



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019
9 and 11 a.m.*

This is God's house and all are welcome! As you gather for worship, please take a moment to greet one another in the name of Christ.

Preparation

Prelude

Musique Royale
March Royale

Michel Richard Delalande
Jean-Baptiste Lully

Adoration

Easter Proclamation

The Reverend Pen Peery

One: I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here! He is risen!

All: Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Choral Call to Worship

Thomas Matthews

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn No. 232

EASTER HYMN/arr. Todd Wilson

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**please stand as the choir passes your pew*

Confession

Prayer of the Day

The Reverend Katherine Kerr

All: Resurrecting God, we have come to see the stone rolled away. We come in hope that no matter who we are, no matter where life has taken us, no matter what choices we have made, no matter what sins we have committed, we will find Christ in this place. The empty tomb assures us that nothing we can do is beyond your power to recreate. Be with us as we celebrate the beauty of new life, we ask it in the name of the one who saves. Amen.

*Response

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The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25

pew Bible pg. 696

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”

Philip W. J. Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ hath broken every chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high. Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say “Alleluia!” He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings. Alleluia! Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away. Let us sing by night and day: “Alleluia!”

Time with Children

Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for First Church. They will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn. Younger children may go to the nursery.

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

pew Bible pg. 90

Sermon

“Looking for the Living”

The Reverend Pen Peery

*Hymn No. 251

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

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Large-print hymnals and Bibles are available. Please let an usher know if you would like one.

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.

The prayer of the day was written by the Reverend Martha Spong.

The rosebud in the sanctuary celebrates the birth of Noah Hice, son of Carter and Julia Hice.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Lark Elliott on the death of her mother, Sallie Ann Park.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief while helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WSOC-TV, Channel 9 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org.

Response

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

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.

Prayers of the People

Stewardship of Life

One Great Hour of Sharing
Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem "Hallelujah" from *Mount of Olives* Ludwig van Beethoven
Hallelujah unto God's almighty son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choir, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Praise the Lord.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication and The 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.

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we launch our Welcome Center in the library located just off the main lobby. Please stop by to review this week's news and to visit our new space.

Youth & Confirmation Sunday

Our church youth lead both worship services next Sunday, April 28. We will celebrate confirmands in worship at 11 a.m.

2019 Willard Lecture

Join us on Tuesday evening, May 7, for *Rise Above: Becoming a Healer in an Ailing World* with Dr. Jonathan Haidt, social psychologist, author and professor. Purchase tickets at bit.ly/Willard2019.

Vacation Bible School

Join us June 24 - 27 for *To Mars & Beyond*, a Vacation Bible School experience that will help children discover the wonders of God's universe. Register at bit.ly/VBSFPC2019.

Bible & Beverage and First Fruits Fellowship

Join us on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30pm at Resident Culture Brewing to support the Streets to Peaks (S2P) program at Camp Grier.

First Fellowship for Dads & Kids

On Saturday, April 27 at 3 p.m., dads and children are invited to gather in fellowship and shop for Mother's Day at Fashion & Compassion, a non-profit organization that supports and empowers impoverished women. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

*Please stand if you are able.

**The Easter lilies are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory or honor of**
(honoraria in italics)

Belle Ward and Sid Abernethy
Will Appleby
Julia Brinkley Austin
Cornelia and Walter Banks, Sr.
Sarah and Walter Banks, Jr.
Robert L. Barber
Conrad and Carolyn Bare
Mr. and Mrs. George Bondranko
Lucy Brannon
Frances Lassiter Brinkley
William Earl Brinkley
William Earl Brinkley, Jr.
Harry M. Bryant, Sr.
Mrs. Ruby Bryant
Gail Weaver Bunn
Eula and Richard Buzard
Julia Dalhouse Caldwell
The Charles and Reid Campbell Family
W. N. and Helen Cannon
Catherine Carlson
James H. Carson, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Carson, Sr.
Hugh Causey
George H. Chadwick
Don Childers
Elizabeth Peyton Clark
Eugene W. and Mary T. Cochrane
Helen Collins
Ray Cooper
Brek Cunningham
Susan Michaux Dalton
Sarah Davis
Nina Dingus
Gerald Dunbar
Terry Dunbar
Carl and Anna Faust
Sarah Ellen Gaissert
Jean Gilcrest
Linda Goodnow
Eugene B. Graham, III
Jane Greene
Jane, Marc, Knox, and William Gustafson
Dot and Howard Hamilton
Evelyn and Irvin Hankins
Ron and Vicki Hankins
Nancy Hewett Harris
The Parents of Bill and Norene Hart
Clifford S. Heinz
Bill and Tet Henley
Robert A. Hewett, Sr.
Peggy Hidell
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Hite, Sr.
L. B. and Rachel Hood
Elizabeth Hosbach
Jack and Juanita Hotchkiss

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Douglas Hoy, Sr.
Carolyn K. Ives
Genevieve C. Ives
Horace B. Ives
Henry S. Jakuc
Michael Ann Jakuc
Nancy and Robert James
Jim Johnson
Keith W. Johnson
Mrs. Nancy Johnson
The Peter and Katherine Justis Family
Susan Kelly
Anna Taylor King
Royal and Evelyn Kinner
John and Betty Kinnett
Beryl and Charles Kraemer
Susan Bailey Law
Kathryn Little
Charles B. Lomax
Jack Lomax
Dr. Brenda Long
Ginger Long
Peggy Lyon
Phyllis Mahlerbe
Arlene Main
Martha Mallory
Hadley A. Marchewka
Jane E. Marchewka
Paul H. and Margaret C. Mann
John Ivany Marshall
Jim Martin
Dr. William M. Massey
Alice and Harold Maye
Dowd Maye
Eleanor Maver
Quentin M. Maver
Bud McCall
Marsha McCrory
Mrs. Grover C. McNair
Alice Michaux
John W. Moore
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Murray
The Doug and Lisa Neely Family
Helen Neil
Margaret and Joe Neil
William B. Neil
Vincent Thomas Novak
Alexanne Murphy O'Dell
Charles Denton O'Dell
Clayton Elizabeth O'Dell
Whitney Fontana O'Dell
Kirk Raymond Orrell
Yvonne and Don Padgett
Doris and Roland Parker
Pen, Lindsey, Wells, Eliza, Tyler & Liam Peery

Dr. Thomas E. Phillips
Nancy O. Porter
Tom Quattlebaum
Fay and Floyd Rayner
Bruce and Adele Reid
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ridenhour, Jr.
Dr. Jack Robinson
Mrs. Joyce Robinson
The Libby Bell and Tim Ryan Family
Dorothy Sadler
William Sadler
Vernon Scarborough
Martha Rankin Schweppe
Mr. and Mrs. Fontaine Herndon Scott
Paul B. "Bodie" Scott
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sebo
Anne Shaffner
Brad W. Smith
Ava, Marley and Cooper Snowden
Theresa Soucy
Mary Morris and William W. Spearman
Martha H. Spruill
Rodman T. Spruill
Ruth Stephens
Ed and Carrie Suits
Edythe and Jasper Sweet
Helen H. Tallent
Jack and Dolly Tate
Tom and Ann Temple
Mary Helen and Charlie Thompson
Donald and Nancy Thorpe
James Tilden
Jimmy P. Waldrup
Paula and Guy Wallace
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace
Henry Bryce Ward, Jr.
Peggy Witt Williams
Tammy Winchip
Mr. and Mrs. William B. Wingfield
Iris Lankford Woods

A time of personal prayer
is offered following both
services. If you would like to
pray with a pastor or a member
of our prayer team, please meet
them in the sanctuary overflow
area after the 9 a.m. service or in
the chapel following the 11 a.m.
service.

*Hymn No. 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!

3 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!

2 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!

4 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!

*Hymn No. 251

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

3 The angel said to them, “Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave clothes are lying there.” (Refrain)

Refrain:
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

4 “Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won.” (Refrain)

2 For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. (Refrain)

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly King. (Refrain)

*Hymn No. 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.