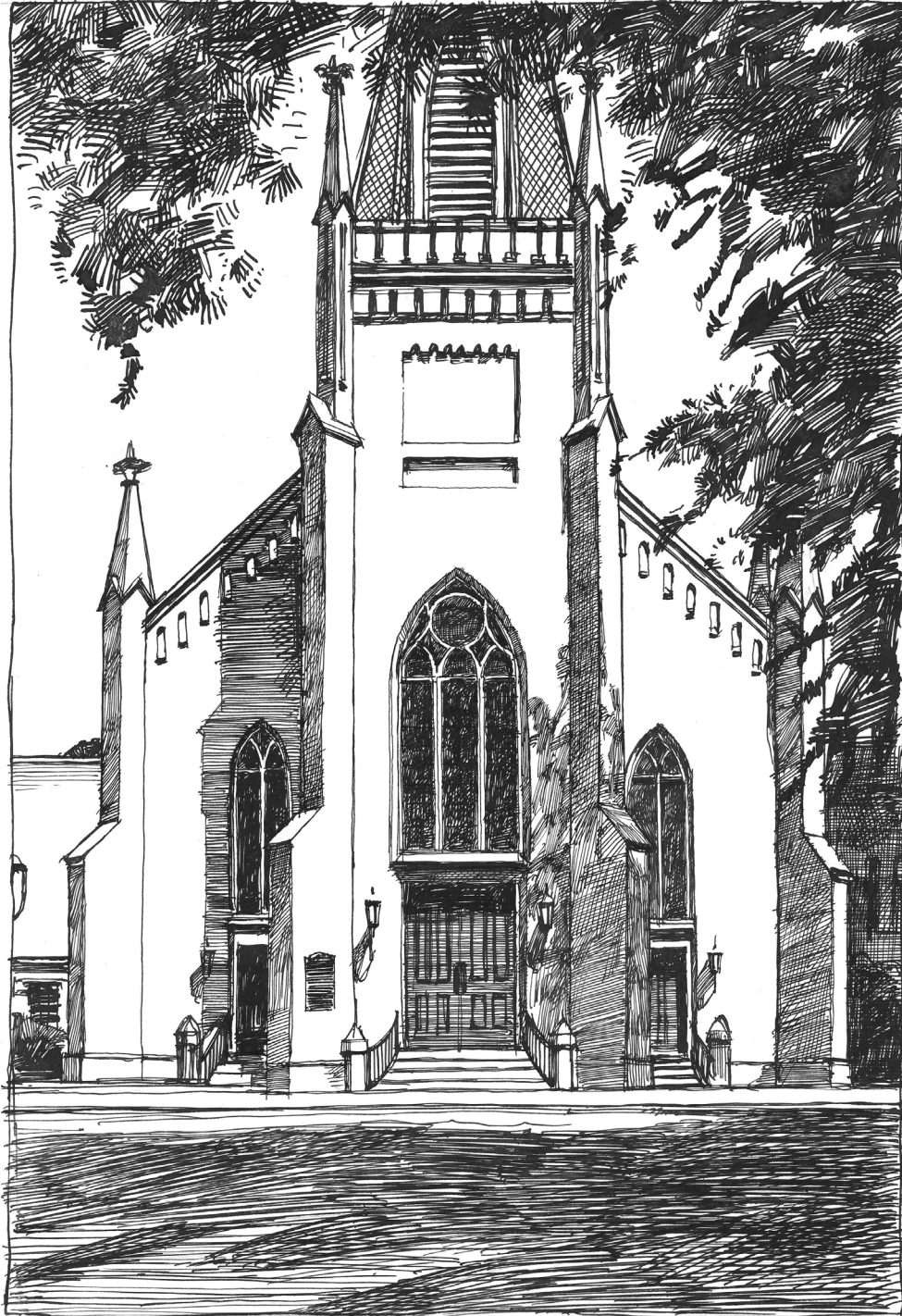


First Presbyterian Church

11 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 2, 2023
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



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Are you interested in joining our church? Contact Jane Ives, Membership Coordinator, jives@firstpres-charlotte.org.

PREPARATION

Prelude | Fantasia on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, BWV 735 | J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome | Pen Peery

ADORATION

+**Call to Worship** | Psalm 118

One: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, and whose mercy endures forever.

All: Let Israel now proclaim: "The mercy of the Lord endures forever!"

One: Hosanna, loud hosanna!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

+**Processional Hymn No. 196** | "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

CONFESSION

Call to Confession | Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we prefer you ride in majesty. We like the image of you high up on the horse, basking in the adulation of the crowd, disciples in tow. But like those disciples, we confess we tend to turn away when things get difficult. We turn to other sources of strength when faith leads to suffering. We avert our eyes to avoid seeing the reality of your pain. Forgive us, we pray, and give us courage to follow you, especially this Holy Week as we witness the lengths to which you will go to demonstrate your love.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+**Response to Pardon** | ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice."

Anthem | "Bring Palm Branches" | Cindy Berry | Carol and Kirk Choirs

Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming today! Bring palm branches to lay before the King. Lift them high as you celebrate and sing. Lay the palms before him, love and adore him. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, we celebrate the King. He's coming to Jerusalem today. Riding on a donkey, entering the city, as joyful crowds line the way. Sing Hosanna! Bring palm branches to lay before the King. Lift them high as you celebrate and sing. Go forth to meet him, joyfully greet him. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Sing Hosanna!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Georgia James Peacock

+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.

Children ages three 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.

The Elder assisting with the baptism today is Rick Rogers.

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PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem | “Ride On, King Jesus” | arr. Moses Hogan | Billy Manci, soloist

Ride on, King Jesus; ride on, the conquerin' king. Oh, ride on, King Jesus; ride on. No man can-a hinder thee. I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross. He's the King and the Lord. He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. No man can a-hinder me. Oh, ride on, King Jesus; ride on, just ride on, Jesus. Ride on, Jesus!

Scripture | Matthew 27:15-23 | pew Bible p. 32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon | “Capacity” | Pen Peery

+**Hymn 215** | “What Wondrous Love Is This” | WONDROUS LOVE

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer | Anna Dickson

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 | Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem | “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” | arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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+**Doxology** | OLD HUNDREDTH

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**

SENDING FORTH

+**Hymn No. 264** | “At the Name of Jesus” | KING’S WESTON

+**Benediction**

+**Benediction Response** | “Amen” | DANISH

Postlude | Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542 | J. S. Bach

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The sanctuary palms are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Georgia James Peacock.

We believe that God put the wiggle in children, and all are welcome in worship regardless of their ability to sit still. If you’d like to step out of the Sanctuary with your child, please feel free to visit the Chapel (to the right of the Sanctuary) where the service is streaming.

If you wish to sponsor sanctuary flowers for a baptism, marriage, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion, please notify Diane Maye at dianenmaye@hotmail.com.

Please help us keep our Sanctuary clean by taking your bulletin with you when you leave.

Our Worship Leaders:

**The Reverend
Pendleton B. Peery**
Senior Pastor

**The Reverend
Anna R. Dickson**
*Associate Pastor for
Congregational Care*

**The Reverend
Robert L. Galloway**
*Associate Pastor for
Christian Formation and
Young Adults*

**The Reverend Dr.
Charles Williamson**
Parish Associate

William P. Young, III
*Director of
Music Ministries*



The Will Appleby Award

Will Appleby was an outstanding member of the youth program of First Presbyterian Church before tragically passing away in an automobile accident in 2001. He made youth group a priority and was an innovative force and loyal friend within the youth community. Will understood the goals and mission of the youth group and encouraged and inspired his fellow youth and many adults. His family established the Will Appleby Award to recognize other youth who share Will's love and dedication to this community of faith. Any high school youth at First Presbyterian is eligible, with preference given to seniors. Any FPC member (youth or adult) may make a nomination.

Today, April 2, is the last day to make a nomination for this year's recipient of the Appleby Award. To make a nomination, please fill out the online nomination form at tinyurl.com/applebynom or scan the QR code to the right. This year's Appleby Award recipient will be announced in worship on Youth Sunday, April 23.



CHURCHWIDE

Donations Needed - We need volunteers to bring refreshments, napkins, etc. for the Easter Sunrise service. Donations can be dropped off at Romare Bearden Park by 7 a.m. on April 9. | Sign up: fpc.tiny.us/eastersunrise

CARE

Stephen Ministry – We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you are in a season where you need extra support, contact Anna Dickson. | Contact: adickson@firstpres-charlotte.org

Pastor on call – If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

Soup Kitchen, *April 9, 10:30 a.m., Roof Above Day Center* - Hand out a sandwich and cup of soup to our unsheltered neighbors on Easter. | Sign up: fpc.tiny.us/y39v5zha

Plowshares History Hall Tour, *April 16, 12:15 p.m., FBDR* – Join us for a light lunch and short program, including a guided tour of our History Hall given by Advocacy Committee members Anne Lafferty and Ross Loeser. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/historyhall

Westerly Hills Academy Campus Beautification Day, *April 29, 10 a.m., Westerly Hills Academy* - Work alongside Westerly Hills staff and families on gardening projects to brighten up the campus. | Register: fpc.tiny.us/flowers

YOUTH

Last Chance For Appleby Nominations - Today is the last call for nominations for the recipient of this year's Appleby Award. | Nominate online: tinyurl.com/applebynom

No Youth Events On Easter Sunday - We look forward to worshipping with you!



Maundy Thursday, *April 6, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary & Livestream* – The Service of Tenebrae sets the tone for Good Friday by recreating aspects of the passion story with scripture, communion, solemn hymns, and the gradual darkening of the room as candles are extinguished.

Easter Community Sunrise Service, *April 9, 7 a.m., Romare Bearden Park (no livestream)* – An early-morning Easter service in the park with coffee, donuts, and other local churches participating.

No Contemplative Service on Easter, *April 9*

Traditional Worship and Flowering of the Cross, *April 9, 11 a.m., Sanctuary, Livestream, WAXN-Channel 64* – Bring flowers from home to decorate the Easter cross.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., P206
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
20s on Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Offsite

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Chair Yoga, 12 p.m., P206
Loaves & Fishes, 1 p.m., P121
Ivey Handbells, 7:30 p.m., P114
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., P119

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m., P206
Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

DBSA Meeting, 12 p.m., P201
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., P301
Loaves & Fishes Pantry, 1 p.m., P121

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Sunrise Community Worship, 7 a.m., Romare Bearden Park
Morning Coffee, 9 a.m., Welcome Center
Nursery, 9 a.m., P311
Worship, 11 a.m., Sanctuary



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