

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2021

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

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)



In preparation for celebrating communion where you are, **please have your own bread and cup available at the beginning of worship** so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.

GATHERING MUSIC

*March on Handel's
"Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"*
Gordon Campbell, organ

Alexander Guilmant

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Marc-Antoine Charpentier: *Prelude to "Te Deum"*
Kent Foss, trumpet; Gordon Campbell, organ

arr. by John Head and
Sue Mitchell-Wallace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Dunlap

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

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let our world resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

HYMN No. 232

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

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

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.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.**

You lift all things out of the dust,

you breathe love into every cell,

you call us into communion with you, and

you claim victory over death.

Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 10:34-43 Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Mark 16:1-8 Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION "Where Do We Go from Here?" Mindy Douglas

ANTHEM (Chancel Choir) *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Llanfair

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*) (from *A Declaration of Faith*) Susan Dunlap

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

**His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers
that deform and destroy human life.**

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.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Mindy Douglas, Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,
for your mercy is sure and your steadfast love endures forever.
In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,
who sets us free from death and leads us to life eternal.

And so,
with all creation,
with all the needy and hungry ones,
with all those who have enough and plenty,
with creatures large and small,
with sun and moon and stars, and
with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 572

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage,
thwart the designs of evil, show the way through the wilderness,
turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding the just.
Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.
You came among us
to feed and heal and teach,
to confound the haughty,
to confuse the deceivers,

to challenge the wrong-hearted, and, in all these things,
to give hope to those who long for peace.
Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All (sung):

Hymn No. 573



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.
You give us words when we have none;
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.
Come now, O Prince of Peace, Spirit of Love, Breath of Life.
Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,
and teach us to proclaim with her, "I have seen the Lord!"
In the unity of the Holy Trinity, in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place fed at your table and filled by your Spirit, to walk with you all the days of our lives, and proclaim the glory of your resurrection to all the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Susan Dunlap

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 ([here](#)), or mail a check to the church, memo "OGHS."

HYMN No. 238

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.***

Refrain: ***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.* (Refrain)

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.* (Refrain)

CLOSING PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:
You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest
in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish
passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from
doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly and in your service find
perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

-Church of Scotland, Book of Common Order (1940),
inspired by Augustine, Conf. 1.1

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

Prelude in a minor

J.S. Bach

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 March 28, 95 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

THANKS to all who provided the majestic Easter lilies, presenting them as a glorious symbol of the Easter message, in memory or in honor of special ones. We are grateful to **Jean Wilson, Phyllis Verhey, and Alice Raney** for arranging for their delivery and placement in the sanctuary. Lilies not claimed by a donor will be delivered to our homebound by members of the Diaconate.

Our **Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand**, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of **Elder Ed Kwon**, was originally dedicated on April 30, 2017. This candle stands as a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, his resurrection, to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross, an *alpha* and *omega*, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. Traditionally, the Candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at Baptisms where it signifies that we are crucified and resurrected

with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul's message in Romans 6: 3-4 that "all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ ... have been buried with him ... into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead ..., so we too might walk in newness of life."

Portions of *today's worship texts* were taken from *Book of Common Worship* (2018). Music printed under OneLicense.net: A.713926.

Music Notes:

- We are grateful to **Kent Foss** (trumpet) and **Gordon Campbell** (organ) for sharing their musical gifts with us this Easter morn.
- A Frenchman, Alexandre Guilmant (1837 - 1911), was a highly regarded composer and one of the most famous organists of his time. His grand "March" is based on the melody from Handel's setting of the text from Psalm 24:7, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in" as part of his Messiah.
- The reference to the gates has a triple interpretation for Christians. The psalmist is envisioning the Temple as having been rebuilt with the grand doors thrown open for the Lord to enter. The gates are also representations of the gates of Heaven, opening to receive Christ as he ascends to sit with the Father. For Christians, the gates additionally make reference to our opening of ourselves, through the Grace of the Holy Spirit, to receive Christ into our lives, as we are the Church and welcoming our Lord into God's new creation thereby to give us new life.
- Marc-Antoine Charpentier composed his "Te Deum" in D Major, for soloists, chorus and orchestra, at the end of the seventeenth century. It is best known for the glorious "Prelude," which has been transcribed for trumpet and organ. The "Te Deum" is a hymn of praise and affirmation of faith from the fourth century or earlier that is used by many as part of their daily prayers. The text, as found in the "Book of Common Prayer," is worthy of frequent repetition by each of us:

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;
to thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
the Father of an infinite Majesty;
thine adorable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.
O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy Name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 5 in observance of the Easter holiday.

These Days devotional books for **April - June 2021** have arrived. Free copies in large and regular print are available for pickup at FPC or you can request a copy be sent to you by mail. Simply call the church (919-682-5511 x 217) or email [Sybil King](mailto:Sybil.King@fpc.org) to receive a copy.

Flowers for Worship: Flower donors are needed for Sundays this spring and summer. If you would like to donate flowers for worship, you can [sign up](#) from the church's website. No internet access? Contact the church office (919-682-5511 x 215) for instructions on how to donate flowers for worship.

~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Caroline Rourk** on the death of her longtime boyfriend, **Christopher Michael Whitworth**, a decorated special ops combat Marine, who died March 27, 2021.

Concerns:

Added this week

Margaret Nelson, sister of Charlotte Nelson, in ICU in Asheville

Franzi Rokoske's father, recovering from a fall

Samuel, nephew of Susan Dunlap

Recovering at their homes

Tom Bloom

Catherine Dumas

Kerry Holbrook

Margaret Sims

Carol Wills

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

The Laurels of Chatham County: **Ann Prospero**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Sandra Alley and family (friend of Li-Chin Chen) as she battles cancer

Carolyn Bonner, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson's coworker Al Bonner

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

Howard Frank, father of Leah Graves

Chris James' mother, suffering from dementia

Grace, Chris James' great-niece, suffering from a rare, degenerative condition

Phil Goss, a friend of the congregation

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

John Samulski, friend of FPC



Prayer Service Planned in the Sanctuary!

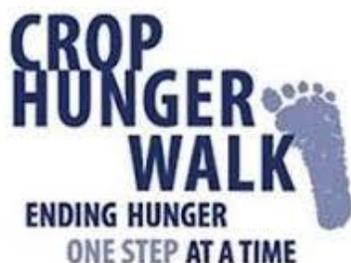
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

*For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

- Ps. 100:4-5

Are you 65 years of age or older? Fully vaccinated? (2 weeks or more after your second vaccine) If so, we're thrilled to offer the opportunity for **small groups of 13 people**, masked and distanced, to meet in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and fellowship. Come to hear the organ, see dear ones and be in prayer together. **[Sign up at this link](#) or call First Presbyterian (919-682-5511 ext. 217)** and state the date in April or May for which you're signing up. Please let us know if you need a ride when you sign up, we may be able to help.



Once again this year FPC is participating in the CROP Hunger Walk to help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. **This year's CROP Walk is being held virtually due to the pandemic, meaning walkers**

will walk on their own or in small groups during the week of April 10-18. We'd love to have you join us as a walker, but if you are unable to walk, please consider sponsoring one of the walkers from FPC. Those walking include **Emily Wilkins, Julie and Jody Maxwell, Kerry Holbrook, Marie Sappenfield, Caroline Rourk, Sharon Hirsch, Shirley Frederick, Tom Bacon, Mindy Douglas and Tim O'Brien.** Click on this **[link](#)** to join the FPC Team or to make a donation in support of those walking, or contact **Tom Bacon**, FPC's coordinator.



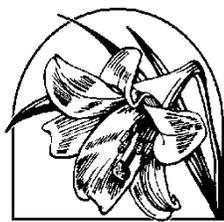
YOU ARE INVITED!
Ben Maxwell's Senior Recital
Saturday, April 10 at 12 noon
 The New England Conservatory
 Live-streamed via this [link](#)

Multiplying the Blessings

At the Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry, we see miracles every week. We prepare for 550 families. 590 families show up, and there is enough food for all. Most people come by car. They line up well before the 2 o'clock start time on Wednesday afternoon, waiting patiently for blocks and blocks in the neighborhood behind the church. Many families have 3 or 4 children in the car, and their excited faces tell us how much they look forward to discovering what food awaits them. A few people come by foot. They either live close enough to walk, carrying the heavy bags of food back home with them, or they come by bus.

Come, be part of the miracle at 2504 N. Roxboro. Join other volunteers for a 2-hour shift, bag rice and beans from home, donate food, or give a financial donation. Together, we will continue to spread God's love throughout our community in this most tangible way.

To sign up for a 2-hour shift, click [here](#). To bag rice and beans from home, or donate food, click [here](#). To make a financial donation, go to www.emanueldurham.org and click on donate." More questions? Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#).



2021 Lily Donors

As a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, many First Presbyterian Church members and friends have chosen to honor the memory or life of loved ones and friends by contributing toward the cost of Easter lilies and to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which helps to feed the hungry, assist victims of disasters, and enable the poor to help themselves.

The names of the donors of these gifts and those so honored and remembered are as follows:

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Susan Dunlap	Jean Dunlap (mother)
Shirley Frederick	Mae Frederick Jubinsky (sister)
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	Allen Verhey



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Susan Dunlap	Harold Dunlap (father)
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232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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.

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save,
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quiring Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
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rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
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 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quiring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.