

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

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 118:1, 1 Peter 1:3

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

L: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

L: Christ is risen!

P: **Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #664

"Morning Has Broken"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory: Fill your church with resurrection hope. In the midst of this hurting world, may we signal the beginning of a renewed humanity. Forgive our lingering doubts and our stubborn sinfulness. May our lives reflect your peace and may our actions reveal your love. It is in humble joy we receive your forgiveness. May our response be to take the first step toward reconciliation by practicing resurrection in our daily lives. We ask this in the name of the one who is alive and reigns in glory—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

“Crystal River”

Heather Sorenson

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

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 18: 1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 21: 1-19

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Peter”

The Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed (Modern English)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Being Sent Into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

“Way Maker”

Michael W. Smith

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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