



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 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

Toccata in C

Johann Pachelbel

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Katherine Kerr

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

G. Hamilton Smith

He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

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.

Ashling is the daughter of Julie and Sean Ryan.

Remi Rose is the daughter of Laura and Cody Sundberg.

First Church is a worship education experience for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade. During First Church, children participate in and lead a simplified worship service that follows the same order as our service in the sanctuary.

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

Confession

Prayer of Confession

The Reverend Katherine Kerr

All: Lord God, in the light of your glory, we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.

Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel.

One: In silent prayer, let us confess to God the things we choose not to speak aloud.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response (Hymn No. 441)

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

Sacrament of Baptism

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(9 a.m.) Ashling Everly Ryan
(11 a.m.) Remi Rose Sundberg

*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.

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.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

pew Bible pg. 672

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Be Not Afraid"

Taylor Davis

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name. My love for you is everlasting. My love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will surround you. When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er. When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed. You are my child. You are so precious to me. You are my child and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home. When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out my name. You are my child. You are so precious to me.

Scripture John 21:1-19 *pew Bible pg. 115*

Sermon "Cast into the Deep" The Reverend Pen Peery

*Hymn No. 720 "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

Response

Prayers of the People

Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"The Call"

arr. Z. Randall Stroope

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way, as gives us breath, such a Truth, as ends all strife, such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a Light, as shows a feast, such a Feast, as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a Joy, as none can move, such a Love, as none can part, such a Heart, as joys in love. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*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. 826 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Postlude Fugue in C Dietrich Buxtehude

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

**We are glad you are
with us today!**

We welcome all to
First Presbyterian Church
as we worship together,
knowing that each of us is a
beloved part of the body of
Christ.

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our church?**

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Coming up at FPC...

We Worship

Music Sunday + Food Truck Lunch on the Lawn | Sunday, May 19 | 11 a.m., Sanctuary

The Sanctuary Choir and guest musicians will lead this annual service. *Tune Our Hearts* will be the theme. This Sunday also begins our summer worship schedule with only one service at 11 a.m. All are invited to dress casually and bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the Food Truck Lunch on the lawn at noon.

Summer Worship Highlights

In June and July, we'll explore God at the Movies, looking at a series of favorite films that may have biblical lessons for us. In addition to the sermon series, all ages will gather at 10 a.m. in Wood Fellowship Hall to view and discuss three clips from the movie of the week before heading to the Sanctuary for the sermon. See you at the movies on Sundays in the Sanctuary.

We Learn

The Will Appleby Award for Spirit, Dedication, and Leadership Recipient 2019

Andrew Glontz, the recipient of this year's award, is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church and is the son of Anne and David Glontz. Andrew is a senior at Myers Park High School and will attend Wofford College in the fall. The Award was founded in memory of Will Appleby, an active and committed member of the youth program at First Presbyterian Church who died during his freshman year in college.

Vacation Bible School | June 24- 27 | 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Join us this summer for *To Mars & Beyond*, a Vacation Bible School experience where children will discover the wonders of God's universe. Children who are five years old (by June 1) through fifth grade are eligible. Register online at tinyurl.com/VBSFPC2019.

We Serve

Book Swap at Westerly Hills Academy | Tuesday & Thursday, May 14 & 16

Volunteers are needed to help with the first book swap at Westerly Hills Academy. Volunteers are needed to help sort books prior to the swap and assist students. Sign up to help online. If you would like to donate books to provide variety, place them on the book cart in the hall behind the Sanctuary. Contact Heather Herring (hherring@firstpres-charlotte.org) with questions.

Girl Scout Troop Volunteers Needed

During the 2019-20 school year, the Girl Scout Troop we sponsor at Wilson STEM Academy will expand as a new group of sixth graders arrives from Westerly Hills Academy. Organizers hope to double the number of volunteers. There are opportunities to attend meetings, provide snacks and more. Contact Barb Neidinger (barbneidinger@ghamil.com) if you want to learn more.

We Care

First Fruits Fellowship | Thursday, May 23 | 6-8 p.m., 2820 Selwyn Avenue

Join us for our monthly First Fruits wine fellowship at Petit Philippe on Selwyn near Mellow Mushroom. Drop by 6-8 p.m. to meet new friends and old. All are welcome.

PW 2019 Benevolence Awards

Eight Charlotte organizations were granted a total of \$8723 from the annual PW (Presbyterian Women) benevolence awards for providing hope, help and dignity for those in need. Preference is given to organizations working to break cycles of poverty, illiteracy, violence and crime, particularly as these issues impact women and children.

***Hymn No. 305**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

1 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

3 Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)

Refrain:
In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

4 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)

2 Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)

***Hymn No. 720**

“Jesus Calls Us”

1 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, “Christian, follow me.”

3 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”

2 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, “Christian, love me more.”

4 Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

***Hymn No. 826**

“Lift High the Cross”

Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)