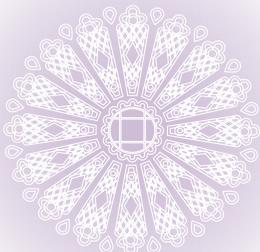


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY 12, 2019

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

FOURTH 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: Kindred Spirits..... Kevin McChesney and Paul McKlveen
Coventry Ringers

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & EXTENDING HOSPITALITY Nate Sell

* CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Logan (8:30 a.m.)
Nate Sell (10:30 a.m.)

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord
with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 366 – Love Divine, All Loves ExcellingHYFRYDOL

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

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us.

**Restore us, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ
Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, that we may live a holy, just,
and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

* HANDBELL RESPONSE: Let the Amen Sound! arr. Hart Morris
Coventry Ringers

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST LESSON (10:30 a.m. only): *Psalm 23*

Reader: Parker Stroud

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (10:30 a.m. only) Donna Chase

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

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m. only): A Whale of a Tale from *Oh, Jonah!* Allen Pote
Canticle, Credo and Cherub Choirs
Radha Upton, piano

Well, the tale of the whale is a whale of a tale:
it's a story of the deep blue sea;
about a fish and a man named Jonah,
who was a lot like you and me.

Oh, Jonah was a prophet, you see, (I see)
and a very fine man was he, (was he)
but when the Lord said, "Jonah, will you work for me?"
he ran from responsibility, (not he?) yes he, (Oh no, Oh my, Oh me!)

Well, the Lord said, "Jonah, I want you to go to a place called Nineveh town,
and tell those people in their evil ways that they better stop fooling around."

Well, Jonah didn't venture to go, (Oh no!)
because he didn't want the people to know, (not know?)
because they were the enemy of Israel,
and a big, bad bitter foe. (Oh no, not he,) yes he, (Oh no,) Oh my, (Oh me!)

Well, the tale of the whale is a whale of a tale:
just listen and you will see
how the Lord loves all of his children,
and he speaks to you and me!
Shoo bee doo bee doo wah! Yeah!

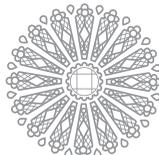
- Allen Pote

SECOND LESSON: *John 10:22-33*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: How Long Will You Annoy Us?.....Nate Sell

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal reflection



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown..... CANDLER LMD



1. Come, O Thou Trav - el - er un - known, Whom still I
 2. I need not tell thee who I am; My sin and
 3. Yield to me now, for I am weak, But con - fi -
 4. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! thou diedst for me! I hear thy



hold, but can - not see; My com - pa - ny be -
 mis - er - y de - clare; Thy - self hast called me -
 dent in self - de - spair; Speak to my heart, in
 whis - per in my heart; The morn - ing breaks in the



fore is gone, And I am left a - lone with thee; With
 by my name; Look on thy left hands, and read it there. But
 bless - ing speak; Be con - quered by my in - stant prayer: Speak,
 shad - ows flee; Pure, u - ni - ver - sal love thou art. To



thee all night I mean to stay, And wres - tle till the
 who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and
 or, thou nev - er hence shalt move, And tell me if thy
 me, to all, thy mer - cies move; Thy na - ture and thy



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 tell me now, But who, I ask thee, who art
 name be Love, Speak or thou nev - er hence shall
 name is Love. To me, to all, thy mer - cies



stay And wres - tle till the break of day.
 thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now.
 move, And tell me if and thy name be Love.
 move; Thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (10:30 a.m. only)Matt Logan

**This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that the Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God. Amen**

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: How Can I Keep From Singing..... arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

*Coventry Ringers
Peter Swanson, cello*

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise

God, all crea-tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!
 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!
 lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.....Matt Logan

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIPNate Sell

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Go with Us, Lord.....TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through
 this and ev - ery com - ing day, That in Your Spir - it
 strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.

VOLUNTARY: Postlude in DHealey Willan (1880-1968)

John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Nate Sell, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident

Matt Logan, Director of Young Adult Ministry and Discipleship

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

Parker Stroud, Lay Reader (10:30 a.m.)

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Peter Swanson, Cellist

Radha Upton, Piano (10:30 a.m.)

Coventry Ringers

Cherub, Credo and Canticle Choirs (10:30 a.m.)

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:

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor |

Andy Supple, Lay Reader

James Keith, Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Band

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard.

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown ” Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Scottish melody.

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

“Go with us, Lord” Text: Mary Jackson Cathey; Music: Thomas Tallis.

* 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 and in memory of our mother, Marge Matteson, by her four daughters, Kate Schlosser, Martha McKinney, Jane Matteson and Amanda Matteson.

The flowers in the Tower Room are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Jane Kathryn Eagle and Russell Leon Proctor IV who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

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.

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).

SOON WE WILL BE SELECTING NEXT YEAR'S LAY READERS. If you are interested in being a reader for the 2019-2020 program year, or have any questions about lay reading, please contact Paul Parker (336.908.4792 or paulparker47@gmail.com) or Anne Albert (336.478.4711 or aalbert@fpcgreenboro.org).

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.

- **A discussion of the book, *Soil and Sacrament*** by Fred Bahnson (one of the *God Talks* speakers), led by pastoral resident Nate Sell. The Commitment class meets in Memorial 100, the Blair Hagan Room, with the Soularium Class joining this discussion.
- **Ty Buckner will lead a discussion on the General Assembly.** The Agape Class meets in the Garden Room, down the hall from the Welcome Center.
- **"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.
- **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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