

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 1, 2018

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it along the pew.
Turn off all cell phones, and refrain from using cameras during worship.*

VOLUNTARY: Music for Brass and Organ

*Brass Ensemble
John Alexander, organ*

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Sid Batts

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: **Christ has risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: **Christ has risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

All: **Christ has risen! Alleluia!**
Thanks be to God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 123 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - - - le-
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - - le-
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - - - le-
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - - le-



lu - ia! Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 lu - ia! Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
 lu - ia! Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal as God's love;



Al - - - - le - lu - ia! Who did once up-
 Al - - - - le - lu - ia! Who en - dured the
 Al - - - - le - lu - ia! Now a - bove the
 Al - - - - le - lu - ia! Praise our God, ye



on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia! Suf - fer to re-
 cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia! Sin - ners to re-
 sky He's King, Al - - le - lu - ia! Where the an - gels
 heaven - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and



deem our loss. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 deem and save. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er sing. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Doug McLeroy (10:30 a.m.)

**Alleluia! We praise you, O God,
for the power of your saving love
revealed in the resurrection of our Lord.
We await with gladness your new heaven and new earth.
As you have raised Jesus from the dead
give to us the gift of everlasting life,
that we may worship you forever;
through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**



CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn No. 119 – The Strife is O'er VICTORY

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done,
 2. The powers of death have done their worst,
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped,
 4. Lord, by Your wounds on Cal - va - ry

The vic - to - ry of life is won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed:
 Christ ris - es glo - rious from the dead:
 From death's dread sting Your ser - vants free,

The song of tri-umph has be - gun. Al-le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al-le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al-le - lu - ia!
 That we may live e - ter - nal - ly. Al-le - lu - ia!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: *1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-19* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 176)
Readers: Felix Ndayisenga (8:30 a.m.); Garrison Trotter (10:30 a.m.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Neil Dunnivant (8:30 a.m.)
Doug McLeroy (10:30 a.m.)

*(Children ages 4 – first grade are invited to Worship Enrichment
and will return for the Hymn of Response.)*

ANTHEM: Antiphon from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir

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!

SECOND LESSON: *Luke 24:1-12* (PEW BIBLE, PAGE 90)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: April Fools Sid Batts



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 371 – Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

Refrain (All)



Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



(All)	1. Come,	let	us	fol -	low	where	our	Cap -	tain
(Men)	2. Led	on	their	way	by	this	tri -	um -	phant
(Women)	3. Each	new -	born	ser -	vant	of	the	Cru -	ci -
(Choir)	4. O	Lord,	once	lift -	ed	on	the	glo -	rious
(All)	5. So	shall	our	song	of	tri -	umph	ev -	er

Repeat Refrain



trod, our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 sign, the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 fied bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
tree, as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 be: praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH David Partington (8:30 a.m.)

Dolly Jacobs (10:30 a.m.)

**Jesus is our living Lord.
 Jesus was dead and buried,
 but God raised him from the dead.
 The risen Lord appeared to his followers.
 They recognized him as their Master
 who had been crucified.**

**Before Jesus left them,
he commissioned them to proclaim to all people
the good news of his victory over death,
and promised to be with them always.
We are certain that Jesus lives.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
Amen.**

– from A Declaration of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—*concluding with the 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Easter” from *Five Mystical Songs*.... Ralph Vaughan Williams (1873-1958)
Chancel Choir
Robert Wells, baritone

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise, without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold,
and much more, just.

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings,
what key is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

– text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... David Partington (8:30 a.m.)
Emma Ballenger (10:30 a.m.)

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIPSid Batts

* BENEDICTION

Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...
All: **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.
May we live by the Spirit.**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: No. 122 – Thine is the Glory.....JUDAS MACCABEUS



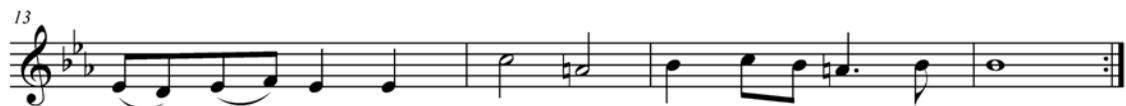
1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ri - sen from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of life!



End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.
 Lov - ing - ly He greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is nought with - out Thee; Aid us in our strife.



An - gels in bright rai - ment Rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors Through Thy death - less love;



Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes Where Thy bod - y lay.
 For the Lord now liv - eth; Death hath lost its sting.
 Bring us safe through Jor - dan To Thy home a - bove.



Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con - quering Son;



End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.

VOLUNTARY: Improvisation sur le Victieme Paschali Laudes

Charles Tournimire (1870-1939)

John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Sid Batts, Senior Pastor | *Neil Dunnivant*, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry (8:30 a.m.) | *David Partington*, Parish Associate for Congregational Care (8:30 a.m.) | *Doug McLeroy*, Parish Associate for Congregational Care (10:30 a.m.) | *Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (10:30 a.m.) | *Felix Ndayisenga*, Lay Reader (8:30 a.m.) | *Emma Ballenger*, FPC Child (10:30 a.m.) | *Garrison Trotter*, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | *Molly Lovvorn and Eva Engebretson* (10:30 a.m.) | *John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist | *Cheri Ward*, Trumpet | *Gavin Tranter*, Trumpet | *Abigail Pack*, Horn | *Nathan Phillips*, Trombone | *Dennis Askew*, Tuba | *Robert Wells*, Director of Chancel Choir | *Chancel Choir*

THIS MORNING IN REJOICE!

Rejoice!, our non-traditional service, takes place Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in Mullin Life Center, receiving the sermon via video link. Also leading Rejoice! today are:

Lara Musser Gritter, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident | *Josh Musser Gritter*, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident | *Donna Chase*, Director of Christian Formation | *Carrie Johnston*, Lay Reader | *James Keith*, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice! | *Brandon Lee*, Trumpet | *Steve Haines*, Bass | *Chad Eby*, Saxophone | *Evan Ringel*, Trombone | *Aaron Matson Septet* | *featuring special music arranged by Aaron Matson*

* Please stand as you are able.

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“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Text: *Lyra Davidica*; Music: *Lyra Davidica*.

“The Strife is O’er” Text: Latin; Music: Giovanni Pierluigi Da Palestrina.

“Lift High the Cross” Text: William Kitchin; Music: Sidney Hugo Nicholson.

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.

“Thine is the Glory” Text: Edmond Louis Budry; Music: George Frederick Handel.

Special offering for Greensboro Urban Ministry: Our special offering today will benefit Greensboro Urban Ministry, one of our Outreach partners. Urban Ministry is our city leader in ministry to the homeless and the hungry. With a 365-day-a-year night shelter, free daily meals, and a food pantry, the ministry provides essential Christian care for our community. We are proud to have enthusiastically and generously supported this ministry since 1967. Please use one of the offering envelopes in the Welcome notebooks and designate Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM) on the front. You may also just write GUM in the memo line of a check.



WHAT'S GOING ON: Connect with our media to keep in touch with upcoming programs and events.
Start at fpcgreensboro.org/connect.

THE LITURGICAL COLOR *WHITE* seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

PENNIES FOR HUNGER: You are invited to place donations to our Pennies for Hunger offering in the baskets at sanctuary entrances before worship. Offering goes to Hot Dish & Hope and other specific FPC hunger initiatives

SENIOR PASTOR SID BATTS HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT from the ministry effective November 1. Sid came to First Presbyterian in January 2001, the 11th senior pastor in our 194-year history. He also served churches in Mobile, Ala.; Atlanta; and Dunn and Lowell, N.C. The church's Session will begin planning in April for a celebration of Sid's ministry and a transition to the search for our next leader.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given by Phyllis Brooks and Jane and Douglas Lybrook to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Brooks, his parents Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey L. Brooks, and his brothers, Mr. Robert H. Brooks, Mr. Aubrey L. Brooks Jr. and Dr. J. Taylor Brooks.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE – You can honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sunday morning worship service in the Sanctuary. The flowers are accompanied by a note in the bulletin explaining their significance. Contact Carolyn Yow, 336.478.4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org to learn more.

DON'T ASSUME ... that the pastors know that you or other members are in the hospital or home with a lengthy illness. Please call the church offices at 336.373.0445 and let us know so that we can extend a hand in prayer and care.

PASTOR ON CALL: When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY ..." First Presbyterian Church would like to pray for you. Please fill out one of the prayer request cards, which are available in the Sanctuary, the Quiet Center on the second floor of the Smith Building, or the Mullin Life Center foyer outside of the Rejoice! worship service. Pastors read and pray these petitions each week. You may also email prayer requests to Dolly Jacobs, djacobs@fpcgreensboro.org. The FPC Intercessory Prayer Group meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Quiet Center, Smith 231. Contact Dolly Jacobs for information or to join.

BECOMING A MEMBER: We welcome anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ to join our community of growing disciples. New members are received after completing Explore FPC, a class about our church and its ministries. The class will be offered again over consecutive Sundays, June 3 and 10, 8:30 -10:15 am in Cannon's Solarium. To RSVP, including child care requests, contact Sara Manchester, 336.478.4722 or smanchester@fpcgreensboro.org.

OUR 10:30 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE IS LIVE-STREAMED on the web, and can be accessed at fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live, or via our Facebook page. You can also sign up for reminders and alerts at livestream.com/fpcgreensboro, and you can stream the service on mobile devices by installing the Livestream app (free account sign-in required).

APPLY FOR A 2018 GRANT from the Richardson Trust through April 3. The trust makes grants annually "for the benefit of Home and Foreign Missions and the benevolent causes of the church." Amounts tend to range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Information: Margaret Benjamin, chair of trustees, 336.339.1186. Apply at fpcgreensboro.org/serve

OVERFLOW PARKING: Our neighbor Hanes Lineberry allows us to use its parking lot for overflow on Sunday mornings and other occasions. Please do not park there if you see yellow "Funeral Parking" signs at the access points; that means a service or event is scheduled at the funeral home.

THE PARKING ASSISTANCE MINISTRY TEAM (PAM) has spaces on both sides of Greene Street reserved for our members and visitors with special needs. PAM volunteers can assist with guiding you to appropriate parking. If you are being driven to church, you may be dropped off at the Greene Street entrance while your driver parks.

USHERS NEEDED for Sanctuary worship services! If you can help out on Sunday mornings, contact Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336-478-4711.

No regular children's church school or youth activities scheduled for today.

IN MEMORIAM

**Bennie Lee Inman
March 28, 2018**

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, we encourage you to wear a name tag, available in the blue Welcome notebooks on your pew.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS, please sign the attendance pad in the Welcome notebooks. We care about how folks are doing and try to pay attention when our members haven't worshiped with us in a while. And please note the names of others on your pew and say "Hello!"

FAMILIES can find comfortable seating, a nursing screen, and a live feed of the service in the Myers Loyalty Room behind the Sanctuary. Parents must supervise children.

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, we offer ways to make worship meaningful for them. Children in second grade and up are encouraged to participate with the congregation in the full service. Children age three and under may enjoy the nursery. Children are also encouraged to lead in worship by being acolytes and lay readers, and by joining our children's choirs. Sign up for the children's e-news to learn about various opportunities for your child, and the whole family, to get involved in worship.

Nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 on the **first floor of Mullin Life Center**. Our Child Protection Policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

Children in Worship bags: Children in both Sanctuary and Rejoice! services are invited to participate in worship by using the **worship bags** with new activities, located in the Tower Room and in the back of Mullin Life Center. Please return your bag to the cart following worship.

Worship Enrichment is our children's worship time during the sermon for four-year-olds through first grade. Children will return to the service during the Hymn of Response.

Restrooms, including a family room, are located off the hallway behind the pulpit and chancel. We encourage young children to be accompanied by parents any time they leave the Sanctuary.

NEXT WEEK IN CHURCH

SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.

- **Gospel Values and Gun Violence** – pastor-led discussion in the Blair Hagan Room. Hosted by the Commitment Class, and joined by youth, Homebuilders, Faith Matters, and Faith, Community, Action classes.
- **Hillbilly Elegy** book discussion, led by Alexa Aycock in the Agape Class, which meets in the Garden Room.
- **The Book of Job** sets up a situation in which the protagonist, Job, is forced to ask: What is the nature of suffering? Why do good people suffer? What part does God play in suffering? And how do we humans make sense of suffering? study led by Gerald Donnelly in YMBC in Redhead Hall.
- **Genesis** – A deep study of the opening book of the Bible continues, hosted by Seekers class in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.