

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 31, 2024

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: Music for Brass and Organ

Brass Ensemble

John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Jill Duffield

* CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Bussell

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!



* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 232 – Jesus Christ Is Risen TodayLYRA DAVIDICA



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - - - le-
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - - le-
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - - - le-
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - - le-



lu - ia! Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 lu - ia! Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
 lu - ia! Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 lu - ia! Praise e - ter - nal as God's love;



Al - - - le - lu - ia! Who did once up-
 Al - - - le - lu - ia! Who en - dured the
 Al - - - le - lu - ia! Now a - bove the
 Al - - - le - lu - ia! Praise our God, ye



on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia! Suf - fer to re-
 cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia! Sin - ners to re-
 sky He's King, Al - - le - lu - ia! Where the an - gels
 heaven - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and



deem our loss. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 deem and save. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er sing. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the death dealing ways of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and afraid. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and transformation of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. 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

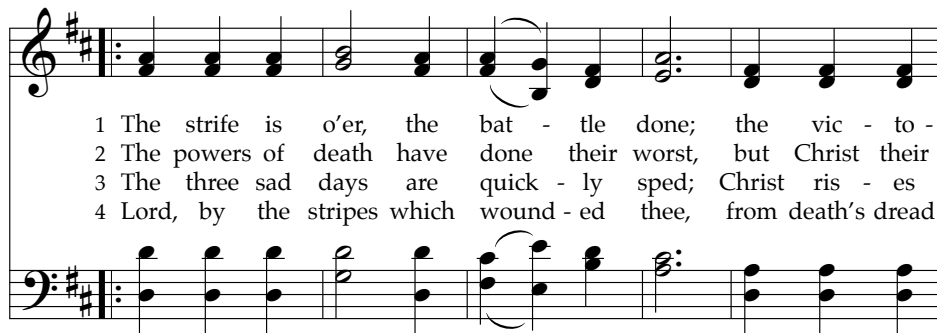


* RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: No. 236 – The Strife is O’er VICTORY

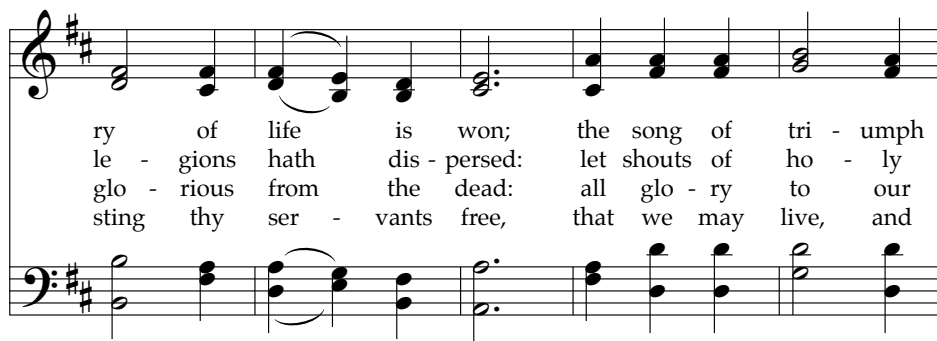
Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death’s dread



ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and



has be - gun.
 joy out - burst.
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee: Al - le - lu - ia!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Isaiah 25:6-9* Susan DeVaney (9 a.m.)
Mark Longwill (11 a.m.)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT OF GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Lisa Witherspoon

ANTHEM: "Easter" from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1873-1958)
Will Edwards, tenor
Chancel Choir

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise, without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold,
and much more, just.

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings,
what key is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied, and multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

– text: *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

THE WORD READ: *John 20:1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMEDJill Duffield

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 238 – Thine is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rachel Fitch

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

– Traditional Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Newton Cowan
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

*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: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!.....William Mathias (1934-1992)

Chancel Choir

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen! Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered, and be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour, who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

– text: *Christopher Wadsworth*

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.....Rachel Fitch

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONJill Duffield

* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 826 – Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

Refrain (All)




Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*



(All) 1. Come, let us fol - low where our Cap - tain trod, our
(Lower voices) 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, the
(Treble voices) 3. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
(Choir) 4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, as
(All) 5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise



Repeat Refrain

King vic - - to - rious, Christ the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - the ranks com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

VOLUNTARY: Toccata from *Symphony No V*..... Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)
John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Jill Duffield, *Senior Pastor*
Matt Bussell, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*
Rachel Fitch, *Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident*
Newton Cowan, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*
Lisa Witherspoon, *Director of Children & Youth Ministry*
Susan DeVaney, *Lay Reader (9 a.m.)*
Mark Longwill, *Lay Reader (11 a.m.)*
Melody Nall, *Acolyte (9 a.m.)*
Charlotte Freeze and Emerson Jones, *Acolytes (11 a.m.)*
John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
Robert Wells, *Director of Chancel Choir*
Will Edwards, *Director of Music for Rejoice!*
Garrett Klein, *Trumpet*
Calvin Godfrey, *Trumpet*
Nick Lewis, *Trombone*
Dandrick Glenn, *Bass Trombone*
Abigail Pack, *Horn*
Chancel Choir

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Text: *Lyra Davidica*; Music: Todd Wilson.

“The Strife is O’er” Text: Latin hymn; Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da palestrina, arr. Richard Webster.

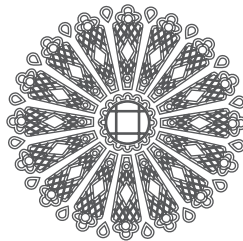
“Thine is the Glory” Text: Edmond Louis Budry; Music: George Frederick Handel, arr. Richard Webster.

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

“Lift High the Cross” Text: William Kitchin; Music: Todd Wilson.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

Music reprinted by permission under OneLicense.net A-707283 and CCLI License 2924425.



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: April 14; May 26; August 25; and September 1 and 29.* Contact Carolyn Yow, 336-478-4768 or cyow@fpcgreensboro.org.



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

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.

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

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

Elizabeth "Betty" Cole Hile
March 19, 2024