



The Three Marys by Henry Ossawa Tanner

**EASTER SUNDAY
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

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April 20, 2025

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Karolyn Mangeot

PRELUDE

Celebration Fanfare in F
Laura Kelley, trumpet

Charles Callahan

INTROIT

Alleluia
Anna Blair, percussion

Honduran Melody

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mindy Douglas

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

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

CONFESSION OF SIN

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**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.**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

I Danced in the Morning, v.5

Lord of the Dance

They cut me down and I leapt up high.

I am the life that will never, never die.

I'll live in you if you'll live in me,

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,

and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Steve Rimmer

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.

Steve Rimmer

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT Page 90)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Resurrection Consequences"

Mindy Douglas

(Silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

Esther Hethcox

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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

*(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 for the OGHs offering.** Your generous gifts to this offering provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and help empower the poor and oppressed around the world.)*

Offertory Anthem

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
Deborah Coclanis and Ann Huff, pianists

Ralph Vaughan-Williams,
arr. Courtney

*Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out:
But above all the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.*

— George Herbert

*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!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Esther Hethcox

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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; Great is the mystery of faith:

All (sung): Hymn No 553

Land of Rest

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

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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. 554

Land of Rest

A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Ecumenical version ★

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Esther Hethcox, John Weicher

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(The bread and the elements are gluten free and were prepared in a gluten-free area. We use grape juice in the cup. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive communion. **The server will give you a piece of bread, which you dip in the cup.** After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)*

Hymn No. 240 (Choir and congregation)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

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.

*HYMN NO. 238

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Suite in D Major for trumpet and organ—Overture

G.F. Handel



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

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 *Alice Raney, Jean Wilson,* and *Vernon Cooper* for ordering, arranging for their delivery and beautiful 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.

Thank you to Laura Kelley, Anna Blair, Deborah Coclanis, and Ann Huff for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the first and second floors of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

The **Lenten Banner** was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of **Bess Bryant** and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

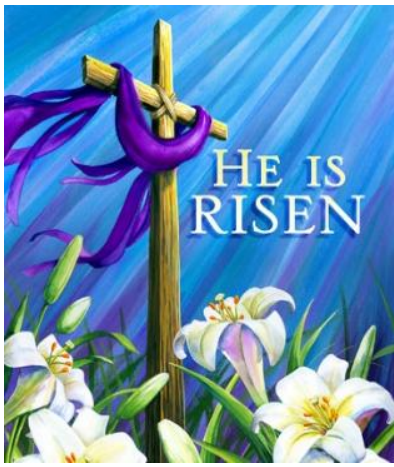
The paraments and communion tablecloth used in worship today were given by **Ruth and Russell Roberson** in memory of their mothers: **Zenobia Teresa Cox Haislip** and **Myrtle Taylor Roberson**, both of whom were quilters, for the 150th Anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church of Durham, North Carolina December 31, 1871 - December 31, 2021. They were designed and sewn by **Beth Taylor**, a fabric artist and modern quilter. She created the unique communion cloth and paraments for First Presbyterian by including personal items of meaning and significance donated by members. Beth and her husband **Robert Parker** are former members of First Presbyterian Church and now live in the mountains of Virginia.

★ **The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated:** From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way.

Portions of today's worship resources were reprinted from: *Book of Common Worship, Eucharistic Prayers, Feasting on the Word*, and *Glory to God (hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926. Cover: Henry Ossawa Tanner, *The Three Marys*, 1910, Fisk University, Nashville, TN.

Notes on the anthem: Ralph Vaughan-Williams composed this anthem in 1911 using the beautiful text by English metaphysical poet, George Herbert. Herbert was born in 1593 into a Welsh family and moved to England and became a priest. He is known as one of the foremost devotional poets of his age. This anthem was originally composed for choir and orchestra and this arrangement with one piano, four hands, is extremely true to the original musical notation. We are fortunate to have two fine pianists who can accompany us.

These Days devotional books for April-June are available in the foyer.



In celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday morning, April 20, 2025, 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:

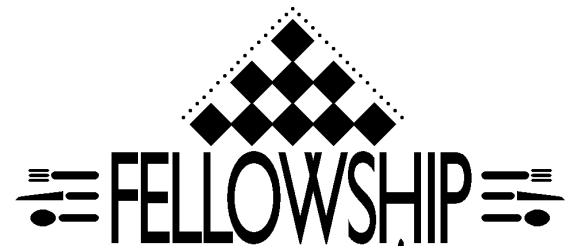
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Kewsi Aggrey & Debbie Hamlin-Aggey	Teresa Appiah, Susan S. Hamlin
Mary Ann, Will, & Anna Compton	Webb McCracken
Sarah Cunningham	Archie Mills
George Danser & Jean Cary	Carlisle Harvard
Megan Dubiel	Bud Dubiel & Joseph Sabo
Susan Dunlap	Harold & Jean Dunlap
Barbara & Peter Fish	Olga & John Maly, Marion & Laurens Fish
Shirley Frederick	Maxie Honeycutt, Ray Frederick
Joe Harvard	Carlisle Harvard, Rebecca & Sherwood Harvard, Elizabeth & James Caughman
Kerry Holbrook	Rosemary Orphys, Joy & Orval Wintermute
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Marcia, Stephen & David Lorimer	Bill Lorimer
Beth & Vernon Neece	Eva Martin, Helen Neece Penwell, Virginia Antrim
Charlotte Nelson	Jane & Bill Nelson and Jane & Bill Gulley
Lanier Pratt	Ella Fountain Keesler Pratt
Alice Raney	Thomas Raney

Caroline Davis Rourk	M. Henderson Rourk, Jane Davis Rourk, Margaret Smith Davis, Malcolm H. Rourk III, William Javan Davis, Christopher Michael Whitworth.
Phyllis Supple	John R. Supple
Hendrika Vande Kemp	The heavenly contingent of the Vande Kemp clan
Phyllis Verhey	Allen Verhey
Charles Rimmer, Lyn, & John Williams	Martha Rimmer

Given By...	In Honor of ...
The Abels	Our clergy & church staff
Anonymous	Valerie McMillian, Robert Daye
Kathryn Lester-Bacon & Michael Bacon	Tom & Ellen Bacon
George Danser & Jean Cary	Jeanne Hervey, Harriett Mitchell, Joe Harvard
Kerry Holbrook	All gender expansive folx
Michael Honeycutt & Paul Pasquarella	Linda & Conrad Carter
Floalice Piper-Reaves	Leonard & Edwina Piper
Sara Radtke	Rowan Radtke
Caroline Davis Rourk	Elizabeth Davis



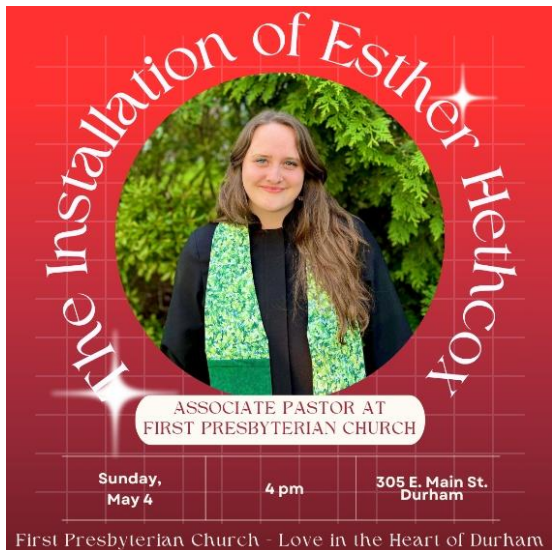
**The FPC church office will be closed
on Monday, April 21,
in observance of the Easter Holiday.**



**Daytimers' Luncheon
Tuesday, April 22 at 11:30 AM**

First Presbyterian Church
305 E. Main Street
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Watts-Hill Fellowship Hall



**The Installation of Esther Hethcox
as Associate Pastor**

Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
305 E. Main Street
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Reception to follow in Watts Hill Hall



**First Friends Coffee Klatch
Saturday, May 17 at 10:00am**

Home of Cherrie & Andy Henry

Join us for a breakfast potluck with your
favorite dish. Coffee and tea provided.
Dress casual and comfortable for the
weather. We will be outside if at all possible.

RSVP by contacting Cherrie at 919-599-9406
or Andy at 919-599-9405.

~Celebrations and Concerns of the Congregation ~

We remember in prayer:

<i>Tony Brown</i>	<i>Dennis Buckley</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Sam Crabtree</i>
<i>Susan Cyr</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee House</i>	<i>Ann Huff</i>
<i>Jenni James</i>	<i>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</i>	<i>Diane Lesman</i>	<i>Jen McGonigle</i>
<i>Madge McKeithen</i>	<i>Laura McNab</i>	<i>Harriett Mitchell</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>
<i>Keith Rokoske</i>	<i>Alfred Tisdale</i>	<i>Phyllis Verhey</i>	

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: <i>Dub Gulley, Harvey Estes</i>	Durham Ridge: <i>Phillip Herndon</i>
Hillcrest Convalescent: <i>Carol Wills</i>	Pruitt Health - Durham: <i>Fred Callaway</i>
Brookdale Senior Living: <i>Debbie Mathews</i>	

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Julia Allen, grandmother of Amy Wilson
Evan Breyer, grandson of friends of Jo Ann Moore
Francisca Cristobal, relative of Al and Judy Arrowwood
Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings
Linda Foster-Momsen, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson
Cheryl Fowler, friend of Cheri Reece
Michael Gilmer, neighbor of Becky Martin
Jennifer Hervey, daughter-in-law of Jeanne Hervey
Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff
Katie Jackson, wife of Matthew Hirsch
Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins
Wu-Chou Su, father of Claire Su
Logan Tice, friend of the congregation
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

This Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p>12:15 PM No Children's Choir</p> <p>5:00 PM No Youth Groups:</p> <p>8:00 PM No MnM's Fellowship</p>	<p>Monday, April 21 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>11:45 AM Coalition for Affordable Housing & Transit (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>11:45 AM Investment Subcommittee</p>
	<p>Tuesday, April 22 <i>Newsletter Release</i></p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning (Mindy's Office)</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance & Investment Committee (Daye Meeting Room)</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 23</p> <p>1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting (Mindy's Office)</p> <p>4:30 PM Yoga (Room 201)</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>Sunday, April 27 <i>Creation Care Sunday</i> <i>Hunger for Change Offering</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Faith Formation (Classes available for children, youth, and adults.)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship; Cris Rivera, Preaching</p> <p>12:15 PM Diaconate (Watts Hill Hall) No Children's Music</p>
<p>Thursday, April 24</p>	<p>12:30 PM Officer Training (Wilson Parlor)</p>
<p>Friday, April 25</p> <p>10:30 AM Yoga (Room 201)</p>	<p>5:00 PM Youth Groups Cookie Baking and Care Packages (Home of Brent Curtis)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>
<p>Saturday, April 26</p>	

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



Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
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 (Medical Leave)

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