A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Mission: Durham Literacy Center

Lizzie Ellis Furlong

PRELUDE He Is Risen

Wolfgang Hiltscher

*Introit

The Lord Is Risen

Adam Gumpelzhaimer

The Lord is risen from the grave. Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40:4-5)

Bert Clere

Leader: Happy at

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

People:

Who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

Leader:

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;

People:

None can compare with you.

All:

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Bert Clere

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Christ who gathers us in, we come to you both worshipping and doubting. We hear your words to go and tell all the world about the glory of your saving love for us, but we confess we put off the journey. In ways large and ways small, by what we do and what we fail to do, our doubt overwhelms our hope; our fear wins out over our trust; and the grace you offer us is forgotten in a haze.

(silent confession)

Dearest Jesus, forgive us. And in forgiveness awaken in us new desires. Give us new names. Give us pilgrim names. Give us names that speak of our renewed commitment to go where you send us; whether across the street or around the world; to share your love that bears all things and redeems all things. In forgiven love, let us find ourselves assured that you are with us always, even to the end of all time. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 233, verse 3)

Lancashire

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Kristin Meade

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

*Those who are able, please stand.

All:

God of action, you sent your disciples into the world to preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Psalm 84 (Pew Bible, OT Page 543) **PSALM LESSON**

The Word of the Lord. Leader: People: Thanks be to God!

Matthew 28:16-20 **GOSPEL LESSON** (Pew Bible, NT Page 34)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God! People:

"From Galilee to Caesarea Maritima to the World" Cheryl Henry **SERMON**

(A moment for meditation.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Chris Williams

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a glory we cannot vet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

(from the Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia)

*HYMN No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

*THE PEACE Michael Schultz

As we pass the peace, please be mindful that signs of hospitality and reconciliation may be expressed verbally.

The peace of Christ be with you. Leader:

People: And also with you.

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during The Peace.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Amy Wilson

(Following "A Time with the Children," children may join their parents in the pews or return to childcare.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Heather Wallace

I waited patiently for the Lord; Leader:

People: He inclined to me and heard my cry.

(Psalm 40:1)

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

... 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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Amy Wilson

Offertory Anthem

Now the Green Blade Rises

French Carol, arr. Ken Heitshusen

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, Thinking that he would never wake again Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; Love is come again like wheat arising green.

(You are invited to come forward with your Hunger for Change Offering following the anthem.)

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Amen

All:

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, the land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN No. 295

Go To the World!

Sine Nomine

*BENEDICTION

Cheryl Henry

*POSTLUDE

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Johann Kerll

Attention Parents: the Children's Choir will rehearse in the choir room immediately following worship.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then <u>return it to the starting point</u>, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Easter Sunday, April 21, we welcomed 64 visitors to worship.

Many thanks to the Scratch Fellowship Group for serving as liturgists today.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Chris, Meredith, Logan, and Evelyn Brown* in memory of *Seth Greyson Brown*.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship with their parents/guardians or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from Feasting on the Word.

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week:

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams **Bob Warren**, father of Dawn Carsey

Recovering at Home:

Margaret Mubanga Joseph Ngumi
Franzi Rokoske (and her mother) Mary Ann Ruegg
Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett* Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin* Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Pruitt Health (Carolina Point, Durham): Helen Garrison

The Forest at Duke: Fran Bryant

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Tia Allen, friend of the Walk-in Ministry
Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood
Bill Bigger, pastor of Hope Valley BC, Durham
Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss
Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King
Patrick Kimiti, friend of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett
Don Smith, recovering from the gas explosion near Brightleaf

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss



Beginning next Sunday, May 5

Some of you have been visiting FPC for quite some time; some of you have already joined (or are former members); and some of you are actively searching for a church home. To address your questions and curiosity about First Presbyterian Church, we will be offering a series of three Membership Inquiry classes in May. These classes will meet from 9:45-10:45 in the Wilson Parlor on three consecutive **Sundays:**

May 5, 12 and 19. It is our hope that you will learn a few things about the history, ministry, and mission of FPC, and begin to make some friends here. We do not require anyone to take these classes before joining; rather you are welcome to join at any time. During these classes, there will also be ample opportunity for you to ask questions which should help you make an informed decision about membership when you're ready. Just let one of the pastors know, and she/he will be glad to make that happen. Sunday School and a nursery are available for your children while you are in class, or you may bring them with you.

Lunch with us on Mother's Day!

Give mom a break, avoid long restaurant lines, and join us on Mother's Day, May 12, for a delicious lunch after worship in Watts-Hill Hall. The menu will include items for young appetites. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal. Make a reservation for your family by completing the enclosed lunch reservation slip, calling the church office at 919-682-5511, or responding to the EVITE. The deadline to RSVP is Wednesday, May 8.

Singers of New and Ancient Music present Late Spring Concert Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 p.m. at FPC

SONAM's concert will feature music of great Spanish-speaking poets and composers from the Renaissance to modern times. You'll hear works by Victoria, Lauridsen, Whitacre, de Silva, and more! To see the full program, go to https://sites.google.com/site/sonamchorus/upcoming-concerts. All proceeds benefit **LEAP** (https://www.durhamleap.org/), which seeks to advance dual-language literacy for Latino children in the Triangle community. All are welcome.

Sunday Worship Host - Volunteers Needed

In coordination with the Session, the FPC Emergency Management Team is looking for volunteers to serve as a Sunday Worship Host in the narthex (Main Street) of the church on Sunday mornings **during worship**.

The primary responsibility of the volunteer will be to direct any latecomers entering the Main Street doors into worship and to serve as a host during worship for visitors that may need help locating the water fountain and additional restrooms. Training will be provided for volunteers on how to address different questions and situations that may come up while in the narthex and also how to assist visitors that may not wish to participate in worship.

The volunteer commitment would be six-to-nine Sundays during the year and the volunteer training.

If you would like to volunteer for this position or have questions, please contact Chris Brown at 919-972-1358 or *jamesbro@gmail.com*.

The Hunger for Change Offering

First Presbyterian has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger and the CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our monthly Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and is divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **Penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **Nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **Dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **Quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The **FOURTH SUNDAY** of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering today.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



The Day of Resurrection!

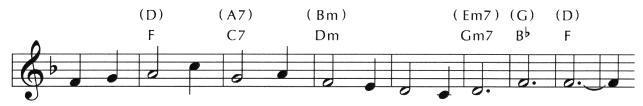


726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech oes true when you but call my name.



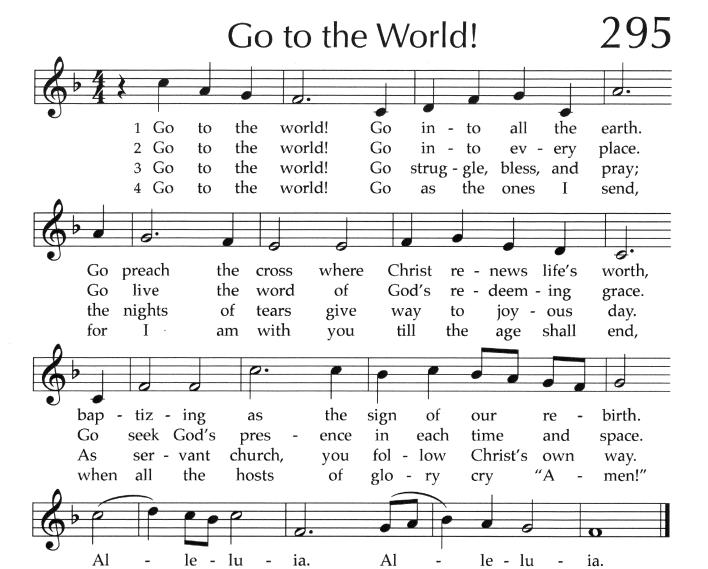
go where you don't know and nev - er the same? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er the be same? Will you set the pris-oners free and nev-er be the same? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er the be same? Let me turn and fol - low the you and nev - er same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen, Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round, In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



me?" will you let my life be grown in you and you in Will you let an - swer prayer in you and you me?" me in and ad - mit to what mean in you and you me?" I in through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?" I'll move and live and grow in you and you Thus in me.



~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: Scratch Group/Young Adults

Narthex Greeter: Chris Williams

After Worship Greeters: *Leah Graves* (narthex/rear); *Delia Kwon* (side/font) Ushers: *Matt Cline* (head), *Julie Whiddon* (counting), *Mary-Jo Keenan*

The Week at a Glance!			
Later Today	Monday, April 29	Tuesday, April 30	Wednesday, May 1
12:15 – 12:45 PM Children's Choir 12:30 – 2:30 PM New Officers' Training (Parlors; Lunch provided) 4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth	9:00 A.M. – Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews 6:00 PM Diaconate 6:30 PM Joint Officers' Supper 7:00 PM Session	8:00 – 8:45 AM High School Youth Midweek Morning Meal at Parker & Otis 1:30 PM Plan Worship 2:30 PM FPC Staff 7:00 PM Vox Men's Chorus	5:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
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Thursday, May 2 National Day of Prayer 9:00 A.M. – Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews	Friday, May 3 12 Noon – 1:00 PM "Jesus and the Disinherited" Book Study (last one)	Saturday, May 4 6:00 PM Iglesia Emanuel Dinner Fundraiser (at Trinity Avenue PC)	Sunday, May 5 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9:45 AM Sunday School / Membership Inquiry Class 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Children's Choir Racial Equity Task Force 12:30 – 2:30 PM New Officers Training
Annual Church Audit	National Day of Frayer Annual Church Audit		(at Trinity Ave PC) 3:00 PM SONAM Concert 4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth 6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Seniors Annual Banquet

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