

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS** Mindy Douglas  
Minute for Mission: Prevent Child Abuse NC Sharon Hirsch

**PRELUDE** Three Versets from Magnificat A. Guilmant

**INTROIT** Come, Let Our Songs of Gladness Rise Lasst uns erfreuen  
Come, let our songs of gladness rise! Mary no longer weeps and sighs. Alleluia.  
For gloom and cloud have passed away, Now shines the blessed light of day. Alleluia.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 133 and John 20) Sarah Finbow

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: **How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit.

People: **It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 254** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Puer Nobis Nascitur

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing) Sarah Finbow

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We claim that we have no sin, but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 240, refrain)

*Alleluia No. 1*

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**\*THE PEACE**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, Creator of all, the risen Christ taught from scripture of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May the living Lord breathe on us his peace, that our eyes may be opened to recognize him in breaking bread, and to follow wherever he leads, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 4: 32-35

(Pew Bible, NT Page 122)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

1 John 1:1-2:2

(Pew Bible, NT Page 238)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible, NT Page 115)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Not Convinced"*

Mindy Douglas

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

Sam Miglarese

**We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

**\*HYMN NO. 817**

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*Dunlap's Creek*

*(Children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade enter worship during the hymn.)*

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Mindy Douglas

*(Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship, return to the nursery, or go to the choir room for Children's Choir.)*

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offertory Anthem

*Around the Earth a Message Runs*

Austin Lovelace

*Around the earth a message runs: awake, awake, you drowsy ones!*

*Now leaps the sap in every stem to chant the winter's requiem.*

*No more of sloth and dullness sing. Sing love, sing joy, for Christ is King!*

*Around the earth a message runs: Arise, arise, you doleful ones!*

*Cast off your chains, you captives all who long have lain in sorrow's thrall.*

*No more of grief and anguish sing: Sing love, sing joy, for Christ is King!*

*Around the earth a message runs: Rejoice, rejoice you happy ones!  
Now fall the gods of wrath and pain, now comes your Prince of joy to reign.  
To Him your brave allegiance sing: Sing love, sing joy for Christ is King!*

\*Doxology with Alleluias

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Mindy Douglas

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: It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God of heaven and earth. You raised your people from slavery in Egypt; you bound them to you through your covenant on Sinai; and you made yourself known to them in exile and the Promised Land. In the cross of Jesus you take into yourself the scars of our sin, and in his resurrected body you invite us to touch the wounds of your love. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

All (sung): *Sanctus* Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Leader: Forgiving God, your Son's disciples cowered behind locked doors; and yet in him you visited them on the evening of resurrection and breathed on them the Spirit of peace. Breathe that Holy Spirit upon us now, that your church may know the power of your forgiveness and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Lord and God, intimate savior of our lives and cosmic ruler of the universe, in Jesus you are the substance of things hoped for and the knowledge of things unseen. Bless those who have not seen and yet believe, and shape your wounded body the church to let the world see you through its scars. Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory, until the day when all stand before your throne, in eternal communion with one another and with you, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)*

All: **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(in unison)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **We praise and thank you, O God, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him you have enlightened us by revealing the Light that never fades, for death has been destroyed and radiant life is everywhere restored. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 246**

*Christ Is Alive!*

*Truro*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

All: **The peace of God is with us.**

**Christ Jesus stands among us.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit we have seen the risen Lord.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Chorale from "Suite Gothique"*

L. Boëllmann

*First Presbyterian Church* welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Easter Sunday, April 1, we welcomed 62 visitors to our worship services.

*Special thanks* to *Gordon Campbell* for serving as organist for today's worship while Kathy Parkins is away.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Jerry and Minnie Sue Douglas* (Mindy's parents), and the 19<sup>th</sup> birthday of *Tyler Adams* (Mindy's son), by *Mindy Douglas and Tim O'Brien*.

*Nursery care* for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary. After the sermon is delivered, children ages 3 to 6 join worship for "A Time with the Children," while childcare for children younger than age 3 continues in the nursery. Following "A Time with the Children," the children may return to the nursery, go to the choir room for Children's Choir, or join their parents in the pew.

CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Robert Daye*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Sarah Finbow*, Youth Minister



*Marilyn Hedgpeth*, Associate Pastor  
*Cheryl Henry*, Parish Associate  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Sam Miglarese*, Associate Pastor  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music

*Worship bags and activity bulletins* are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

*Portions of today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship, Eucharistic Prayers, Call to Worship, and Feasting on the Word*.

Registration is now open for the **2018 Great Big Church Family Festival**. Use this link to register your family: <https://goo.gl/gRtboc>

### ~ Our Concerns ~

**Added this week:** *Rosemary Orphys*, aunt of Kerry Holbrook

*Traveling mercies* for *Margaret and Miguel Rubiera* who are headed to Honduras on a Habitat Mission Trip with 37 quilts, handmade by FPC quilters.

*Carsey Family*      *Mary Clark*      *Paul Cornsweet*      *Graham/Seawell Family*      *Julie Maxwell*

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Bob Rankin*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Keever, John Kerr, Florence Shackelford*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson*

### **Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:**

*Tom Birchfield*, step-father of Wil James

*Norma Cardoni*, mother of Sheila Breitweiser

*Ching-Chang Chin*, father of Li-Chen Chin

*Claiborne Clark*, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

*Marc Crawford*, friend of Brianna and Ricky Bennett

*Kim Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings

*Anna Gerwe & family*, granddaughter of Barbara and Rod Gerwe

*Heath, Rebecca, and Julia Huberg*, friends of Kathy Parkins and Mary Kay Robinson

*Patricia Kost*, grandmother of Jack Kost

*Ben Johnston-Krase*, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

*Paul Martin*, brother of Beth Neece

*Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

*Sue Noel*, resident at Croasdaile Village and friend of Bill Hendrickson

*Jonathan Pratt*, son of Lanny Pratt

*Vickie Tobey*, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

*Anne Turlington*, aunt of Jack Kost

### ~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jane Wettach*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *George Bernhardt* (side/font); *Al Arrowood* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Stephen Berry* (head), *Julie Whiddon* (assist), *Elinor Hess, Ginny Widmark, Jo Bernhardt*

Communion Elders:

Head elder/Replenish elements: *Tyler Momsen-Hudson*

Bread: *Alice Raney* (B1/process), *Al Arrowood* (B2), *Andy Henry* (B3), *Delia Kwon* (B4)

Cup: *George Bernhardt* (C1), *Barbara Buckley* (C2/process), *Jane Wettach* (C3), *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (C4)

Shepherds *Miriam Morey* (center aisle), *Caroline Rourk* (font aisle), *Carol Carson* (pulpit aisle)

# April is...

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

Our future success relies on the healthy growth and development of all children. When we work together to ensure their healthy development, the next generation pays it back through a lifetime of productivity and responsible citizenship. With the support of engaged communities and nurturing families, all children can thrive and have the opportunity to grow into contributing, caring, and healthy adults.

April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, and it is an opportunity for all of us to step forward and show our support for the children and families in our community.

The national symbol for child abuse prevention is the pinwheel. Shining in the sun, the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve. Pinwheels are part of the effort to focus on community activities that support families and public policies that emphasize prevention efforts to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur.

### Want to get involved?

- Participate in Wear Blue Day on April 6, 2018, and share photos on social media with the hashtag **#WearBlueDay**
- Plant a Pinwheel Home Kit in your own front yard.  
Order yours at [www.preventchildabusenc.org/online-store](http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/online-store)
- Take Prevent Child Abuse NC's **free** online training: Recognizing & Responding to Suspicions of Child Maltreatment at [preventchildabusenc.org/services/trainings-and-professional-development/rrcourse](http://preventchildabusenc.org/services/trainings-and-professional-development/rrcourse)
- Sign the Pledge for Prevention to show your commitment to NC's children
- Learn more about the Protective Factors and how you can enhance them in your community
- Reach out to a parent or family and let them know you're there for them



To learn more, please visit  
[PreventChildAbuseNC.org](http://PreventChildAbuseNC.org).



# 254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which  
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.  
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

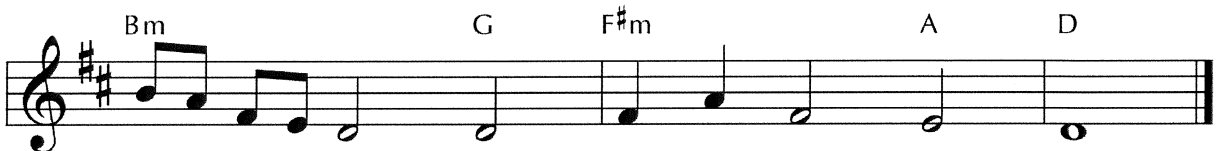
# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

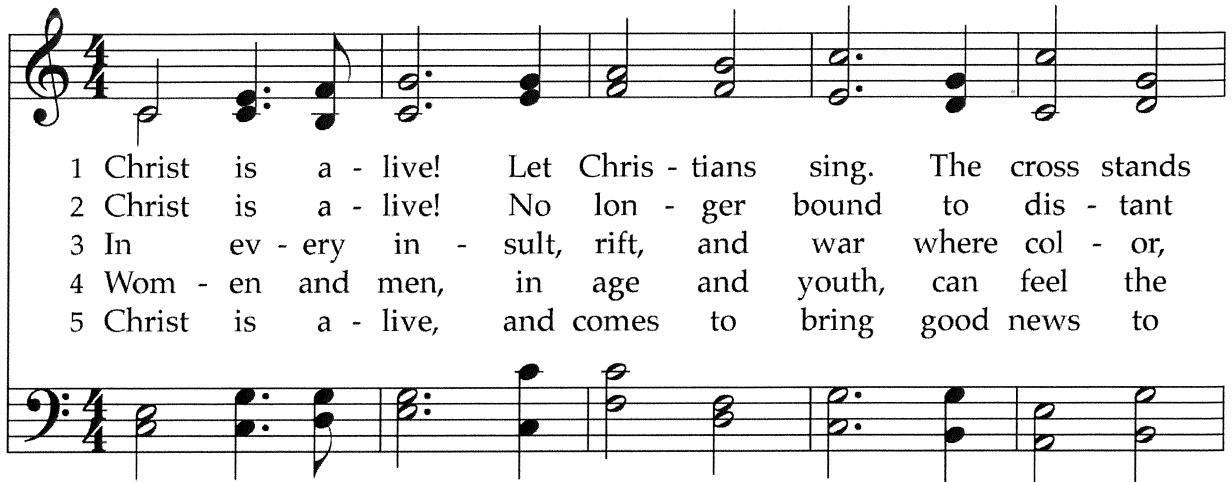


none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

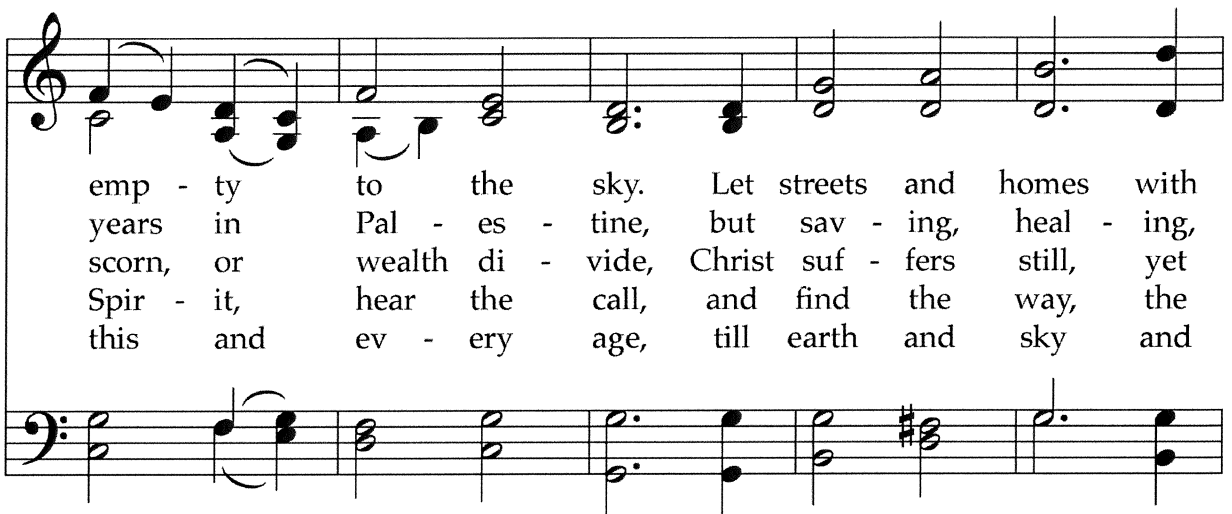


# Christ Is Alive!

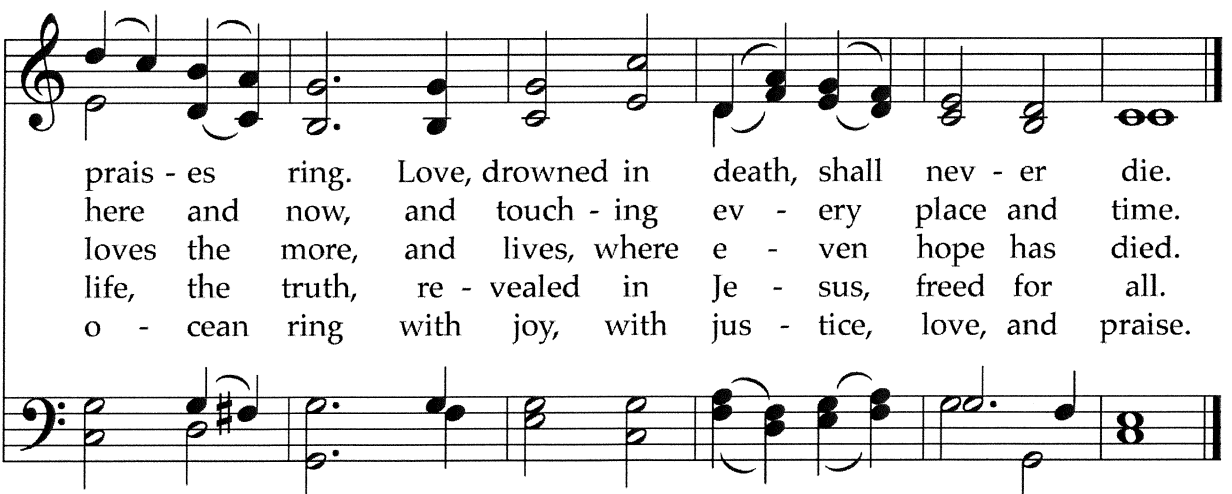
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

**Final Call for CROP Hunger Walk donations:** Thank you to everyone who supported the FPC team at the CROP Hunger Walk on March 25<sup>th</sup>. We received pledges or donations from 50 different church members! Remember to turn in your donation if you sponsored a walker (it's not too late if you would still like to make a pledge to the team!). Please make checks payable to Durham CROP Walk and give to the walker you sponsored or to Jody Maxwell this week.

<b>The Week at a Glance!</b>			
<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>High School Youth Mystery Day</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Kinston Mission Trip Interest Meeting (East Parlor)</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbatical Grant interest meeting (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p><b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b> Shape Note Choir rehearsal</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>Monday, April 9</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Presbyterian Women Circle and Bible Study</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Bell Choir</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Called Session Meeting</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Education Committee Property Committee</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Personnel Committee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 10</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Strategic Planning Committee meeting with FPC Staff</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> FPC Staff</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Vox Men's Chorus rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 11</b></p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Worship and the Arts Committee / Stewardship Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 12</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, April 13</b></p> <p><b>8:00 AM – 4:15 PM</b> Faith Connections on Mental Illness Interfaith Conference at St. Thomas More Catholic Church (Chapel Hill)</p> <p><b>No Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, April 14</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM – 12:30 PM</b> MLK Good Neighbor Brunch</p> <p><b>1:00 – 5:00 PM</b> Congregational Lunch Prep</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 15</b> <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School / Membership Inquiry Class</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship and Holy Communion (Children's Choir singing)</p> <p><b>After Worship:</b> Congregational Lunch / Scratch Camping Trip Planning Meeting / Racial Equity Task Force / Strategic Planning Committee</p> <p><b>4:00 – 5:30 PM</b> Durham CAN Public Assembly for Affordable Housing (at St. Philip's Episcopal)</p> <p><b>5:00 – 8:00 PM</b> Youth Groups (Service Project)</p>