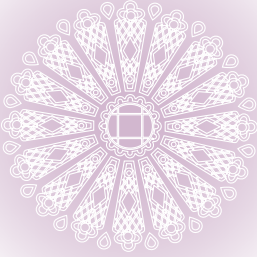


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 5, 2024

11:00 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
COMMUNION SUNDAY
SENIOR SUNDAY



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

VOLUNTARY: SoliloquyDavid Conte (b. 1955)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Newton Cowan

* CALL TO WORSHIP Matt Bussell

Leader: The world belongs to God,

All: the earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful

All: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together;

All: justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

All: these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

– Iona Abbey Worship Book

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 634 – To God Be the GloryTO GOD BE THE GLORY

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

* CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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: Baptized in WaterBUNESSAN



Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



sign of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing the



prom - ise, faith-ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD READ: *Psalm 98* Hilda Courter

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A MOMENT OF GODLY PLAY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Donna Chase

THE WORD READ: *Acts 10:44-48*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED: *Here I Am* Rachel Fitch

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are numbered 1 through 4, corresponding to the four lines of the first system.

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes of the treble staff.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 286 – Breathe on Me, Breath of GodTRENTHAM

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLENewton Cowan

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVINGRachel Fitch

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

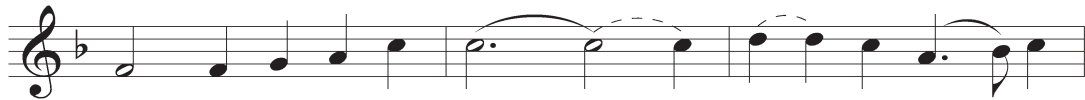
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks, ...

And so, with all creation,
with all the needy and hungry ones,
with all those who have enough and plenty,
with creatures large and small,
with sun and moon and stars,
and with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes



God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
 By your power and love you continue
 to deliver your people from bondage, ...

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
 we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.
 You give us words when we have none ...

In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
 in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
 we praise you, God of all that is,
 now and forever. **Amen.**



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Leader: And as our Savior taught us we are bold to pray:

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION.....Newton Cowan

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether..... Howard Friedell (1905-1958)
Chancel Choir

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve Thee faithfully.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNIONRachel Fitch

CALL FOR THE OFFERING..... Newton Cowan

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: The Call of Wisdom..... Will Todd (b. 1970)

Chancel Choir

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.

Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,
entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.

[Chorus]:

I am here, I am with you.

I have called: do you hear me?

I am here, I am here, I am with you.

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,
Jewels sparkle for a while; what you look for is not lasting.

[Chorus]

Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer.

[Chorus]

God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit co-eternal.
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

[Chorus]



* 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 heav - en - 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.....Newton Cowan

A BLESSING FOR OUR SENIORS.....Rachel Fitch and Newton Cowan

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTIONRachel Fitch

* RECESSIONAL HYMN: No. 317 – In Christ There Is No East of West.....MCKEE

VOLUNTARY: Allegro maestoso e vivace from *Sonata no. 4*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

John Alexander, organ



317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Newton Cowan, *Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care*
Matt Bussell, *Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission*
Rachel Fitch, *Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident*
Donna Chase, *Director of Christian Formation*
Hilda Courter, *Lay Reader*
Charlotte Freeze, *Acolyte*
John Alexander, *Director of Music and Principal Organist*
Robert Wells, *Director of Chancel Choir*
Chancel Choir

“To God Be the Glory” Text: Fanny Jane Crosby; Music: William Howard Doane.

“Baptized in Water” Text: Michael J. Saward; Music: Gaelic melody.

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Text: Edwin Hatch; Music: Robert Jackson.

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

“In Christ There Is No East of West” Text: John Oxenham; Music: African American spiritual.

* Let us rise in body or spirit.

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SENIOR CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations! to our graduating high school seniors

Gretchen E. Cimino	Caitlyn Medley
Carter Reid “Carter” Cockman	Madeline McCoy
Sienna Coker	Vivian K. Morrison
Lillian Coladonato	Sarah E. Parrish
Dallas Allen “Dallas” Cooke	Isabella Sadjewski
Andrew C. Dover	Charles “Charlie” T. Sherrill
Eugenia “Sullivan” S. Edmunds	Ashlyn H. Showers
Eve Hatcher-Peters	McCarthy M. Spencer
Jacob “Jake” G. Haverland	Grayson E. Stanley
Kipley Louise “Kipley” Hill	Fuller T. Stewart
Audrey L. Jenkins	Alan W. Sutton, III
William Allen “Will” Jordan	Caroline Lee “Caroline” Tilley
Molly E. Lovvorn	Elizabeth “Reece” R. Tisdale
Elijah Daniel “Eli” McAlister	Grace E. Weathersbee

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.



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.

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



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.

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TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY: All are welcome to the Lord's table. Our Communion bread is gluten free. We pray that as Christ meets you here you will be refreshed for the journey and strengthened in faith.

ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Becky Peters by the Hatcher Peters family.

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.



INTERESTED IN BEING A LAY READER IN WORSHIP FOR THE 2024-2025 PROGRAM YEAR? Contact Anne Albert at aalbert@fpcgreensboro.org or Bubba Judy at bjudy@beesonhardware.com.

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: September 1, 8, and 29.* Contact Carolyn Yow, cwow@fpcgreensboro.org or 336-478-4768.

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Dowell Adams
April 26, 2024

Marie Salven Kellenberger
April 26, 2024

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

WEEK OF MAY 5-12, 2024 • FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

LATER TODAY

KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB: Ice Cream "SUNDAE" and Foam Party! Open to current 3rd-5th graders plus current 2nd-graders who can join KDC in the fall. Bring a friend! 3-4:30 pm.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 6

• **BEYOND PLASTICS GREENSBORO**, a partner of our Earth Care ministry, 6:30 pm in the Garden Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- **PLANNING YOUR Q4 SERIES:** Living Options as You Age, 5-6 pm, Garden Room.
- **SPRING WALKING GROUP**, 5:30-6:30 pm. Meet at the sanctuary steps. Also June 12.
- **RSVP DEADLINE** for Presbyterian Women Luncheon, being held May 13. Get your ticket (\$10) online or call 336-478-4799. Bonnie McAlister will share her newly published children's book *Both Then and Now*.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- **STAYING SAFE ONLINE:** Keep children out of dangerous situations online with tips on scams, cyberbullying and more. Presented by Luke Perrin from the NC Department of Justice. 5:30-6:30 pm, Garden Room.
- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** Join the FPC prayer group on Zoom at 5:30 pm on Zoom. Pray for our church, community, and nation. Contact

Yolanda Baxter (YBAXTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG) for link.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

• **RSVP DEADLINE** for Fork & Faith women's luncheon on May 15, *RSVP* to Dolly Jennings, 336-854-2663.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

• **NEIL'S MEALS:** About 150 volunteers will pack hundreds of food boxes for our hungry neighbors with the Out of the Garden Project, 9-11 am in the Life Center. Stop by and join the fun!



Good news: Capital Campaign pledges and gifts have surpassed \$10 million toward our goal of \$11.1 million! This is an important time for renewal of our sacred space. Please join us in tending the roots, for generations to come.

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May Days to Note

Add a dash of Lee Smith

The Monday & Tuesday Book Clubs invite you to a discussion of *Carolina Table*, a collection of food-related short stories by NC authors. Bring a favorite Southern nibble to share! May 14, 1:30 pm in the Garden Room.



Join the cubs!

Our children's choirs are *roaring* to present *Rescue in the Night*, the story of Daniel in the lion's den! May 15, 6:30-7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Praise the Lord & pass the fried chicken

Fill up on the Spirit & at the potluck May 19, Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit! Wear red to worship and bring a side, salad or dessert. FPC's Favorite Entree provided. Starts after the second service, can leave your dish earlier in the Life Center kitchen.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12 CHURCH SCHOOL, 10 AM

- **Children:** Preschool - grade 1 meet for Storytime in the Children's Library, next to the Welcome Center. Grades 2-5 meet in Corl 306 for games and spiritual practices. Continues May 19, then on summer break until fall kickoff.
- **Remarkable Women of the Bible** led by Jill Duffield in Redhead Hall, hosted by YMBC and Agape.
- **Everyone Has a Story: Caring for your Mind, Body, and Soul** series for Mental Health Awareness Month. This week: *Body* – care for self and of others experiencing challenges, extending grace & kindness. Led by member Maddy Lowman. Concludes May 19 with *Soul*: Promoting acceptance & compassion, language matters, decreasing stigma, seeking help. Come as You Are class Garden Room.
- **FPC 101:** For anyone interested in membership or members wanting to learn more. Explore the Bible, church history, theology and polity. Led by Matt Bussell and Newton Cowan in the Solarium. Concludes May 19.

MORE IN MAY & JUNE

RSVP FOR THESE AT [FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP](https://fpcgreensboro.org/signup)

ALZHEIMER'S: FACTS, FIGURES & THE FUTURE:

Updated info on dementia and new advances in treatment. May 21, 2:30-4 pm in Redhead Hall. *RSVP for session by May 17, for onsite respite care by May 14.*

VETERANS' FELLOWSHIP PICNIC on May 22, for vets/ spouses and widows/widowers. *RSVP by May 14.*

NEW DATE – GREAT WOLF LODGE TRIP: Rising 6th-graders have fun, get to know other FPC youth, and hear about youth ministry. **Now June 10, Sign up by May 31.**

PAINT THE TOWN: 10 youth (at least 14 by the date) and 10 adults will paint a house for a low-income family! Part of a Community Housing Solutions event June 12, 8:30 am-3:30 pm. *Sign up by May 19.*

FPC BLOOD DRIVE FOR RED CROSS: June 12, 1:30-6 pm. Sign up now for appointments & to volunteer.

SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE: Save your space now for this trip next April 28-May 9, 2025. Connect with our personal faith & Scottish Reformed roots, visit with the Church of Scotland & more. Space is limited; brochures at the Welcome Center reception desk and around campus.

Cards for Robert Wells & Rachel Fitch

Join us in thanking Chancel Choir director Robert Wells and Pastoral Resident Rachel Fitch. Both close their ministry among us this month. Leave your cards & notes in marked boxes in the Welcome Center.