

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Charlotte Maxwell (violin) and Ben Maxwell (cello)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved church,
behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let our world resound with joy.

People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty God, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
we have been united with you in resurrection hope
through the waters of baptism.**

Sadly, though, we have not lived as Easter people.

We are unsure of your promise and afraid in the face of danger.

Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death,

give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

When life brings challenges we feel we cannot face,

give us strength to stand before them.

When we are overwhelmed by powerful forces of destruction in our midst,

reveal to us again your cosmic victory and surround us with hope.

We need you.

Forgive us.

Bring us close.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response Hymn (refrain only)

Alleluia No. 1

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
by the power of your Spirit
roll away the stone
and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31-39

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

"Signs of Life"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: **Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

... 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Today we ask that, in addition to your regular tithes and offerings, you consider a gift to the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering**. This PC(USA) special offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please give online via the church's website, or mail a check to the church, memo "OGHS."

HYMN

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

***Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.***

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!***

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Open unto me—light for my darkness.
Open unto me—courage for my fear.
Open unto me—hope for my despair.
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me—love for my hates.
Open unto me—thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.**

-Howard Thurman, 1900-1981

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory
Charlotte Maxwell and Ben Maxwell

G.F. Handel

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. On April 5, 137 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

Special thanks to ***Charlotte Maxwell*** and ***Ben Maxwell*** for sharing their musical gifts with us today and to ***Jody Maxwell*** for his technical assistance with today's worship broadcast.

Portions of today's worship texts and music were taken from *Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal. Music printed under OneLicense.net: A.713926.

Church staff are working from their homes under the Stay-at-home Order for the state of North Carolina. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails. Please read church emails and check our social media to stay up-to-date.

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For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:
info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

~ **Our Celebrations and Concerns** ~

We celebrate the birth of **Harper Caroline Stutts** on April 5th to **Caroline and Daniel Stutts**. Harper is the granddaughter of **Jan and Bob Paul**.

We also celebrate milestone birthdays: **Fran Bryant** turned 95 on April 10th and **George Crane** turned 100 on April 11th.

Beth and Larry Brockman

Margaret Mubanga

All who have been impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk**

Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: **Jean Lazarides**

Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Paula Cope, sister of Sam Miglarese

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Dolores Ewald, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Lenten Book Studies

The study of **Call It Grace** by Serene Jones and led by Mindy Douglas is meeting online on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. using Zoom. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact Mindy Douglas.

All are welcome to join the Women's Spirituality Group in a study of **Helpmates, Harlots and Heroes** by Alice Bellis, via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30-8:15 p.m. If you wish to join this discussion group, contact Deborah Momsen-Hudson.

Winesdays on Wednesdays goes Virtual

You are invited to FPC's Virtual **Wednesday Happy Hour** each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Join in with your beverage of choice! Contact Laurie Williamson by email to be added to the group's virtual meet up link.

Iglesia Emanuel needs our help!

Iglesia Emanuel is receiving people with more needs than we are able to meet with our current level of resources. If you would like to help assist our vulnerable community, we would be grateful for any and all donations. The safest and most helpful way to contribute is by making a financial contribution at our website: <https://emanueldurham.org/>. If you prefer, you can notify us if you would like to drop off non-perishable food on the front steps of the church for us to collect. The most needed items are: cereal, rice, beans, pasta (including macaroni & cheese), canned food (soup, beans, fruit) and granola snacks for kids. Thank you very much for your generosity and concern in this time of need. Also, please continue to keep us in your prayers.

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Urban Ministries needs volunteers

For the month of April, FPC and Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) are asking that only **people under the age of 60** work in the kitchen at UMD, so share this message broadly with all your younger friends!

Friday, April 17, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. prepare breakfast takeout boxes

Monday, April 20, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. prepare lunch bags

Thursday, April 23, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. prepare lunch bags

Remember to respond to **Margaret Rubiera** if you meet the criteria to volunteer during the pandemic.

Additional opportunities with no maximum age limit:

- Prepare lunch bags containing a sandwich, fruit, cookie or granola bar, bottle of water
- Or just prepare sandwiches in Ziplock baggies
- Prepare casseroles for dinner
- **Donate** deli meats/cheeses/bottled water/fresh fruit/snack items
- And last, but certainly not least, send a monetary donation to **umdurham.org**.

Also, there are many openings for volunteers to help with breakfast, lunch or dinner shifts in addition to our regularly scheduled ones. For these additional shifts, please contact FPC member **Jen McGonigle**.

Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

- Check made payable to First Presbyterian Church and mailed to the church
- Bill Pay initiated by you through your bank
- Direct Debit (monthly) from a checking account (contact church for required form)
- Text Giving (Contact Tom Bloom in the church office for instructions)
- Appreciated Stock (Contact Tom Bloom before initiating a stock transfer)
- Credit or Debit Card (Click DONATE on the church's website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>)
- Charitable Distribution from an IRA (For persons aged 70½; contact your IRA administrator for more information).

You shall be called repairers of the breach



— ISAIAH 58

In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge—to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. Together, we become the household of God where those seeking shelter, food and renewed hope are welcome.

Received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to build God's household and welcome our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

- + Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM

- + Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

- + Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills

Join with
Presbyterians
worldwide in
answering
God's call.

This Lenten
season, please
give generously
to One Great
Hour of Sharing.

IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!

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