Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 14, 2021  
11 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude  
Variations on *Amazing Grace*  
Raymond Haan

Words of Welcome  
The Reverend Pen Peery

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship  
Christopher Tye

_O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name. From early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart. He makes his mercies known. Ye people, come and bow before his throne._
1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and
3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new
4 My gracious Master and my God, as -
5 To God all glory, praise, and love be

dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my
bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the
life the dead receive; the mournful waken
sist me to proclaim, to spread through all the
now and ever given by saints below and

God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
eth earth abroad the honors of thy name.
saints above, the church in earth and heaven.
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 flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Jackson Robert James by his family.

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Sally Davis on the death of her father, Lynn “Skip” Morgan Gantt; and to Nancy Whitmore on the death of her mother, Shirley Platt.

Jackson is the son of Abigail and Chris James.
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 3:14-21

Anthem

“God So Loved the World”                                 John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon

“The Reverend Pen Peery

“Predicting the Future”

*Hymn No. 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”                                 Munich
Response

Prayers of the People & 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.

Natalie Raygor

Stewardship of Life

Offertory Anthem  
“Amazing Grace”  
arr. John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. ‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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. 634  
“To God Be the Glory”  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Benediction Response  “Amen”

Postlude  Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel
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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Pastor on call

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Presbyterian Women is accepting applications from local agencies and organizations for grants from its Benevolence Fund. To make a recommendation, contact Kitty Ray by email or phone (304-669-1548). | bit.ly/3v7EsVP

Easter Lilies, Order by March 27
Purchase a lily to honor or memorialize someone on Easter Sunday. Lilies are $13 each and will decorate the sanctuary on April 4. | bit.ly/3qWFBxj

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

Post-Willard Lecture Discussion, March 18, 6:30-7:30 via Zoom
Discuss clips and quotes from David Brooks’ Willard lecture. | bit.ly/Post-WillardDiscussion

In Loving Memory of

Mrs. Alice Hicks Dorsett
March 21, 1932 - March 7, 2021

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.
Revelation 14:13

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