

First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Musique Royale
March Royale

Michel Richard Delalande
Jean-Baptiste Lully

Chiming of the Trinity

Easter Proclamation

One: I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here!
He is risen!

All: Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Thomas Matthews

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia!



(Congregation stands as the choir passes your pew.)

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

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Prayer of the Day

The Reverend Robert Galloway

One: We come running, looking for you, but you are not where we expect you to be. As always, you are to be found among the living—those living at the edge, those living with uncertainty, those living in ways we cannot imagine and may not approve. We come running, our hands full of things and our minds full of self-reliance, only to find that you have been here already, you have rolled away the stone and called us to trust your word.

All: Today as we peer once again into your empty tomb, remind us of all you have told us, and then guide our feet to follow. Fill the empty tombs of our hearts with your love that cannot be contained. Breathe new life into us, into your church, into your world, and overcome our fear of change so that we too may be found among the living. Turn our expectations upside down, and lead us into the new and different world you are creating, even now, even here. We ask in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

*Response

ELLACOMBE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Time with Children

Children age 3 through first grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Older children are encouraged to stay and worship with their families.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

Ludwig von Beethoven

"Hallelujah" from Christ on the Mount of Olives

Hallelujah unto God's almighty son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choir, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Praise the Lord.

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Sermon

"Burden of Proof"

The Reverend Pen Peery

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The Prayer of the Day was written by The Reverend Teri Peterson.

We give thanks to our guest musicians for sharing their musical talents with us in worship today:

*Craig Retzlaff, trumpet
Michael Murphy, trumpet
Trevor Cook, timpani*

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief while helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Response

Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Anna Dickson

*Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Stewardship of Life

One Great Hour of Sharing

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Worthy Is the Lamb" from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and hath redeemed us to God by his blood to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor

First Presbyterian Church Announcements

First Presbyterian Church will be closed on Easter Monday, April 18.

Bible & Beverage, April 19, 8 p.m., Devil's Logic Brewing

All men are invited to join Rev. Pen Peery for study and fellowship. No registration necessary.

Plowshares Book Discussion, April 21, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

"Tomorrow's Bread," a historical novel by Charlotte native Anna Jean Mayhew, is based upon the destruction of the Brooklyn neighborhood in Charlotte in the 1960s. A limited number of free copies of the book will be available in the Historic Lobby before and after worship through April 17. | To register, email fkcampbell@gmail.com.

PW Birthday Dinner Registration, through April 27

The annual PW Birthday Dinner will be held on May 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Wood Fellowship Hall. | Register at fpc.tiny.us/pwbirthday22

Youth Sunday and Confirmation Recognition, April 24, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall

FPC Youth will lead the worship service and celebrate our Confirmation Class of 2022.

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

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Pastor on call
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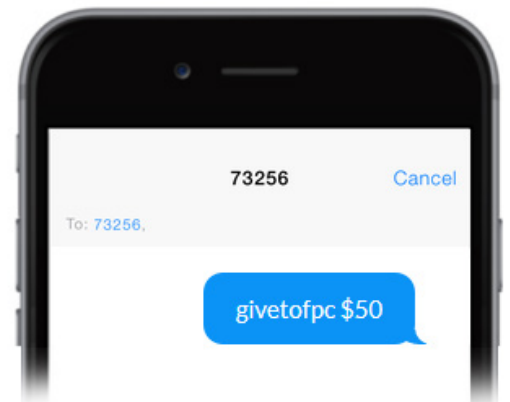
In Loving Memory of

Harriet Davis Payne
December 14, 1921 - March 30, 2022

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.
Revelation 14:13

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The Easter lilies are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory or honor of
(honoraria in italics)

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Robert LeGette Alexander, Sr.

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Alice Smyth

Those fighting in Ukraine and Those who have died in battle

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