

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 28, 2019

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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: O Be Joyful ..... Cynthia Dobrinski  
*Westminster Ringers*

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY ..... Danny Massie

\* CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Matt Logan (8:30 a.m.)  
Danny Massie (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

**People: let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;

**People: and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?

**People: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 645 – Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

\* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION .....Matt Logan

**Eternal God, as your people we turn to you again for the forgiveness and renewal we need. We confess that we have been frustrated, confused, and hesitant disciples. We have tried to go it alone and found the responsibilities of discipleship too demanding. We have tried to meet temptation in our own strength and have found our resistance giving away. We have tried to face sorrow and disappointment by ourselves and have slipped into greater discouragement. We come to you now because we need the wisdom, the comfort, the encouragement, and the companionship which your Spirit alone can provide. Forgive us, Lord and give us trusting minds, confident hearts, and a greater openness to you and to your ministering presence in other people as we go through the various trials and moods of life, through Christ Jesus our Lord. 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: Christ Is Alive!..... TRURO

Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good news to  
this and ev - ery age, 'Till earth and sky and  
o - cean ring With joy, with jus - tice love, and praise.

The image shows a three-staff musical score for the hymn 'Christ Is Alive!'. The music is written in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the melody for 'Christ is a - live, and comes to bring Good news to'. The second staff continues with 'this and ev - ery age, 'Till earth and sky and'. The third staff concludes with 'o - cean ring With joy, with jus - tice love, and praise.' The score ends with a double bar line.

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*10:30 a.m. only*)

FIRST LESSON (*10:30 a.m. only*): *Psalm 13* ..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 494 AND 495)

*Reader: William Presson*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (*10:30 a.m. only*).....Matt Logan

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

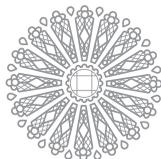
SECOND LESSON: *John 21:1-14* ..... (PEW BIBLE, PAGES 115 AND 116)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Got the Blues .....Danny Massie

*A brief period of silence is reserved for personal reflection*



## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 815 – Give to the Winds Thy Fears..... FESTAL SONG

A LITANY: FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT ..... Matt Logan (8:30 a.m.)  
Dolly Jacobs (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: O God, there are times when our doubts and anxieties and fears swirl around inside of us with chaotic frenzy and turmoil.

People: **Sometimes the world of order and meaning that we cherish seems to be disintegrating around us. Our world of life and light is threatened from every side, from within and without.**

Leader: Yet, in the midst of our fear, in the midst of our doubt, in the midst of our hopelessness, you, O Lord, are with us, calling us together to hear the gospel story to find in each other hope and love and testimony to the gracious charity and power of God's invincible rule.

People: **The light of God's gracious love, the hope that is ours in the gospel of Jesus, the faith that is our precious gift from God's merciful heart – since all of these are ours and we belong to God, let fear depart from among us and let us uncover our vulnerability and helplessness.**

Leader: To fall at the feet of Jesus is not weakness or cowardice. To confess our desperation, to acknowledge our need of God's love and healing, to understand that we, in ourselves, are afraid and confused, is to show the first movements of faith.

People: **Be not afraid. Be not afraid to look into your own darkness or to dwell in the midst of the darkness around you. Neither be afraid to look into the immeasurable light of God's goodness or to pass from your darkness into that light. Be not afraid to grasp the outstretched hand and be lifted from death into life. Be not afraid to journey from sickness into health. Be not afraid to travel from fear into hope, from despair into joy. Jesus said, "Be not afraid. Take heart. Follow me." Amen.**

*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: Celebration ..... Cynthia Dobrinski  
*Westminster Ringers*

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. 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!"

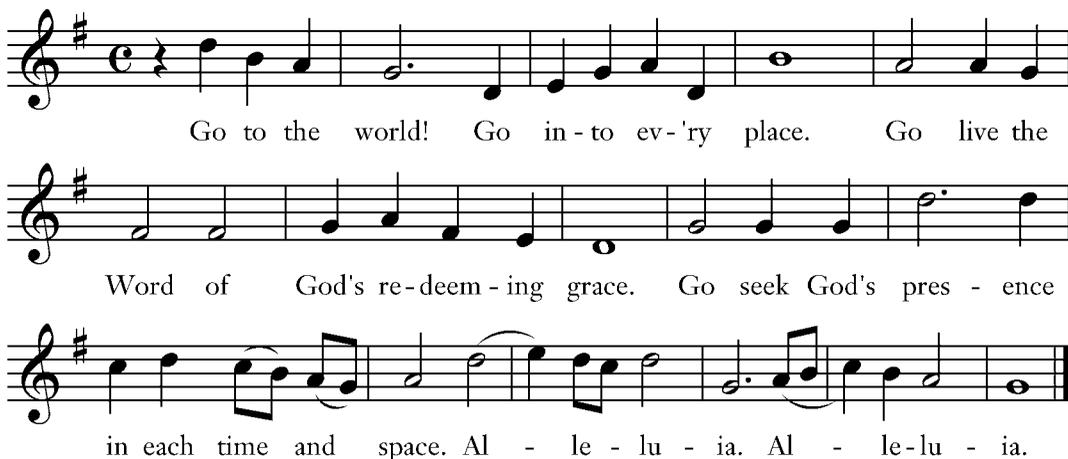
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise  
God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP .....Danny Massie (8:30 a.m.)  
Dolly Jacobs (10:30 a.m.)

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Go to the World! .....SINE NOMINE



Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place. Go live the  
Word of God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's pres - ence  
in each time and space. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

VOLUNTARY: Toccata on 'O Fillii' .....Lynwood Farnham  
*John Alexander, organ*



### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Danny Massie*, Interim Pastor | *Matt Logan*, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship  
*Dolly Jacobs*, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care (10:30 a.m.)  
*William Presson*, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.) | *Lizzie Albert*, Acolyte (10:30 a.m.)  
*John Alexander*, Director of Music and Principal Organist | *Westminster Ringers*

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Text: John Jacob Schütz; Music: Bohemian Brethren’s *Kirchengesang*.  
“Christ Is Alive!” Text: Brian Wren; Music: *Musica Sacra*.  
“Give to the Winds Thy Fears” Text: Paul Gerhardt; Music: William H. Walter.  
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Text: Thomas Ken; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*.  
“Go to the World!” Text: Sylvia Dunstan; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams.

### 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 | *Lisa Witherspoon*, Associate Director of Children’s Ministry  
*Andy Supple*, Lay Reader | *James Keith*, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice! | *Rejoice! Band*

\* Please stand as you are able.

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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 in loving memory of Virginia Reid Shelton and John Carroll Shelton by their children, Nancy Shelton Brown and John Carroll Shelton, Jr.

**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](mailto: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](http://fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media)

**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. The dates available are: June 30, July 28, August 11, September 1, and December 29. Contact Carolyn Yow, 336.478.4768 or [cwow@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:cwow@fpcgreensboro.org) to learn more.

**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.**

**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)*

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

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

**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.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**David L. Williams**  
**April 23, 2019**

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.

- **Continue the discussion** about environmental stewardship and environmental justice as a follow up to Thursday's *God Talks*. The Commitment class meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room.
- **"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.
- **Rev. Neil Dunnivant will lead** the Agape Class, meeting in the Garden Room, down the hall from the Welcome Center.
- **Exodus** – A deep study of the second book of the Bible, led by Gerard Davidson. Seekers Class meets in Vaughn Conference Room, Main 125.