

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

VOLUNTARY: Let All Things Now Living.....Cathy Mocklebust  
*Coventry Ringers*

WELCOME & 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.**

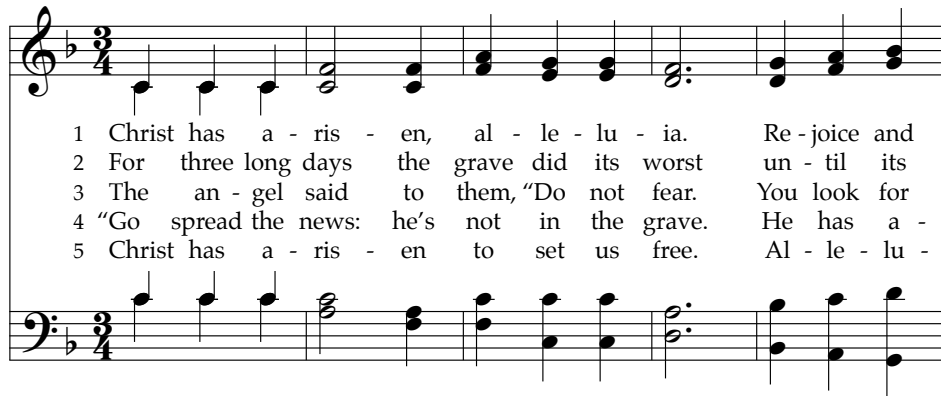
Leader: Come, then, let us worship the Lord.

**All: Blessing and honor and glory to God!**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 251 – Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia.....MFURAHINI, HALELUYA



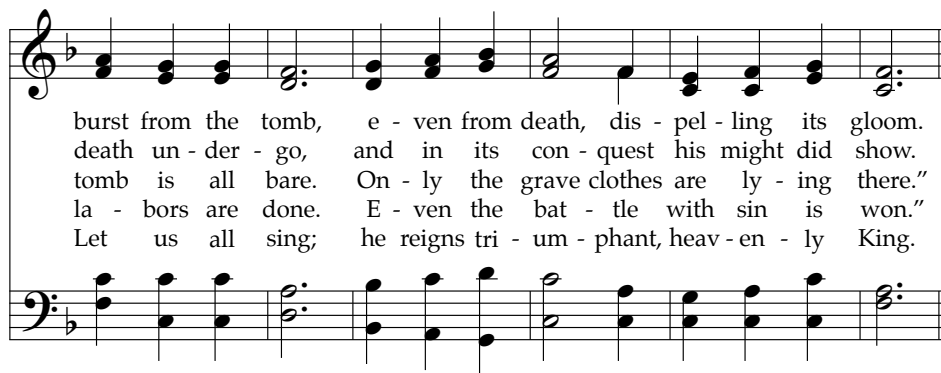
# 251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -



praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er  
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did  
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the  
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing  
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!



burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."  
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

The good news of the Resurrection is retold in this lively hymn from Tanzania, blending 20th-century words with a traditional melody. In African call-and-response practice, the stanzas would ordinarily be sung by a soloist or small group and the refrain by the whole congregation.

*Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful

sting he has come to de-stroy. Our sin for-giv-ing,

al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia!

\* 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 ASSURANCE OF PARDON: My Song Is Love Unknown .... LOVE UNKNOWN

He came from heav-en's throne sal-va-tion to be stow;  
the world that was his own would not its  
Sav-ior know. But O my Friend, my  
Friend in-deed, who at my need his life did spend!

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Psalms 4* ..... Reece Medlin

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.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT OF GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ..... Phaedra Smith

ANTHEM: O Lord, in Thee have I trusted from *Dettingen Te Deum*

George F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Chancel Choir*

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted.

Let me never be confounded, Oh Lord!



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 ...”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *What's in a Name?* .....Jill Duffield



# At the Name of Jesus

264

Capo 5: ( Am )

( G ) ( Am )

( C ) ( Am )

( Dm ) ( Am )

Dm

C

Dm

F

Dm

Gm

Dm



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,  
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

( C )

F

( G )

C

( Am )

Dm

( C )

F

( Dm )

Gm



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,  
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

( G )

C

( Em )

Am

( Am )

Dm

( G )

C

( D )

G

( G )

C



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

( Am )

Dm

( G )

C

( Em )

Am

( Dm )

Gm

( C )

F

( G )

C

( Am )

Dm



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;  
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.  
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 264 – At the Name of Jesus .....KING'S WESTON

\* 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

*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: Morning Dance ..... Cathy Mocklebust  
*Coventry Ringers*



LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION ..... Jill Duffield

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 740 – Lead Me, Guide Me.....LEAD ME, GUIDE ME



Capo 1: (D) (A7) (Em)

Refrain Eb Bb7 Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)  
Bb Eb Bb7 3 Eb 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
Bb7 C7 Fm Eb Bb7 Eb Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)  
Eb 3 C7 Fm Bb7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)  
Bb Eb Eb Eb7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
Fm Eb Bb7 Eb to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the “enemies” of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the “I” here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

## 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*

Reece Medlin, *Lay Reader*

Charlotte Freeze, *Acolyte*

John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*

Robert Wells, *Director of Chancel Choir*

*Coventry Ringers*

*Chancel Choir*

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” Text: Bernard Kyamanywa; Music: Tanzanian melody.

“My Song Is Love Unknown” Text: Samuel Crossman; Music: John Ireland.

“At the Name of Jesus” Text: Caroline Maria Noel; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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

“Lead Me, Guide Me” Text: Doris Akers; Music: Doris Akers.

\* 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 [cwow@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:cwow@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.

**THE LITURGICAL COLOR WHITE** seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.

**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](https://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](https://fpcgreensboro.org/give) for more ways to give.



**USHERS AND ACOLYTES NEEDED:** Contact Anne Albert, [aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336.478.4711.

**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](https://fpcgreensboro.org/signup). Info: Tim Millisor, [tmillisor@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:tmillisor@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336.478.4793; or Nancy Courts, [nancy\\_courts@uncg.edu](mailto: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

WEEK OF APRIL 14 - 20, 2024 • [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG). *Can't come but interested?* Contact Donna Chase, [DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) or 336-478-4702. **Onsite respite care available, contact Jodi Kolada by May 14 at [JKOLADA@WELL-SPRING.ORG](mailto: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-](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CAPITAL-)

[CAMPAIGN](http://FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/CAPITAL-CAMPAIGN), or pick up a packet at sanctuary entrances, the Life Center or the Welcome Center.



### **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.*