for Youth – The Park
8:00 a.m. Nominating Committee Meets via Teams
10:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Meeting – Room 203

Thursday, June 5

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets – Room 201
11:00 a.m. Evans/Sullivan Wedding Rehearsal – Williams Chapel
11:15 a.m. John Knox Fellowship & Enrichment Class Leaders Meet – Room 228
3:30 p.m. CDC Graduation – Shive Hall