

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Adagio in E Major Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Neil Dunnivant

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise will forever be in my mouth.
All: **Magnify the Lord with me, and exalt God's name together.**
One: O taste and see that the Lord is good;
All: **Happy are those who take refuge in God.**
- from Psalm 34

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 246 – Christ Is Alive! (SEE PAGE 2)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, in the breaking of the bread, your Son was made known to his disciples. Be known to us this day, in our hearts and in our lives, that we might learn to follow in your way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 34:1-14*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Witherspoon

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *Luke 24:13-35*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are

SECOND SCRIPTURE continues, over

you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON: “The Emmaus Road”.....Alexandra Mauney



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 252 – Day of Arising.....RAABE

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)
 Fsus F C F

1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)
 Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F

pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)
 C F Bbmaj7 C7 F

as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Kevin Murray

**In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 The love of God,
 And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
 We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
 We trust in God the Holy Sprit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 With believers in every time and place,**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH continues, over

**We rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 Can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
– from A Brief Statement 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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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 or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: *Alleluia* from Exaltate Jubilate..... W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Julie Celona-VanGorden, soprano
John Alexander, piano

CLOSING HYMN: No. 500 – Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread..... ST. FLAVIAN

1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;
 2 Here share with us, in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood,

Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
 that liv - ing bread, that heaven-ly wine be our im - mor - tal food.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONAlexandra Mauney

VOLUNTARY: *Praeludium in e minor*.....Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)
John Alexander, organ

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS



Alexandra Mauney, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident
Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor | Kevin Murray, Director of Youth Ministry
Lisa Witherspoon, Associate Director of Children's Ministry
John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist | Julie Celona-VanGorden, Soprano

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.

WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS CLOSING: All church-related events are canceled through end of day Sunday, April 26. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, fpcgreensboro.org, and also on our live streaming page, fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live. Also check our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina) and YouTube channel ([fpcgreensboro](https://www.youtube.com/fpcgreensboro)) as we are working to air the service there as well.

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THE SADYE BOWLES FUND CAN OFFER

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