



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 5, 2019

10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER/
CONFIRMATION 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: Praeludium, BuxWV Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Dolly Jacobs

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, why have you gathered here?

People: **God has called us here and we are responding
to the gospel of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Children of God, what do you hope for here?

People: **We hope to be united with the faithful of all ages, tongues,
and races in praising the God of love and power.**

Leader: Servants of God, with what mission will you be sent
from this place?

People: **We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

– from Bread for the Journey

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 726 – Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSIONNeil Dunnivant

**Compassionate God, you are always true to us in love
And we are left wanting to say sorry
For our faithlessness to you and to one another,
For our forgetting of the poor and the broken,
For our failure to cherish creation.
Give us life, Loving God, to change
And enable us to change, that we might live. Amen.**

– from the Iona Community

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: Be Thou My VisionSLANE

Be Thou my wis-dom, and Thou my true word; I ev - er
with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, what -
ev - er be - fall, Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: *Luke 24:13-27*Reader: Carolyn F. Hall

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDRENKevin Murray

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

ANTHEM: A Beautiful City from *Godspell* Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

Rejoice! Ensemble

Out of the ruins and rubble,
Out of the smoke,
Out of our night of struggle
Can we see a ray of hope?
One pale thin ray reaching for the day..

We can build a beautiful city.
Yes, we can(Yes, we can)
We can build a beautiful city.
Not a city of angels,
But we can build a city of man.

We may not reach the ending,
But we can start.
Slowly but surely mending,
Brick by brick,
Heart by heart.
Now, maybe now,
We start learning how.

We can build a beautiful city.
Yes we can(Yes, we can).
We can build a beautiful city.
Not a city of angels,
But we can build a city of man.

When your trust is all but shattered.
When your faith is all but killed.
You can give up bitter and battered,
Or you can slowly start to build!

A Beautiful City.
Yes, we can.(Yes, we can)
We can build a beautiful city,
Not a city of angels,
But finally a city of man!

SECOND LESSON: *Luke 24:28-43*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Chick-fil-A with the Big J.....Dolly Jacobs

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 543 – God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

CONFIRMATION

Pastoral Interpretation of ConfirmationDolly Jacobs

Introduction of the 2019 Confirmation ClassKevin Murray

Presentation Tricia Shaw

BaptismsDolly Jacobs

Questions of Faith..... Neil Dunnivant

1. Do you proclaim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
2. Do you put your trust in Jesus Christ?
3. Do you intend to be his disciples, to obey his word and show his love?
4. Will you be a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church?

Questions to Mentors and the Congregation

Pastor: Confirmation mentors, will you stand.... Having mentored these students through discussion and study do you commit your continued support, knowing you have helped them in one of many important steps in their faith journey?

Mentors: We do.

Pastor: Congregation, will you stand.... Will you, members of this church, welcome these new members of First Presbyterian and entrust them with the responsibility of leading our church into the future?

Congregation: We do.

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS *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.**

BLESSING OF CONFIRMANDS.....Dolly Jacobs

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... Neil Dunnivant

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

– "A New Creed" from the United Church of Canada

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Come, Believers in the Gospel John Horman (b. 1946)

Chancel Choir

Come, believers in the Gospel, share the good news we have heard:
God in Jesus Christ is with us! How amazing, how absurd
that such Love should dwell among us, conquer death, and live today,
offering humankind salvation, making known the Truth, the Way!

Holy people, God still calls us, like the saints of long ago,
to be one in faith and purpose as we worship, learn, and grow.
Be forgiven and forgiving, with your neighbors reconciled;
And in love, befriend the stranger, be God's grace to every child.

Children, pour the living water, consecrate the bread and wine,
bring a towel and humble basin, human symbols, yet divine.
Tell the ancient Gospel story of a cross and empty grave;
sing of Resurrection's glory to the world Christ came to save.

Heirs, with Christ, of truth and promise, People of the Book and Way,
God has gifted us with wisdom from the past to use this day.
Let the scriptures guide your thinking, and tradition shape your will,
That you may discern God's purpose and your mission thus fulfill.

Members of Christ's new creation, Love's great laws bind us as one,
calling us to righteous living, showing us the wrong we've done.
Live, repentant and forgiven, in obedience to the Way,
seeking justice for your neighbors, offering hope for life today

- text: Mary Nelson Keithahn

* 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 Dolly Jacobs

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: No. 749 – Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

VOLUNTARY: Dialogue Louis Marchand (1669-1732)

John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor

Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry

Tricia Shaw, FPC Elder

Carolyn F. Hall, Lay Reader

Emma Ballenger, Acolyte

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Ensemble

“Will You Come and Follow Me” Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule; Music: Scottish melody.

“Be Thou My Vision” Text: Irish poem; Music: Irish ballad.

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan; Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan.

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

“Come! Live in the Light!” Text: David Hass; Music: David Hass.

* Please stand as you are able.

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The following eighth-grade Confirmation Class members complete their journey to church membership during today's service.

Megan Elizabeth Abbot

Allyson Peyton Adcox

Hugh Dobson Carlson

Lydia Blanton Cochrane

Carson Bailey Compton

Sydney Turpin Hunt

Anne Byrd Kaplan

Elliott Marshall Kirkland

Mary Callie LaFave

Carlyle Elizabeth Lowe

Macy Bond McAlister

Sallie Reagan Neff

Kendall Carol Parr

Margaret Stude Pope

Steward MacMurray Presson

William Banks Rogers

Madeline Nicholas Ringer

Charles Thomas Sherrill

Elizabeth Reagan Sumner

Caroline Anne Turner

Megan Julia Witherspoon

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 by Frank M. Lee in loving memory of his mother, Dawson M. Lee, and brother, James G. Lee III.

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

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 cyow@fpcgreensboro.org to learn more.

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.

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, 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).

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.

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 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.

- **Continue the discussion** about environmental stewardship and environmental justice as a follow up to *God Talks*. We will share strategies for addressing the current crisis that we have employed in our personal lives, and talk honestly about responding in faith to issues we find especially challenging. 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.
- **An introductory discussion on the Pentateuch** led by Dr. Charles Howell in YMBC – a review of the first five books of the Bible and their significance to the rest of the scriptures. Class meets in Redhead Hall.
- **Betty K Phipps will lead a discussion about the history of First Presbyterian Church.** The Agape Class meets 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.

*The vision of
First Presbyterian Church*

FPC's vision is to be a vibrant regional church of **growing disciples** through a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ, with a passion for welcoming all people who seek a life of meaning and purpose, with a special focus on churchless young adults. Relying on God's grace, FPC will be this church through:

- Worship that is relevant, spiritual, welcoming, vibrant, mysterious and majestic
- Living as an inclusive community of faith within the Reformed tradition of head, heart and hands
- A faithful commitment for excellence in children's and youth ministry
- Pastoral care that is responsive and proactive
- Outreach that makes a significant difference in the community, the world and in the lives of members
- Engaging, transformative education for all generations
- Connecting relationships within this faith community
- Facilities that are welcoming, inviting and user-friendly
- A staff that models collaborative leadership
- A session that governs with a focus on growing disciples.



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IN MEMORIAM

Martha Sue Ray Harden

September 6, 1936 – December 29, 2018

There are people who come into our midst who have a true servant heart. They usually become one of the care givers who are a blessing to a church community, and Sue Harden was one such care giver who blessed First Presbyterian Church.

Sue was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, to Virginia and Ernest Ray, the oldest of their three children. She graduated from Greensboro Senior High School and then from Mercy School of Nursing in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was a nurse for several years at Wesley Long Hospital. Dr. Norman Harden, one of the founders of Wesley Long, knew Sue and knowing her many virtues introduced her to his son Charles. She was a loving wife to Charles for 57 years and helped put him through law school. They had two daughters.

A long-time member of First Presbyterian, Sue worked long and faithfully at many tasks – a pre-school teacher, an FPC Kindergarten teacher, children's Sunday school teacher, circle leader and co-leader, flower ministry committee, and many other committees. She was ordained an elder in 1993.

Sue also contributed to her community as a member of the Greensboro Junior League, the Dogwood Garden Club, and The Forum for many years.

Sue is survived by her husband Charles, daughter Anna Russo and husband Mike, daughter Alice Rebman and husband Glenn, sister Pat Royal and husband Dick, brother Karl Ray and wife Lisa, six grandchildren – Julia Triplett and husband Rett; Kinsey, Seth, and Gracie Russ; Jared and Alexandra Rebman, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

As Neil Dunnivant said at Sue's memorial service, "We know that Sue was far more of a Martha than a Mary. But here is the big difference from this charming little story in Luke's gospel. Sue would not have complained about Mary not helping. Sue loved to serve, to give. She would have most likely been happy to attend to all the cooking and chores."

Sue will be missed by many in this church and this community. The Session of First Presbyterian Church gives thanks to God for the life of Martha Sue Ray Harden and offers its deepest condolences to her family and friends. It requests that a copy of this memorial be placed in its minutes and a copy sent to her family.

– The Session of First Presbyterian Church