



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro

April 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*We invite you to light a candle as you enter the worship space
to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

Gathering Music: *You Are My All in All*

Dennis L. Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak;

you are the treasure that I seek;

you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;

when I am dry, you fill my cup;

you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

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Welcome and Announcements

Jill Duffield

* Call to Worship

Matt Bussell

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now;

All: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.

Leader: Come, then, let us worship the Lord.

All: Blessing and honor and glory to God!



* Song of Praise: *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**



THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

A brief period of silence is observed 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.

* Passing of the Peace

* Response to the Peace: *Psalms 67*

Wendell Kimbrough

**Let the nations sing and be glad
For the Lord is coming with justice.
Let the nations sing and be glad
For our God is coming with peace.
Now let all the ends of the earth,
Fill with holy wonder and joy,
For our God is coming to reign as King!**



THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Psalm 4*

Bob Evans

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Moment of Godly Play for Children of All Ages

Phaedra Smith

The Word Read: *Acts 3:12-19*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out ... "

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Rachel Fitch

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 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

followed by 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

You may also participate in the offering using the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. Information for giving by other options, including text, app, and regular mail, can be found there as well.



Offertory: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

Song of Response: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Sing praises, Alleluia.
Praise God Creator, God the Son,
Praise God the Spirit three in one.
Sing praises, sing praises,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* Prayer of Dedication

Rachel Fitch



* Song of Sending: *We Will Go Out with Joy*

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

Leader: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

**All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.**

[Refrain]:

**Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy.

**All: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy. [Refrain]**

Leader: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

**All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God. [Refrain]**

* Benediction

Jill Duffield

Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission

Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Phaedra Smith, Associate Director of Children & Youth Ministry

Bob Evans, Lay Reader

Will Edwards, Director of Music for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Ensemble

** Let us rise in body or spirit*

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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.

We seek to be God's changemakers for good in the world.
FPC is a Matthew 25 church, and our creation care and hunger
ministries have been recognized by the Presbyterian Church USA.



TAKING ATTENDANCE: The QR code, left, directs you to an online form; just open your smartphone camera, hold it over the code, and follow the prompts. If you do not have a smartphone, you can pick up a physical copy of an attendance card as you enter the Life Center or Sanctuary. If using the paper form, place it in the offering at the end of the service. On the back of the card is a prayer request form. Your submitted prayers will be prayed for by staff members and kept in strict confidence.




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.

WHAT TO DO – UNWELLNESS AND MEDICAL


EMERGENCIES: If during the service you or someone who is with you begins to feel unwell, or is having a medical emergency; or if you notice someone else having a medical event; please contact the closest usher, who can assist in the situation.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE – Honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sunday morning Sanctuary worship service. The flowers are accompanied by a note in the bulletin explaining their significance. *Dates available: May 26; August 25; and September 1 and 29.* Contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org.

FIND FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ON SOCIAL MEDIA –

Members are sharing great photos, comments and more! Follow and Like us on **Facebook**  (search "First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro"), **YouTube**  ("fpcgreensboro") and **Instagram**  ("1stpresgso") to get more of our posts in your newsfeed.

USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED: Contact Anne Albert, aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4711.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you may also give by mail, web, app, or text. Scan the QR code (right) to give online. You can also go to fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text to download the FellowshipOne Giving mobile app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions for giving via text. You may also mail your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.



PARKING MINISTRY: This ministry helps members with mobility issues get from their cars to the sanctuary for the 11 am service on Sundays. Two volunteers work on Greene Street 10:15-11:15 am. Passengers may be dropped off at the Greene Street door and will be escorted into the sanctuary. Drivers will be directed to a reserved space as needed. *Want to help?* Choose a Sunday at fpcgreensboro.org/signup. Info: Tim Millisor, tmillisor@fpcgreensboro.org or 336.478.4793; or Nancy Courts, nancy_courts@uncg.edu or 336.273.1617.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Cullen Rapp, Jr.
April 10, 2024

James Alexander "Alex" Galloway
April 8, 2024

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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LATER TODAY

- **Middle School Youth Group** meets in the back of the Life Center, 5-6:30 pm.
- **High School Connections** meets at Catherine Faircloth's, 6-7:30 pm.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- **DEADLINE TO REGISTER** for Saturday's Parents' Night Out.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- **FOOD DRIVE-BY:** Drop off cans for Urban Ministry, 11 am-1 pm in front of Redhead Hall. Greeters needed – sign up at [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpcgreensboro.org/signup).
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB, 7:15-7:45 am** at Chick-Fil-A on Pisgah Church Road. Contact Lisa Witherspoon for more info, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG or 336-478-4726.
- **FORK & FAITH WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**, noon in Mullin Life Center for pre-registered guests. *Next luncheon is May 15, RSVP by May 7 to Dolly Jennings, DJ6871202@GMAIL.COM or call 336-854-2663.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- **HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB:** 9th-12th graders are invited to drop in for breakfast and prayer. Panera on Lawndale, 7:15-8:45 am (third Thursday of each month). Contact Lisa Witherspoon for more info, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG or 336-478-4726.
- **WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL FUN RUN FUND-RAISER:** We're lacing up our sneakers to run a "mini marathon" filled with a fun obstacle course and team classroom events! Donations will provide much-needed updates to classroom furniture, Bye Bye Buggies, and other educational materials and equipment. All donations are tax-deductible.

Sponsor our Little Champions for Race Day! Donations can be made through QR code (left), Venmo (VENMO.COM/U/WEEKDAYPRESCHOOL), cash, or check payable to WPC.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 20.



Enjoy grown-up time while the kids hang out at church with FPC staff and caregivers! Kids will play, eat pizza, and watch *Toy Story!* Drop off at 5 pm at Corl Building, pick up by 8 pm. Open to infants-5th graders, \$15/child. **Registration required by Tuesday.** Limited to 40 children. Questions? Contact Lisa, LWITHERSPOON@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- **GREENSBORO EARTH DAY FESTIVAL:** The Earth Care Team invites everyone to come out to Keeley Park from 1 to 4 pm for the Greensboro Earth Day Festival. There will be a wide range of activities and educational opportunities including: Do's and Don'ts of Recycling, A Beginners Guide to Composting, a tree planting demo and more.
- **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUTH END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION AT CAROWINDS!** For middle and high schoolers. 9 am until about 8 pm; \$65 covers ticket and transportation. Sign up with the QR code.



NEXT SUNDAY

- **TWO WORSHIP SERVICES**, 9 am Rejoice! and 11 am Sanctuary. Jill Duffield preaches. *Preschool Bible Presentation: In the Rejoice! service at 9 am. 3-year-olds receive an age-appropriate Bible in one of our milestones of faith*
- **THE B OF C AND ME**, led by Rev. Matt Bussell. 10 am in Redhead Hall, continues through April. Hosted by YMBC and Agape.
- **GOSPEL OF JOHN** study continues, 10 am in Main 125.
- **SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE INFO MEETING**, (*see right for more*).
- **POST-RESURRECTION BIBLE STORIES**: Led by Doug McLeroy. (Rachel Fitch leads April 28). *Come as You Are* class, 10 am in the Garden Room.
- **YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT AT BACK PACK BEGINNINGS**, 3711 Alliance Drive, 2-3:30 pm. Sign up at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.



SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE

2025 trip info meetings

- **April 21 at 12:15 pm, Garden Room**

A time to connect with our personal faith and our Scottish Reformed roots through a pilgrimage experience from Edinburgh to Iona and back to St. Andrews and Dundee! Along with our Presbyterian roots we will also explore how the Church of Scotland is reaching into the community to rediscover its mission. Info: Donna Chase Available on Zoom, for link contact Yolanda Baxter, YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG. *Can't come but interested?* Contact Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG or 336.478.4725.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23: A DESCENDANT'S STORY: ANN MORRIS. A native of Roanoke, Va., Ann began a journey in 2020 to more fully understand her family's history as enslavers on a plantation near Richmond. The journey led her to connect with descendants of the families enslaved there. With photos and videos, she shares a story about truth telling, healing and the possibility for repair. *Join the Racial Equity Ministry Team for her presentation at 5:30 pm in the Garden Room.*

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Thursday, May 9, 5:30-6:30 pm, Garden Room. Learn more about keeping children out of dangerous situations online. Includes an overview of the current online landscape, plus tips on scams, cyberbullying, cyberstalking, and online predators. Presented by Luke Perrin from the NC DOJ Outreach Team. *RSVP by Tuesday, May 7, to Debby Foster, DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG or 336-478-4702.*

Our next Neil's Meals event is May 11 at 9 am in Mullin Life Center. We need 150 volunteers (*ages 8 and up, children under 13 need to work alongside a parent/guardian*) to pack fresh produce and other food items for 1,500 food boxes which Out of the

Garden Project will distribute to our hungry neighbors. Three ways to sign up: go to FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP, use the QR Code (*left*), or visit the reception desk. *Sign up by May 10!*



ALZHEIMER'S: FACTS, FIGURES & THE FUTURE – May 21, 2:30-4 pm in Redhead Hall. Speakers from the Alzheimer's Association and gerontologist Dr. Tiffany Reed will provide updated information on dementia and new advances in treatment. *RSVP for this session by May 17 to Debby Foster, DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG or 336-478-4702. Onsite respite care available, contact Jodi Kolada by May 14 at JKOLADA@WELL-SPRING.ORG or 36-545-4245.*

Sitting in a pew today? Someone else was in your seat 94½ years ago, here for the dedication of this breathtaking sanctuary. “Open the doors of the temple,” a baritone sang to start the service. Words and music of celebration and gratitude followed. At the end, the congregation rose to declare with a hymn that the church’s one foundation was Jesus Christ.



They did not know that in three weeks a stock market crash would send the world into a Great Depression filled with death and hunger and hopelessness and fear, followed by the horror of holocaust and a world at war. In those hard years they found comfort and hope within these bricks and mortar, the very ones we sit within now.

This place matters. Please make a commitment to its future by joining in the capital campaign.



First Fruits Sunday is next week

We have moved up to 85% of our goal!

The campaign will prepare our campus for future generations and help families thrive with homes, education

and training. **Please make your pledge by First Fruits Sunday, April 21.**

Use the QR Code, go to

[FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CAPITAL-](https://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CAPITAL-CAMPAIGN)

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Benchmark One: \$7,929,300

Replace degraded mortar in exterior brick of the Sanctuary, Smith & Memorial buildings, upgrade technology systems, fund for organ repairs, and \$1 million for the Building Preservation Endowment Fund.



Benchmark Two: \$1,180,375

Replace HVAC in Memorial, Abate asbestos, replace HVAC, cabinetry, flooring & ceiling and paint in Corl Building. Relocate Preschool during work.



Benchmark Three: \$1,066,081

Waterproof basement in Memorial Building, replace elevator controls and HVAC units to meet EPA guidelines in Mullin Life Center, and \$450,000 for the Pastoral Residency Program.

Campaign Tithe

Habitat for Humanity will receive 70% of the tithe on the amount raised, and the United Way's Family Success Centers will receive 30%.

Goal: \$1 million.