

Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE “Our Great Savior/Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” *J. S. Bach and Carolyne Taylor*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God’s People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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from Psalm 136

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

P: O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

P: who made the heavens and earth, for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

P: for his steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #300

“We are One in the Spirit”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our creator, you set us to live in families of many shapes and sizes. We commend to your care all the homes where your people live. Keep us, we pray, free from bitterness, strife and anger. Remove from our hearts pride in self. Fill us with faith, goodness, wisdom, patience, and godliness. Knit us together in enduring affection. Light the fire of compassion among us all, that we may show affection for each other and the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581

“Gloria Patri”

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“You Raise Me Up”

arr. by Tom Fettke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Be Still My Soul”

arr. Penny Rodriguez

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 3: 31-35

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Ephesians 2: 17-22

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Family of Faith”

The Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Being Sent into the Word

SONG OF PRAISE

“Jesus Messiah”

Chris Tomlin

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshipping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Protective face masks are available in the Narthex.

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