



## Order of Worship

*Youth Sunday*  
*April 24, 2022*  
*11 a.m.*

### Preparation

Gathering Music

"Come, O Come and Fill This Temple"  
"Surely God Is In This Place"

Words of Welcome

Natalie Raygor

Chiming of the Trinity

### Adoration

\*Call to Worship

Ward Peterson

One: Here in this place, God's light is streaming in.

**All: Clear our minds and hearts to find hope in the word of the Lord.**

One: We come together to embrace the light of the Lord.

**All: Let us shout with joy to God.**

One: Prepare our hearts to receive God's light and share it with each other.

**All: Let us worship God.**

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Confession

Call to Confession

Charles Carson

Prayer of Confession

**We recognize that you have created us not to be perfect. We realize that we attempt to achieve perfection but fall short. We recognize that we often take the easy way out, instead of striving for what you have planned for us. We choose darkness instead of light. We hear there is eternal life but refuse to believe it. God, we ask for your forgiveness. Where we falter, we pray for your strength. When we question your abilities, we ask for your guidance. Forgive us when we choose darkness over light. Have mercy on us when we choose judgement over love. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Zara Williams

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 59)

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)  
E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>

*Refrain*

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's  
(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)  
E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>7  
mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are  
(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)  
A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 Cm7 Fm7  
new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your  
(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D Cm7 Fm7 B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>  
faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

Time with Children

Caroline Ku and Shepard Peterson

Prayer for Illumination

Wells Peery

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

**Part of our offering today goes to the Ten-Cents-a-Meal program**, a hunger relief and at-risk youth ministry of the Presbytery of Charlotte.

**We give special thanks** to all the middle and high school youth and adult leaders for planning and leading this worship service, and to Nathan Alrawi-Brown for playing the bagpipes on the front lawn.

# Scripture

Psalm 139: 1-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

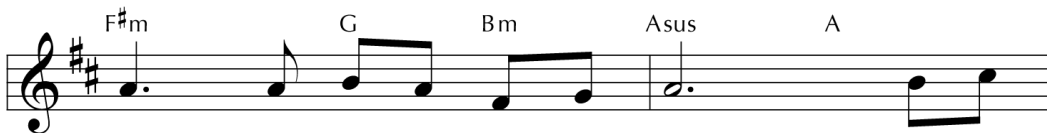
## \*Hymn No. 29

"O God You Search Me"

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my  
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -  
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have  
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I  
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I  
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with  
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are  
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is  
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the  
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery  
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my  
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the  
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
 dark - ness is ra - dian in your sight.  
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.



## Scripture

Romans 12:1-8

James Herring

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.*

## Meditations

“Light in the Unexpected”

Addie Williams  
John Robertson  
Elliott Bradley

## Music

“Wasteland”

Addie Williams and Beth Williams

Needtobreathe

*I'm the first one in line to die when cavalry comes; yeah, it feels like the great divide has already come. Yeah, I'm wasting my way through the days losing youth along the way. Oh, if God is on my side, who can be against me? There was a greatness I felt for awhile, but somehow it changed, some kind of blindness I used to protect me from all of my stains. Yeah, I wish this was vertigo; it just feels like I'm falling slow. Oh, if God is on my side, then who can be against me? Yeah, in this wasteland where I'm livin' there is a crack in the door filled with light, and it's all that I need to get by, and it's all that I need to shine. All of these people I meet, it seems like they're fine. Yeah, in some ways I hope that they're not, and their hearts are like mine. Yeah, it's wrong when it seems like when I work to belong, all I feel is hurt. Oh, if God is on my side, who can be against me?*

## Response

### Presentation of 2022 Confirmation Class

The Reverend Robert Galloway  
Natalie Raygor

### Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Grace Lloyd

**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

Natalie Self

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

### Offertory Anthem

“The Lord's Prayer”  
Ivey Ringers

Alfred Hay Malotte/arr. Trevor Cook

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Nate Humphrey

## Sending Forth

\*Closing Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

**This little light of mine...  
Hide it under a bushel...  
Don't let anyone {blow} it out...  
Take my light around the block...  
This little light of mine...**

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Amen"  
Ivey Ringers

Peter Lutkin/arr. Cook

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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## First Presbyterian Church Announcements

**Habitat House Dedication Ceremony, April 30, 2 p.m., 2629 Remington St.**  
All are welcome to join in the celebration!

### 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](http://fpc.tiny.us/pwbirthday22)

**Recalling Brooklyn: Luncheon and History Walk, May 15, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**  
Dr. Willie Griffin, staff historian of the Levine Museum of the New South, will speak about the Brooklyn neighborhood featured in "Tomorrow's Bread" by Anna Jean Mayhew and moderate a conversation with former residents. Following the lunch, a walking tour will be offered. | Register at [fpc.tiny.us/brooklyn](http://fpc.tiny.us/brooklyn)

### Youth Summer Kickoff, May 15, 7 p.m., The Porter's House (1910 Beverly Dr.)

All youth and parents are invited to celebrate the summer season on May 15th for an evening fellowship together! | Register at [fpc.tiny.us/youthsummer](http://fpc.tiny.us/youthsummer)

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In Loving Memory of

**William Ardrey Kimbrough (Bill)**  
**December 7, 1942 - April 19, 2022**

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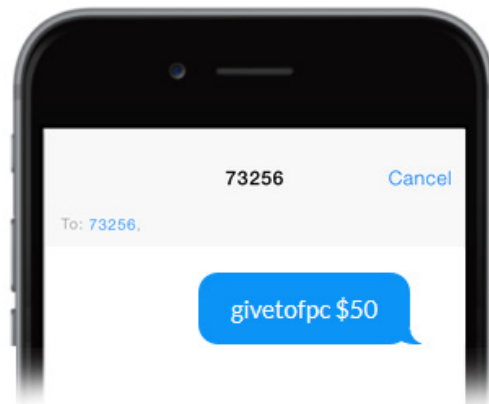
**Ronald Allen Norelli (Ron)**  
**September 19, 1945 - April 19, 2022**

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

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