

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

For those of you worshipping with us online, please have your bread and cup available at the beginning of worship so that we might partake of the elements at the same time.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Wayne L. Wold

Nathaniel Maxwell, trumpet

INTROIT

Be Not Afraid

Taize Community

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus our Lord has conquered the grave.

Leader: People:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader:

Sin and death shall reign no more.

People:

Christ is risen indeed!

Leader:

All:

Let this place resound with joy.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection.

Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

We are unsure of your promise,

confused about your will,

and afraid in the face of danger.

Call us by name, risen Lord,

that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death;

whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts:

whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,

forgive us our sin

and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation

through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

^{*} Those who are able, please stand.

*THE PEACE John Weicher

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Ruby Gentithes

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our

hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and

abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

(Pew Bible, OT Page 696)

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

Ruby Gentithes

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 118

Sung to Festal Song

Fling wide the righteous gates, that I may enter them;

"This is the gateway of the Lord, the just may now come in."

You answered me in need, and are my health alone; The stone the builders cast aside is now the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's own work, and marvelous to see; The Lord has acted on this day, we praise his victory.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT Page 90)

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

Mindy Douglas

SERMON

"Impossible Things Before Breakfast"

Mindy Douglas

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From A Declaration of Faith)

John Weicher

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

*HYMN No. 242

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

In Dir Ist Freude

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to the Offering

In addition to regular tithes and offerings, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received at this time. Please use the specially marked envelope provided in your bulletin for the OGHS offering. Your generous gifts to this offering provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help empower the poor and oppressed around the world.

Offertory Anthem

The Day of Resurrection

Ellacombe arr. Evelyn Larter

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; And listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas and Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new

covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so, we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of unending praise:

All (sung): Sanctus Hymn No. 572



Leader:

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader:

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stones of despair, oppression, lament, grief, death, sin, and fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger and thirst shall meet you in the breaking of the bread. Shape your church to be your risen body.

All (sung):

Hymn No. 574



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All the bread is gluten free. The elements were prepared in a gluten-free area.

You will be directed to come forward to receive the bread, then the cup.

Please return to your seat after receiving the elements.

Empty cups may be placed in the holders in the pews.)

Hymn No. 240 (Choir and congregation)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All:

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this Day of Resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered death and has risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and

thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises

Noel Nouvelvet arr. Wayne L. Wold

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 return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you. On April 10, 149 joined us for in-person worship and 27 households watched the live-streamed broadcast.

THANKS to all who provided the majestic Easter lilies, presenting them as a glorious symbol of the Easter message, in memory or in honor of special ones. We are grateful to Jean Wilson, Phyllis Verhey, and Alice Raney for arranging for their delivery and placement in the sanctuary. If you contributed to the cost of the lilies, you may take a lily with you following worship today. If you desire for your lily to be taken to a homebound church member, please leave it in the sanctuary so it can be delivered by members of the Diaconate. We also thank those of you who brought flowers and greenery to flower the cross.

Special thanks to Nathaniel Maxwell (trumpet) for providing music for today's worship.

Nursery care for infants through 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Our Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of Elder Ed Kwon, was originally dedicated on April 30, 2017. This candle stands as a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, his resurrection, to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross, an alpha and omega, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. Traditionally, the Candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at Baptisms where it signifies that we are crucified and resurrected with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul's message in Romans 6: 3-4 that "all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ ... have been buried with him ... into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead ..., so we too might walk in newness of life."

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from Book of Common Worship (1993, 2018), Eucharistic Prayers, Feasting on the Word, and Glory to God (hymnal).

Many thanks to John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, and Keith Rokoske for their technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings.

Restrooms are in the narthex (to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary), on the second floor of the education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship.

Large print worship bulletins are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer. Worship activity bags are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

The bulletin cover is Joel Schoon-Tanis's Easter scene (from Facebook).



If you have not already made a reservation for your household, please complete and drop the enclosed luncheon reservation slip in the offering basket before leaving church *TODAY*. Sunday, May 1 will be our final day to celebrate FPC's sesquicentennial anniversary. Indoor and outdoor activities are planned. Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield are preparing the meal for us. There is no cost for the meal.

Our Concerns

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- Dan and Amy Mapel on the death of Amy's father. Harold Shelton died April 11 in Mt. Vernon, Texas. He had been in hospice care.
- Al and Judy Arrowood on the death of Al's brother. Gerald Arrowood died April 14 in Marietta, GA.

Wes Carson is recovering at The Forest at Duke Health Center.

Roger Kalthoff, husband of Jane Williams, at home under the care of hospice

Carol McKnight, undergoing tests at Duke Hospital

Katy Loebrich's father is recovering from a fall.

Paul Cornsweet

Harold Dunlap

Kerry Holbrook

Maxie Honeycutt Katy Loebrich

Jancy Johnstone

George Kafula

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Care Communities:

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: Arthur Clark

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: Phillip Herndon

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe, Walter Chambliss (Will Chambliss' dad)

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Bob Barton, father of Cheryl Barton Henry and father-in-law of Andy Henry

Greer & Jenn Brown, friends of Logan Tice

John Carter, brother of Conrad Carter

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

David Jackson, friend of Linda & Conrad Carter

Rosalind Mbugua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett Richard Smith, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings
Doc and Theresa Huntley, parents of Lesley Curtis
Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters
Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss
Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson
Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

Upcoming (and on-going!) Fellowship Opportunity April 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Each third Thursday of the month members and friends of FPC gather for a relaxed time of fellowship. No RSVP needed, all ages welcome, light munchies provided and more food available from J. Lights Market & Cafe if you want to make it your dinner or enjoy Two Roosters Ice Cream for dessert! Someone from FPC will always be there so come when you can, leave when you must.

Support FPC Youth's Fundraiser for Afghan Refugee Resettlement

If you loved your FPC socks or mask last year, wait until you see these t-shirts and hats. Designed by FPC youth, these hats and shirts are being sold by the Youth Ministry Committee, with funds from sales will go to help First Presbyterian Church sponsor refugee families resettling here in Durham.

Shirts (<u>Love in the Heart of Durham FPC Shirts Custom Ink Fundraising</u>) and hats <u>Fabulous</u> <u>FPC Hats Custom Ink Fundraising</u>) are \$25 each. (Note that there are separate links for ordering each.) Unlike last year, hats and shirts will be available for pick up at the church. The fundraiser closes on Tuesday, April 26, so order ASAP.

SONAM Spring Concert for Urban Ministries of Durham

Singers of New and Ancient Music (SONAM) is back!

Please join them for their first concert since January 2020!

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of FPC

All proceeds will benefit Urban Ministries of Durham and their mission offering food, shelter, and a future to those in need around the Durham community. The concert will feature music about turning sorrow into joy, including works by Byrd, Palestrina, Schütz, Rachmaninoff, and more.

It is time for another Day of Service to bag rice and beans for the Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel

Saturday, April 23 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon 2504 N Roxboro Street (parking lot)

The rice and beans need to be ordered ahead of time for this event. The order is based on the number of volunteers expected that day. Please sign up if you plan to help on April 23: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084eaaab2ea3f94-dayofservice. Questions? Contact Margaret Rubiera. You are also asked to bring canned protein (chicken or tuna) for the pantry.

Welcome Spring

SPRING POP-UP OPPORTUNITIES

- Saturday, April 30 8:00 a.m. Birding with David and Judy Smith at Brumley North Nature Preserve on Old NC 10.
- Saturday, May 14 10:00 a.m. Intro to Yoga with Franzi Rokoske at Rigsbee Shelter at Duke Forest.
- Monday, May 23 6:00-8:00 p.m. Duke Chapel Organ Crawl with Kathy Parkins.

None of these your thing? Keep your eyes open for more opportunities around music and trivia! Have a hobby or interest you'd like to share? Willing to 'host' a hike on your favorite trail? Have the best backyard for s'mores or a campfire? Looking for some company to wander Duke Gardens? Contact Mitzi Lesher-Thomas about creating/hosting a spring pop-up!

Go here to see details and to sign up to participate in a pop-up! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D49A9AC29A75-first



Our blood supplies in area hospitals are at a critical level again. Donors urgently needed!

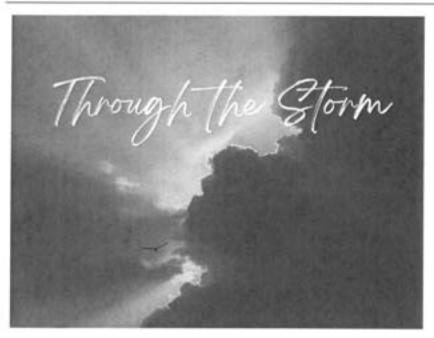
FPC is holding another blood drive . . .

Thursday, May 5, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Watts-Hill Hall at FPC.

Go online to *RedCrossBlood.org* and use code **firstpres** or use the **RAPIDPASS donor App** to save time! Information about donating

blood can be found in the church foyer or contact **Julie Whiddon** at 919-730-6673.

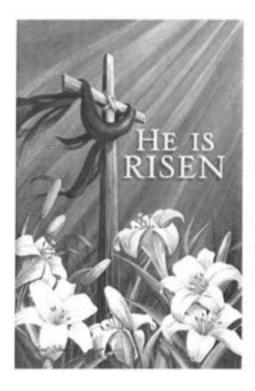
We have many slots to fill. Invite neighbors, friends, and co-workers to come and donate blood! Walk-ins are also welcome.



Women's Voices Chorus Spring Concert

Sunday, May 1, 2022 4:00 p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary

This concert illuminates the inevitability of life challenges while celebrating overcoming fear with courage, adversity with resilience, and uncertainty with action. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$7 for children and students. Masks and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test result are required. Purchase tickets from WVC's website: womensvoiceschorus.org and pick up at FPC from the will-call table. FPC members can reserve a complimentary ticket by contacting Kathy Parkins by April 25.



In celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday morning, April 17, 2022, First Presbyterian Church members and friends have chosen to honor the memory or life of loved ones and friends by making gifts toward the purchase of our Easter lilies and for contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which helps to feed the hungry, assist victims of disasters, and enable the poor to help themselves.

The names of those so honored and the donors of those gifts are as follows:

| Given By | In Memory Of | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Linda Barenchi | Chuck Barenchi | | |
| Robert and Jane Brawley | Sara Frances Brawley | | |
| Conner Davis (brother) and Tessa Davis (sister) | Annelise Davis | | |
| Susan Dunlap | M. Jean Dunlap | | |
| Barbara and Peter Fish | Our parents: Marion and Laurens Fish, Olga and John Maly | | |
| Shirley Frederick | Mae Frederick Jubinsky (sister) | | |
| Joe and Carlisle Harvard | Rebecca and Sherwood Harvard, Elizabeth and James Bankston Caughman, Tyrone McMillian (dear friend) | | |
| Kathy Krahenbuhl | Ann Atwater | | |
| Bet Lawson | Dewey Lawson | | |
| Marcia, Stephen, and David Lorimer | Bill Lorimer | | |
| Stan and Vickie Luboff | Marilyn Anshel | | |

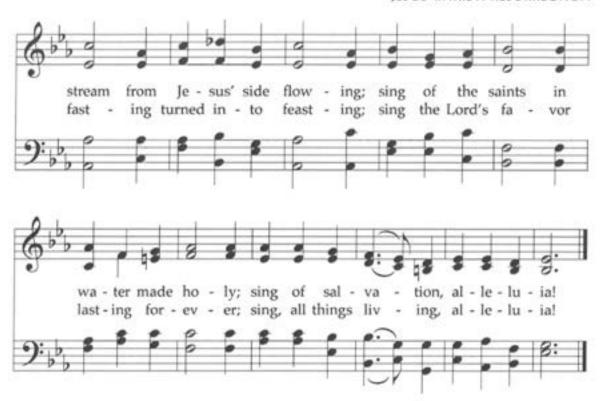
| Given By | In Memory Of | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Wendy and Mac McCorkle | Elinor and Pope McCorkle, | | |
| | Sally and Lewis Johnson | | |
| Madge McKeithen | Edna and Leighton McKeithen | | |
| | Isaac Levy | | |
| Valerie McMillian | Tyrone McMillian (husband) | | |
| | Evelyn Bass (mother) | | |
| Beth and Vernon Neece | All family members who have gone before us | | |
| Charlotte Nelson and | Margaret Ann Nelson | | |
| Wib, Paul, and Caroline Gulley | (65) | | |
| Alice Girvin Raney | Thomas Raney | | |
| | Ethel Lipscomb Girvin | | |
| Floalice Piper Reaves | Leonard and Edwina Piper | | |
| Steve Rimmer, | Martha Rimmer | | |
| Lyn and John Williams | David Rimmer | | |
| Seitzer family | B.J. Seitzer | | |
| Phyllis Supple | John Supple | | |
| Phyllis Verhey | Allen Verhey | | |
| Eric Wiebe and | Marjorie Shimer | | |
| Cynthia Shimer | | | |
| Given By | In Honor Of | | |
| Robert and Jane Brawley | Anna Patrick Brawley | | |
| Mindy Douglas | FPC staff | | |
| Susan Dunlap | Harold E. Dunlap | | |
| Dale Gaddis | Mitzi Lesher-Thomas | | |
| Joe and Carlisle Harvard | Valerie McMillian | | |
| Kathy Krahenbuhl | Maxie Honeycutt, Roger Kalthoff | | |
| Valerie McMillian | FPC Office Volunteers | | |
| | Walk-in Ministry Volunteers | | |
| Deborah Momsen-Hudson | Walk-in Ministry Volunteers | | |

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242 Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded







240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



| The Week at a Glance! | | | | |
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| Later Today No Youth Groups | Monday, April 18 Church Office is CLOSED in observance of the Easter holiday | Tuesday, April 19 1:00 PM Plan Worship 2:00 PM Program Staff No book Study | Wednesday, April 20 7:00 PM Chancel Choir No Book Study | |
| Thursday, April 21 6:30-7:30 PM Third Thursday Fellowship at Hi-Wire Restaurant (800 Taylor St.) | Saturday, April 23 9:30 AM - 12 Noon Day of Service (bag rice and beans) at Iglesia Emanuel | 2nd Sunday of East 9:45 AM Faith for Children 11:00 I The Hun | Sunday, April 24 ad Sunday of Easter / Creation Care Sunday 9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for Children, Youth and Adults 11:00 AM Worship The Hunger for Change offering is received. | |
| Friday, April 22 | | 12:30 – 2:30 PM New Officers' Training (Lunch included; meet in Watts-Hill Hall) | | |
| Confirmation Retreat April 22, 4:30 PM – April 24, 12 PM | | 4:30-6:30 PM Youth Group (6th-12th) Gluten-Free Flour War (w/TAPC & WPC) 2927 Tavistock Dr. | | |
| | | 8:00 PM MnM Fellowship Zoom ID: 87574376074 | | |

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director Vernon Cooper, Sexton Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate Omar Guess, Sunday Morning Sexton



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus Sybil King, Administrative Assistant Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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