

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 21, 2019

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

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/
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 Danny Massie

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

**People: He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

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People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

— from 1 Peter 1:3-5

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 232 – 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!

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Matt Logan (8:30 a.m.)
Newton Cowan (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: If, at times we deny you, God forgive.
When the risks of discipleship are high,
And we are nowhere to be found.

People: God forgive.

Leader: When we wash our hands of responsibility:

People: God forgive.

Leader: When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors
And seek to buy freedom with silver:

People: God forgive.

Leader: When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth,
Or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

People: God forgive.

Leader: In the bright light of Easter morning, O God,
our sin is exposed
and your grace is revealed.

**All: Tender God,
raise us in your love so that, with joy,
we may witness to your awesome deeds,
in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal confession

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn No. 238 – Thine is the GloryJUDAS 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 565 AND 566)

Reader: Carolyn F. Hall (8:30 a.m.); Catherine Johns (10:30 a.m.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN..... Kevin Murray (8:30 a.m.)

Donna Chase (10:30 a.m.)

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

ANTHEM: Now Glad of Heart..... K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Chancel Choir

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon His throne, Alleluia!
Who on the rood was crucified, who rose again, as at this tide,
In glory to His Father's side, Alleluia!
Who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that love Him well
All in the light of lights to dwell, Alleluia!
To Him we lift our heart and voice and in His paradise rejoice
With harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing Alleluia!
Then rise, all Christian folk, with me and carol forth the One in Three
That was, and is and is to be, Alleluia!

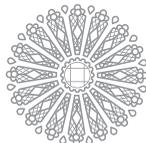
SECOND LESSON: *Matthew 28:1-10*..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 33 AND 34)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Feeling Easter..... Danny Massie

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal reflection



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 826 – 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.



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|---------|----|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| (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 Nate Sell (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.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God**

**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. 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: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!William Mathias (1934-1992)
Chancel Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen! Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered, and be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour, who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

- text: Christopher Wadsworth

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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
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!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Danny Massie

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* ... G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Chancel Choir

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

VOLUNTARY: Toccata from Symphony No V Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor

Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship (8:30 a.m.)

Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident (8:30 a.m.)

Newton Cowan, Pastoral Care (10:30 a.m.)

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care (10:30 a.m.)

Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry (8:30 a.m.)

Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation (10:30 a.m.)

Lizzie Albert and Nick VanGorden, Acolytes (8:30 a.m.)

Turner Pierce and Ce Ce Hunt, Acolytes (10:30 a.m.)

Carolyn F. Hall, Lay Reader (8:30 a.m.)

Catherine Johns, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.)

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

Joshua Kraus, Trumpet

Kyle Procopio, Trumpet

Abigail Pack, Horn

Nathan Phillips, Trombone

Dennis Askew, Tuba

Chancel Choir

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

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

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

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

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:

Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor

Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry

Hilda Courter, Lay Reader

James Keith, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Band

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

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lou Harris Tucker, Jane Harris Armfield, Emily Harris Preyer, and L. Richardson Preyer by Bob and Vicky Borden.

BECOMING A MEMBER: We welcome anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ to join our community of growing disciples. Those interested in membership who have an active membership at another Christian church can transfer their membership to FPC. New believers who are making a first time profession of faith or people who have been confirmed and would like to make a reaffirmation of faith are received after completing Explore FPC, a class about our church and its ministries. The class will be offered again Sunday, June 9, 8:30 -10:15 a.m. in Cannon's Solarium. To RSVP to the class (including child-care requests) or to inquire about a member transfer, contact our receptionist at receptionist@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4799.

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.

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.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL NEWS: You can sign up for our weekly E-News and our Thursday morning Sunday Preview at the link at fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media

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).

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.

THE MINISTRY OF MEMBERS – Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. *Such involvement includes:* • proclaiming the good news in word and deed; • taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation; • lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support; • studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life; • supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents; • demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church; • responding to God's activity in the world through service to others; • living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life; • working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment; • participating in the governing responsibilities of the church; • and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful. *(from the Book of Order)*

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP ENRICHMENT during our 10:30 am services. Please contact Lisa Witherspoon, lwitherspoon@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4726, if you are able to help out with this valuable experience.

NO REGULAR CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL OR YOUTH ACTIVITIES scheduled for today.

THE SAFETY OF FPC members and visitors is a priority for our ushers and greeters, who receive training in Session-adopted procedures. Please let them know if you observe anything that might require their attention.

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:

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: Young children are invited to choose from an assortment of crayons, coloring books, and other activities to create their own worship bag for the service. These items are located on a cart in the Tower Room. Please ask an usher for assistance, if needed. Bags should be returned to the cart after the service.

Worship Enrichment: After the children's message, ages 4 to 7 are invited to follow adult leaders to the Children's Space in the Welcome Center for Worship Enrichment. Children will return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

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.

- **"Grow, Hike, Pray"** led by Nate Sell, continues in Cannon's Solarium. Explore how gardening, pilgrimage, and prayer can foster spiritual growth.
- **"The Resurrection: Through the Eyes of the 4 Gospels"** in the Homebuilders/Faith Matters Class, meeting in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242.
- **"Holy War: The Crusades"** continues, led by Gerald Donnelly in YMBC. The Crusades to the Holy Land (1096-1300 CE) represent one of the most fascinating, odd, troubling, and astounding episodes in the history of Christianity. Class meets in Redhead Hall.
- **"Growing up in First Presbyterian Church and the journey to pastoral care"**, a discussion led by Newton Cowan in the Agape Class, meets in the Garden Room, down the hall from the Welcome Center.
- **Big God, Big Questions for Parents** – special class for confirmand parents, but open to all. "Are you ready to cross over?" led by Matt Logan. Meets in Memorial 300, Youth Room.
- **Exodus** – A deep study of the second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers Class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.