Order of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021
11 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude
Adagio from Concerto in C Minor, BWV 1060
J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome
The Reverend Robert Galloway

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 God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church’s story: bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, ast sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils...
Call to Confession

The Reverend Mary Margaret Porter

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we have not sought your true wisdom. We have tried to use our own knowledge to understand you, yet that has failed. We have not allowed your eternal truth to come into our lives. We have tried to prevent you from showing yourself to us. Our hearts and our minds have remained closed. We remain willfully ignorant and wrong. O Lord, help us to see you. Give us the ability to know that you have changed the world. Let us see your creation as you intended. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Response (Hymn No. 544)

(to be repeated)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri (Hymn No. 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Jeremiah 9:23-26

Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Heather Sorenson

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Riches I need not, nor vain, empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always, thou and thou only, the first in my heart. Blessed redeemer, my treasure thou art! High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision. Still be my light. Shine in the night. Still be my vision, O ruler of all. Be thou my light when I walk through the night.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon

“The Foolishness” The Reverend Robert Galloway
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.

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.
Stewardship of Life

Offertory Anthem

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” arr. Dale Wood
Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious binding all the church in one; Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

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. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Duke Street

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Benediction Response

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” randolph

Postlude

“We All Believe in One True God” J. S. Bach
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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First Presbyterian Church Announcements

**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

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

**Lenten Devotionals, Daily through 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

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

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