

First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Partita on *St. Flavian*

Healey Willan

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of
the living God, fall afresh on me.*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

O God of life, grant us forgiveness:

**For careless thoughts and thoughtless deeds,
 for empty speech, and for words which have wounded.**

O God of life, grant us forgiveness:

**For foolish desires and hateful actions,
 for wastefulness, and for what we have left undone.**

O God of life, have mercy upon us, and in Jesus Christ pardon and forgive our sin.

Response (Hymn No. 544)
(to be repeated)

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The rosebuds in the sanctuary celebrate the births of Josephine "Bennett" Ives, daughter of Bryan and Caroline Ives; and Edith Mae Buchik, daughter of Sarah and Nate Buchik.

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!

Sacrament of Baptism

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Elizabeth Leigh St. Louis

*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.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Rob and Kelly St. Louis.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

"Hear My Prayer"

Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the mornin' when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done and you come to take me home, just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon

"The Pattern"

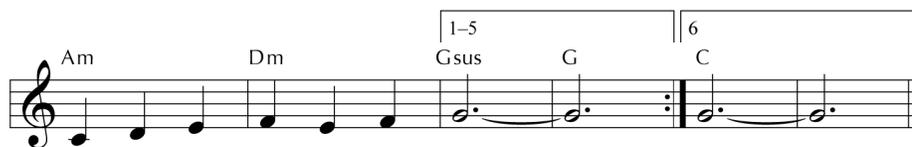
The Reverend Pen Peery



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Response

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

The Reverend Anna Dickson

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.

Stewardship of Life

Offertory Anthem

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Dan Forrest

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure, through a world that would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured. Ever in his footsteps treading, living here, yet home above, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our father’s bidding. Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow thee. Let us also die with Jesus; by his cross he conquered death, freed us from our souls’ destruction, quickened us with life’s new breath. Let us mortify, while living, self and pride, and die to sin, and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here I die to thee, there to dwell eternally. Let us gladly live with Jesus, he is risen from the dead. Death is swallowed up in victory; Jesus, thou art now our head. Living members of thy body, where we shall be, keep us constantly; even so, dear Lord, come quickly; Jesus, here, I live to thee, there to dwell eternally.

*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

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 315

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

NEW DIMENSIONS

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
Who will light the flame of care?
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
each a love song to be sung,
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Amen”

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C

David N. Johnson

We are glad you are worshipping 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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Contact Jane Ives
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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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Announcements for First Presbyterian Church

Visit the February page of the Pathways to Discipleship website to read, watch, listen and participate in anti-racism work. | www.fpcpathways.com

The Intersection of Church and Trade: Coming Together to Serve Christ in the Heart of Charlotte, Sunday, February 21, 5-6:15 p.m., Zoom
Former FPC Senior Pastor Bill Wood and former Bank of America CEO, Hugh McColl Jr., reflect on the role FPC played in the genesis of the Urban Ministry Center (UMC). Moderated by Former UMC Executive Director Dale Mullenix. Panelist Roof Above CEO, Liz Clasen-Kelly. | bit.ly/SundayLukeBibleStudy

Sunday Morning Bible Study on Luke, February 21 through April 4, 10 a.m., Zoom
Join weekly bible study lessons and discussion. | bit.ly/SundayLukeBibleStudy

Lenten Devotionals, February 17 - April 4 via email
Members of our congregation are sharing their reflections on passages from Luke in daily emails. The emails will also include a schedule for reading the entire book of Luke. To request a hard copy devotional booklet, contact ecook@firstpres-charlotte.org.

2021 Willard Lecture, March 14 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom
David Brooks will speak on "Building Community, Connection and Trust". Register for free. | bit.ly/DavidBrooksWillardLecture

FUPC Virtual Services

First United Presbyterian Church is worshipping (virtually) in their sanctuary. Our two churches have grown together in partnership since last March, and while First United will largely be worshipping in their own space, we will continue our partnership by worshipping together on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Even though we are not meeting in person, we ask for your continued support. We encourage you to give by text, online at www.firstpres-charlotte.org, or by mailing a check to 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202. Your gift will support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

TEXT GIVING – You can quickly donate to the church through TEXT GIVING. See the example below.

- Text to 73256
- Content of the text needs to be – givetofpc followed by a \$ and the dollar amount.
- You will be prompted to enter your payment information.
- You will receive an email receipt of payment.

