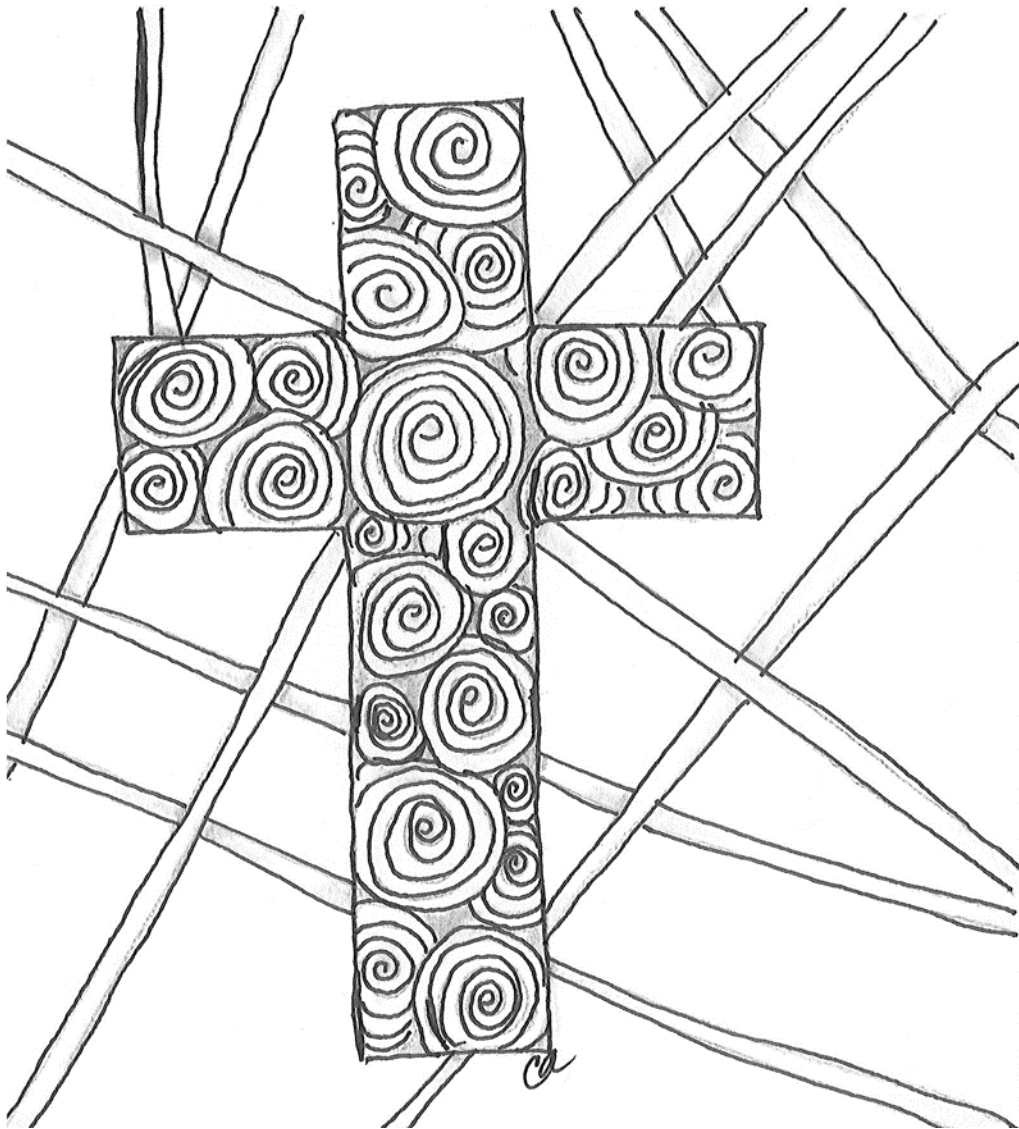


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 WEST DAVIS STREET

BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us now prepare our hearts to worship God.

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

(8:30) Prelude on *Holy Manna*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

(11:00) God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
In the Stillness

Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)
Karen Buckwalter (b. 1952)

Carillon Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is a hiding place for us.

Let all who gather here worship the Lord.

The counsel of the Lord is around us; the eye of the Lord is upon us.

Praise be to the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have fallen short and need your grace.

We have failed to be salt and light,

and instead have chosen to clothe ourselves with fear, distrust, and selfishness.

We have failed to care for the outcast;

we have failed to follow the example of your Son.

Have mercy on us.

Cleanse us of all malice and hatred,

that united in love we may once more carry your hope out to the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

We lay before God our own sins, the sins and brokenness of our fellow worshippers, the church universal, and the world.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin. From
earth - born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.

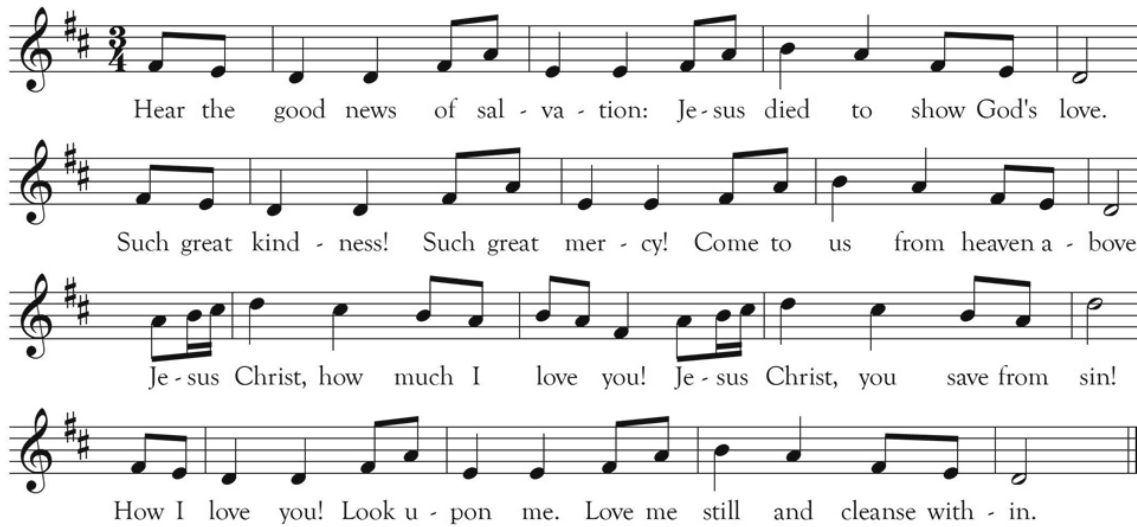
Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 5th century; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, alt.
As found at Hymn No. 417, *Glory to God* hymnal

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON



Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look u - pon me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Text: Native American, vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989.
As found at Hymn No. 441, *Glory to God* hymnal.

***PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 32

setting by David Clarke Isele

Refrain



You are my hid - ing place, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11-24

Large Print Pew Bible, pages 95-96
Pew Bible, pages 78-79

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM (11:00)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Jason W. Krug (b. 1978)

Carillon Choir

Text and tune found at Hymn No. 802

The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.

We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.

The psalm refrain is sung at the direction of the cantor.

*We listen for what
God is saying to
God's people
through scripture,
song, and sermon.*

*Our response to
hearing God's
Word includes
singing and saying
what we believe.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *Large Print Pew Bible, page 221*
Pew Bible, page 181

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Ambassadors

Rev. Taylor Barner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 733

We All Are One in Mission

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*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.

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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ACTS OF GIVING AND RECEIVING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

O Lord Most Holy

César Franck (1822-1890)

Patty Philipps, soprano
Chancel Choir

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our willful hearts,
Keep Thine our wandering thoughts;
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;
And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; Hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, So shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN – No. 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

Ronald L. Shive, D. Min., Pastor
Taylor Barner, M. Div., Associate Pastor for Student Ministries
Norman Whitney, M. Div., Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster
Charlotte Allbright, C.C.E., Church Educator
Don Grady, 8:30 a.m. Liturgist
Leanna Giles, 11:00 a.m. Liturgist
Amanda Covington Anderson, M.Div., Assisting Minister

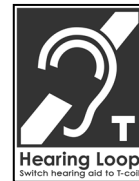
*God blesses and
sends us in
mission to the
world.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to one of our ministers.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS: Copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

HEARING LOOP: The Sanctuary is fitted with a Hearing Loop system. Please switch your hearing device to T-coil. If you need a listening device, please contact one of our ushers.



COVER ART: The crosses found on the cover of the worship bulletins throughout the season of Lent were created by members of the congregation during a Zentangle workshop on March 5, 2019. The facilitator was Julie Gvillo, founder and director of A Place of Grace. You may learn more about praying through art by visiting www.zentangle.com and www.aplaceofgrace-juliegvillo.net.

IN THIS SEASON OF LENT, YOU MAY NOTE THESE: During this season, it is our practice to remove *alleluias* from worship (they will reappear on Easter Sunday). The Doxology (response to the offering) will be sung to the tune OLD HUNDREDTH. In addition, a Psalm appointed for the day will be sung. These psalm settings may be responsorial, that is between a cantor and the congregation, choral (sung only by the choir), or metrical, as in the form of a hymn. Also, no closing voluntaries will be offered. Finally, it will be noticed that floral arrangements will not be used in the Chancel during Lent, but rather arrangements of bare branches, which offer us a stark reminder that Lent is a season of penitence and reflection.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: During the season of Lent, a worship service will be held in Williams Chapel each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. These 30-minute services will be led by clergy within our congregation and staff, and will include hymns, prayers, scripture, and a homily. We hope you will make these a part of your Lenten discipline this year.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP: Join us this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in Room 122 for a Days for Girls workshop. Bring your fabric scissors to help trace and cut patterns. There are bags, shields and liners to work on. We recently sent 60 more kits to Zambia with Melissa Johnson. Charles and Melissa will be here August 3-4, so we need to have kits ready for them to take back to Zambia.

TACOS & 5-BELOW BINGO NIGHT: Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall you are invited to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship with an evening of tacos and Bingo. The idea is to serve tacos and enjoy an evening of Bingo. Bingo participants are asked to bring a gift below \$5.00 in value to build the prize pool for distribution to the Bingo winners.

THE FPC YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT — SUPPORTING SUMMER MISSION TRIPS: The FPC Youth Group will be holding a golf tournament fundraiser on Saturday, April 6th at Indian Valley Golf Course. Individuals can play for \$75.00 and Team sponsorships (4 players) are \$300. There are many other ways to contribute as well, including hole sponsorships, participating as a virtual caddie, and donations of drink items. All proceeds benefit the mission work of our senior high students each summer so please consider contributing in some way! Youth will be selling tickets today in the Welcome Center following 8:30 a.m. worship service and in the narthex following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

THE 508 PARTNERSHIP POETRY GROUP will continue meeting for the next two weeks and center their conversation around *Black Lives Matter*. We will meet at 12:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 2 and at First Presbyterian in Room 203 on Tuesday, April 9. For more information, please contact Frank Covington or Charlotte Allbright.

FEED THE HUNGRY: This month we are collecting soup and coffee.

FIRST PRESS: As we are now emailing *First Press* (monthly newsletter), you will not be receiving a paper copy in your mailbox this month. There are some copies in the narthex and outside the church office. If you are on the email list, you will be receiving *First Press* by email. It will also be linked to our weekly eblast, in our website archives, in the website newsfeed, and linked to a Facebook post.

SPRING SERVICE OF MUSIC: The Chancel Choir will lead worship on Sunday, April 7 with Dan Forrest's *LUX: The Dawn from on High*. This beautiful and moving work by one of America's most respected young composers centers on the Light of God and its ability to grant us courage and comfort in times of darkness. Many may recall the Choir singing Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* a few years ago. This work is filled with similar sonorous harmonies and ethereal sounds. The Choir and soloists will be accompanied by a chamber ensemble of violin, cello, flute, oboe, horn, harp, percussion, and organ. Also included in the service will be *Berceuse for Flute and Harp* by the French composer Philip Gaubert, and *Andantino for Harp and Cello* by Greensboro composer Jack Jarrett. An offering to support the Music Fund will be received. Worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will be in the sanctuary.

EASTER LILIES for use in the sanctuary may be ordered as memorial or honorary flowers (\$27 each). Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark "Easter Lilies". The deadline to order is April 14, 2019. Please fill in the order form below and include with your payment. Please contact the church (336-228-1703) if you have questions.

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM:

In Memory of _____

Donor _____

In Honor of _____

Donor _____

CALENDAR
March 31–April 6

Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Williams Chapel
9:15 a.m. Welcome Center Opens
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation for Adults and Children
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Session meets for prayer – Room 201
11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Days for Girls Workshop – Room 122
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:00 p.m. Carol and Covenant Choirs Rehearse
6:00 p.m. Tacos and 5 Below Bingo – Calvin Hall

Monday, April 1

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Council – Room 122
5:00 p.m. Easter Sunday in Morrow Town Planning – Room 122

Tuesday, April 2

6:45 a.m. Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
7:45 a.m. High School Dough Devotions – Biscuitville on S. Church St.
9:00 a.m. Lent for Prayer Art – Room 122
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Andrews Visioning Committee Meeting–Room 122
5:30 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 17 – Garrison Joyner Activities Building

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 a.m. High School Dough Devotions – Skid’s in Elon
10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
11:30 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Worship Service – Williams Chapel
6:30 p.m. Playschool Director Search Committee Meets–Room 203
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Women’s Bible Study – Witherspoon Room
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Andrew Parker Eagle Scout Ceremony – Williams Chapel

Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m. FPC Youth Golf Tournament – Indian Valley Golf Course
9:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Minister on Call: March 29-31 Taylor Barner (412-613-0835)