

Worship notes: This morning's Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Prayers of the People, and Prayer of Dedication were written by our Youth. This morning's affirmation of faith is *The Apostles' Creed*: "Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church...In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and transmit the faith of the [church]...By the eighth century, the creed had attained its current form." --from the preface to the Apostles' Creed in the *Book of Confessions*.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. You are invited to join us for study, service, education, and fellowship in addition to worship. If you have questions or would like to learn more about this community, please speak with one of the pastors following worship.

Sanctuary Safety—In our ongoing efforts to care for all who work, play, and worship on our campus, we are being intentional about access to buildings throughout the week and on Sundays. All sanctuary doors are locked after worship begins on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the main doors leading to the narthex. Worshipers are free to exit by any of the doors at any time. To re-enter, please come through the doors to the narthex.

Youth Group—open to all 6th—12th grade students. If you would like more information, please contact René Prager: r.prager@firstpresconcord.org

Children are always welcome here.

We have a wonderful nursery and childcare for infants through preschool each Sunday in the Will Young Building. Worship bags for young children are available in the narthex near the front doors. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Offering our Talents, Time, and Treasure: In response to the Good News of God's saving love in Jesus Christ, we are invited to give of ourselves and our resources. If you are seeking ways to share your time and your talents, please speak to one of the pastors. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering plate, or by scanning the QR code on the card in the pew rack, or by texting 704-228-7459.

Large Print Hymnals, printed copies of the sermon, and a hearing assistance system are available. We have an AED Machine in the Narthex. Please speak to an usher for assistance with any of these items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my mother, Margaret Barnes Money maker, by Mitzie Moore and her family.

There is no Pew Prep today, Pew Prep will resume on April 21.

April Lunch Bunch meets on April 24 at 11:45 AM in Davis Hall for lunch and a visit to Memorial Gardens. Call the reservation line by April 22. 704-788-2100 #7.

Join us in the Commons on Monday, April 22 at 4:00 PM for Earth Day: Our Common Home Q & A with Casey.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

LATER TODAY	3:00 PM	Circle 5 (Library Conference Room)
	5:00 PM	Church Picnic (Niblock Farm)
Monday, April 15	9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
	2:00 PM	Staff Meeting (FH Sunroom)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts (Will Young rm 304)
	7:00 PM	Soprano Concert, (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, April 16	9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
	9:30 AM	Garden Club (Davis Hall)
	6:00 PM	Dunford Fund Committee (Library Conference Room)
	6:30 PM	Session (Davis Hall)
	7:00 PM	AI Anon (Commons)
	7:00 PM	PW CT (Library Conference Room)
Wednesday, April 17	9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Library Conference Room)
	6:30 PM	Officer Training (Davis Hall)
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, April 18	9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
	5:30 PM	Girl Scouts Troop 334 (Ed Bldg)
	6:00 PM	GS Daisy, Brownie & Junior Troops (Ed Bldg)
Friday, April 19	9:00 AM	First Kids Preschool (Will Young Bldg)
	7:00 PM	Euphonium Concert (Sanctuary)
Saturday, April 20	10:00 AM	PW Spring Nurture Event (Davis Hall)
Sunday, April 21	9:45 AM	Sunday School Classes (Various Rooms)
	10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir (Choir Room)
	11:00 AM	Worship (in person and live streamed)
	4:30 PM	Combined Youth (Davis Hall & Movie Theater)

Third Sunday Of Easter



**First Presbyterian Church
70 Union Street North
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Sunday, April 14, 2024



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As the music plays, you are invited to pause, reflect, and pray silently as we prepare for worship.

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen,
have faith and receive
the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.
~PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Please sign the Friendship Pad found on the center aisle of each pew and pass it to your neighbor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nate Woolwine

VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace Morrison

Leader : I will extol you O Lord for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me

People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help and you have healed me

Leader : O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol and restored my life from among those who have gone down to the pit.

People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

Leader: For his anger is only a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing

People: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy

All: O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever.

*HYMN 805

Come Sing to God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adeline Fulton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deacon Garmon

**God, please forgive us for
Judging others and holding on to grudges,
For spreading gossip instead of the good news.
Guide us with your wisdom, as you shine your face upon us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. [Time for silent confession follows.]**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Miller Peterson

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 240** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Julia Schneider

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 30

pew bible, page 505

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Hugh Morrison

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sally Woolwine

SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:1-10

pew bible, page 120

Edward Morrison

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Amanda King

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed Teddy Peterson
**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

Andy Willis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dylan Batts

**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.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Leland Bishop

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Be In My Head
(Sanctuary Choir)

Hal Hopson

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be at my end, and at my departing.

***DOXOLOGY 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leland Bishop

People: Lord, in our gratitude, hear our prayers:

Leader: We thank you for love, that knows no bounds, and illuminates our paths with compassion and understanding.

People: Lord, in our gratitude hear our prayers:

Leader: We thank you for kindness that lights up faces and strengthens relationship.

People: Lord, in our gratitude hear our prayers:

Leader: We thank you for healing, that restores our minds, body, and spirit.

People: Lord, in our gratitude hear our prayers:

Leader: We thank you for trust, since it enables us to express our deepest thoughts, and be ourselves.

People : Lord, in our gratitude hear our prayers:

Leader: We thank you for community, that helps us grow in faith, and unites us in fellowship.

People: Lord, in our gratitude hear our prayers:

Leader: We thank you for our ability to worship, so that we may express gratitude, and honor you with our hearts, minds and spirits.

All: Lord, in our gratitude hear our prayers. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 244

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

*BENEDICTION

Hugh Morrison

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen in Ab
(Sanctuary Choir)

Jacqueline Yost

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*
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