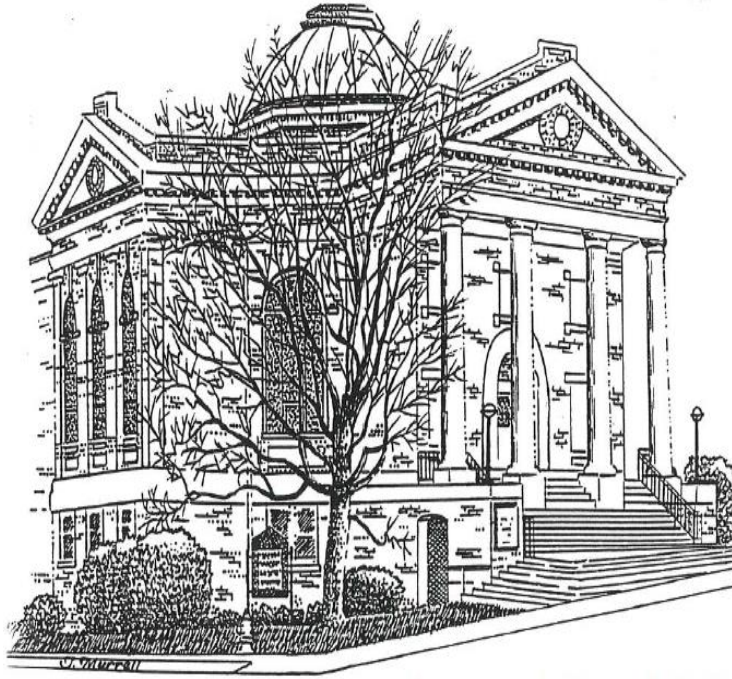


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We need to believe that the resurrection happened. In a world where people we love suffer and die, in a world where people are damaged and abused, in a world where wars and violence and pain and tragedy and all those things that leave us marked with scars – there has to be something else. And that something else is the resurrected Lord. For Jesus and for us, suffering and death do not have the last word. The scars may remain but they remain to remind us who we were, not who we are or who we're going to be.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register

PRELUDE

“Allegro”

Telemann/Walther

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Nathaniel Eudy, acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1

Catherine Moeller, liturgist

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Guiding God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN 245

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

LLANFAIR

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Response 394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

(stanza 4)

*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!*

THE WORD

ANTHEM

“Beautiful Savior”

Robert E. Lee

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word, that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

*We walk by faith, and not by sight, with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in his promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are with full and endless sight.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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 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.

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

“Andante”

Telemann/Walther

*Response 697

“Take My Life”
(stanza 6)

HENDON

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever only all for thee.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you, our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges, that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.*

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing: for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. Refrain*

*No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love: Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Fourfold Amen”

John Stainer

*POSTLUDE

“All Glory Be To God On High”

Held

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to Michael Rowland, Frank Poolos, Catherine Moeller and Chancel Choir for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Nathaniel Eudy.

Ushers for April: Lee Snuggs (captain), Jim Hesley, John Howell, Nathaniel Eudy, Cidney Eudy, Seth Richards

Outside Ushers for April 16: Tom Norwood, Jim Marshall

Elder Greeters: Heather Kilde, Bill Jolly

Streaming Coordinator: Evan Sanges **Film:** Jackson Palmer **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell
Kids Crew: Emily Andrew

There will be no Children's Church or Faith Sharing today.

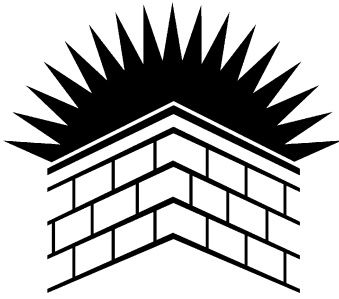
We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Claude Harwood, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Trinity Place), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Elizabeth Wilson, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier, Debbie Hinson, Rita Morgan, Harriet Watkins (friend of the congregation), Mike Jewell (brother-in-law of Linda Anderson), Marlene Sanges, Virgil Hinson, Melissa Eudy and family, sister Meredith Moses and family, Don Joines. See newsletter for complete list.



TUNES FOR TIMPANI DOLLAR\$ FOR DRUM\$!

FPC music department is seeking financial help to buy a "like new" set of

4 timpani drums. They are in pristine condition and if we are blessed to acquire this set, we would no longer have to borrow and transport each time we used them! Prayerfully consider if this need is calling you! Our Easter Celebration showcased how timpani and other instruments can enhance our musical worship!



The Christian Education Center

We encourage children to remain in worship!
There are worship bags available for them in both lobbies of the church.
Feel free to pick these up anytime before, during or after worship.

If you are not on the Middle School & High School SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all youth to keep in touch. Here is the link to join <https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>

Monday Night Bible Study 9th-12th graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.





PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE REGISTER

The Membership Care Committee encourages you to be faithful in signing the Friendship Register in worship on Sundays and to register online if you worship there. It helps us know when you are not here, which is very important.



Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:
Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
Large Cans of Soup,

Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna, Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken,
Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Next Packing Date: Wednesday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.



Pantry needs



Salad Dressings Mayo Boxed Potatoes Hamburger Helper Sugar/Flour(2 lb bags) Canned Fruits Cake Mix Cookie Mix Rice Side Dishes Muffin Mix Jelly Grits Gravy	Mustard Canned Chicken Canned Pasta Ketchup Deodorant Paper Towels Toothbrushes Toothpaste (small sizes) Laundry detergent Shampoo Dish Soap Cleaning Supplies
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DRIVE-THRU MEAL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19- FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 17

PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

Menu: Barbeque Chicken Taco, Rice, Black Beans and Pound Cake
call Anne Montgomery at 704-796-5841 or email Anne at johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com

Volunteer's Needed for DRIVE-THRU

Tuesday Morning Crew: April 18 @ 9:30 am

Wednesday Morning Crew: April 19 @ 9:30 am

Plating Crew: Wednesday, April 19 @ 4:00 pm

Drive-Thru crew: Wednesday, April 19 @ 5:00 pm

Please call Jane Snyder at the church 704-982-2722 or on her phone 704-438-3358 or email her at jsnyder@fpcalbemarle.org if you would like to help☺



First Presbyterian Church

Lunch Outing to the *Brew* room in **LOCUST**

Thursday, April 20 at 11:30 am

Let's get together for lunch – Dutch Treat! This place came highly recommended AND we can sit outside if the weather permits!! We will meet at The Brew Room in LOCUST at 11:30 am on THURSDAY, April 20. If you would like to carpool, meet at church at 11:00 am. Let us know if you can join us! Jane Snyder 704-438-3358



Thank you to the following people for providing food this month to the Community Inn. Linda Anderson, Martha Sue Hall, Debbie and John Hahn, Nancy Joines, and Chris Mabry. To Linda Anderson, Andy and Ruth Cotton for serving the food.



MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS



On Mother's Day, the arrangements in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of mothers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 7.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Mother's Day Arrangements*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Mother's Day, May 14.** Any money collected over the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

MOTHER'S DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16

2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Session

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm SNL (TBD if having)

Monday, April 17

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8:30 pm High School Bible Study- home of Debby Johnson

Wednesday, April 19

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

6:00 pm Drive Thru Meal

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

11:30 am Lunch Outing at The Brew Room- Locust

4:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

Sunday, April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

6:00 pm SNL (TBD if having)

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

17- David Kilde

18- Elizabeth Wilson

19- Cooper Atwater

20- Peggy Finley

22- Marshall Rogers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

16- Kyle & Laura Beth

Marks

19- Robert & Myra Land

22- Jim & Lori Ivey

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Ronnie Michael, Catherine Moeller, Jackson

Palmer

Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

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Myron Lowder,

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Carol Sasser, Billie Jean Snuggs

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Albemarle, NC 28002



Online giving can be done
through the church's website

(www.fpcalbemarle.org).

Click on the GIVE button.

The offering as part of our worship is a response to God's grace. The plates will be passed by the ushers or you may make your gift by scanning the QR Code here. Thank you for your generosity.