



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Easter / Resurrection of Our Lord

April 16, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS
Ritual of Friendship

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises French Carol, arr. Kevin McChesney

INTROIT (*11:00 a.m. only*)

On Easter Morn

Scottish melody (arr. Parker/Shaw)

*On Easter morn, at break of day the three Saint Maries sped
Towards the tomb where Jesus lay, already three days dead.
Seemed light the burden that they bore of myrrh and spice, a goodly store,
When came they fast, The Sabbath past, to salve His Body o'er.*

*But at His grave they saw a sight, the stone was rolled away;
And thereon sat an Angel bright, which unto them did say:
"Fear not: Go tell the eleven that He precedes them into Galilee,
O'er is the strife; the Lord of Life hath won the victory!"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus our Lord, has conquered the grave.
People: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**
Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.
People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**
Leader: Let this place resound with joy.
All: **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

* Those who are able, please stand.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Sam Miglares

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death; whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts; whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 587, *sung twice*)

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Cris Rivera (9:00 a.m.), Amy Dillon (11:00 a.m.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**
 Leader: Let us pray.
 People: **Faithful God, the strength of all 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.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

(Pew Bible, NT Page 201)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 10:34-43

(Pew Bible, NT Page 129)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN NO. 513

This Is the Feast of Victory

Festival Canticle

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

(Pew Bible, NT Page 33)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Love Wins"

Mindy Douglas

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

Chris Karnadi

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***HYMN NO. 236**

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

***THE PEACE**

Chris Karnadi

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during "The Peace.")

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

There is no Children's Choir rehearsal following "A Time with the Children" today. The younger children may return to the nursery. The choir children should join their parents in the pews.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

The *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* will be received at this time. **Please use the specially marked envelope provided in your bulletin.** Your generous gifts to this offering provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help empower the poor and oppressed around the world.

Offertory Voluntaries

(9:00 a.m.)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual, arr. Dan Edwards

(11:00 a.m.)

Christ the Lord Is Risen

J. S. Bach

Christ the Lord is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

***Doxology**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Now let the vault of heaven resound
In praise of Love that doth abound,
'Christ has triumphed alleluia';
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here,
'Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!'
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Thanks and praise fill our hearts, Almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom to the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of unending praise.

All (sung):

Sanctus

Hymn No. 565 (Haugen)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace, and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of sin, the stone of fear. Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labor, all who stumble, all who hunger, and all who fail shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch. Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars beautiful like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life, and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

All: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP (*Gluten- and peanut-free bread is served by the baptismal font.*)
We are celebrating communion by intinction today. Please come forward, take the bread, dip it into the cup, eat, and return by the side aisles to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and the pastors will bring the elements to you in the pew. Those seated in the balcony should proceed down to the Narthex and return to their seat.

Agnus Dei (all sing)

1, 2 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have_ mer-cy
3 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant_ us your

on us. peace. Grant_ us your peace. Grant_ us your peace.____

Communion Music

9:00 a.m.

Sarabande (trumpet)

J. S. Bach

11:00 a.m.

Sanctus (choir)

Craig Courtney

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this Day of Resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glorify, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 238**

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

***POSTLUDE**

Allegro for Trumpet and Organ

J. S. Bach

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. Last Sunday, April 9, we welcomed **19 visitors and their children** to worship.

THANKS to all who provided the majestic Easter lilies, presenting them as a glorious symbol of the Easter message, in memory or in honor of special ones. We are grateful to members of the Flower Committee for beautifying the sanctuary: *Jean Wilson, Phyllis Verhey, and Alice Raney*. If you contributed to the cost of the lilies, you may take a lily with you following worship today. If you desire for your lily to be given to a homebound church member, please leave it in the sanctuary so it can be delivered by members of the pastoral care ministry.

Our *Paschal Candle and stained Red Oak Stand*, crafted by Marklin Candle Design of Contoocook, New Hampshire and given in memory of *Elder Ed Kwon*, is a visible sign of God's enduring presence in our beautiful century-old Sanctuary. Rooted in Passover (Pesach) and adopted by early Christians, the lit Candle represents the Risen Christ's triumph over darkness and death, His resurrection, to become the Light of the World. The beeswax candle is inscribed with a Cross, an *alpha* and *omega*, and the current year, symbols attesting to Christ's presence among us now and always. Traditionally, the Candle, reminding us that we are preeminently an Easter People, is lit during worship services throughout the fifty days of Eastertide from Easter to Pentecost, as well as at Baptisms where it signified that we are crucified and resurrected with Christ, and at funerals and memorial services where it visually proclaims Paul's message in Romans 6: 3-4 that "all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ . . . have been buried with him . . . into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead . . . , so we too might walk in newness of life."

Special thanks to *Christopher Cisco* (trumpeter) and the *FPC Handbell Choir* for providing music for today's worship.

Nursery care for infants through 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Portions of today's *worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship, Eucharistic Prayers, Feasting on the Word, and Glory to God*.

Copies of recently transcribed *sermons* are available from the table in the foyer.

~ Joys and Concerns ~

Added this week: *Lisa Short*, cousin of Alissa Miles

Katrina Downey, friend of Joanne Harrar

Judy Arrowood, recovering from surgery

Ron Smith, husband of FPC Day School Director Katharine Smith, recovering from surgery

Peggy Mordecai, mother of *Beth Eisenson*, moving to Hillcrest

Traveling mercies for *Joseph Ngumi* who is traveling to Kenya to check on family

Sarah and Pete Finbow

Brookdale Senior Living (Durham): *Julian Boswell*

Eno Pointe Assisted Living (Durham): *Helen Garrison*

Croasdaile Village: *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Betty Jelstrup, Bob Kever, Bob Rankin*

Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson*

Family and Friends of FPC Members:

- *Don and Gail Champion*, uncle and aunt of Lenore Champion
- *Charles ("Kim") Cummings*, father of Drew Cummings
- *Doug Fisher*, friend of FPC
- *Gera and Joe Fleming*, parents of Christyn Klinck
- *Mike Gray*, cousin of Linn Lopez
- *Rick Hager*, friend of Celia Dickerson
- *Elinor McCorkle*, mother of Mac McCorkle
- *Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian
- *Shade Mecum*, stepfather of Katherine Higgins
- *Janice Rattray*, friend of Robert and Jane Brawley

~ Serving Today ~

Acolytes: *Charlie Kelley, Jack Williamson* Crucifer: *Parker Klinck*

Liturgists: 9:00 a.m. *Cris Rivera*, 11:00 a.m. *Amy Dillon*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

Ushers: 9:00 a.m. *Celia Dickerson* (head), *Alissa Miles, Chris Brown, Barbara Fish*

11:00 a.m. *Mary-Jo Keenan, Karen Swope, Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey,*

Mickey Velkey, Miriam Morey, Jo Bernhardt

Communion Elders:

9:00 a.m. *Tom Bacon, Lenore Champion, Emily Diy, Peter Fish,*

Laura Hanson, Mary-Jo Keenan, Jerry Postema, Eric Wiebe

11:00 a.m. *Barbara Buckley, Jean Cary, Harold Dunlap, Mary Gitata, Sharon Hirsch, Aurelia Klinck, Delia Kwon, Marcia Lorimer, Kristin Meade, Miriam Morey, Alice Raney, Caroline Rourk, Jane Rourk, Phyllis Verhey, Jane Wettach, Jean Wilson*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>10:00 AM Fellowship Brunch</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship and Communion</p> <p>No Youth Groups</p>	<p>Monday, April 17</p> <p>Church Office CLOSED</p> <p>12:00 Noon Durham CAN Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service and Mission Committee</p> <p>No Handbell Choir</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 18</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>5:00 PM NIA Fitness Class</p> <p>6:00 PM Christian Education Committee</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 19</p> <p>9:30 AM Great Big Church Family Festival Planning Committee</p> <p>No Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, April 20</p>	<p>Friday, April 21</p> <p>No Book/Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 – 8:30 AM / 9:30 AM - Noon FPC serving breakfast / preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries</p>	<p>Saturday, April 22</p> <p>5:00 PM First Friends (adults only) Potluck at the home of Susan Seahorn</p> <p>6:30 PM Primetimers' Covered Dish Supper at the home of Andy and Ginny Widmark</p>	<p>Sunday, April 23</p> <p><i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>The Hunger for Change</i> <i>Offering will be received during worship.</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>5:00 – 6:15 PM Family Fellowship Time featuring arts and crafts making with Sarah Graham</p> <p>5 – 8 PM Youth Groups</p>

The *bulletin cover* by Nerius of Bologna, Italy (ca 1320) is entitled “*Manuscript Illumination with Scenes of Easter in an Initial A, from an Antiphonary.*” The scene weaves the accounts of two Gospels. Following Mark, the women approach the tomb of Jesus to anoint his body but find an angel at his empty tomb. According to Matthew's report of what happened to two holy women on Easter Sunday, they meet Jesus as they leave. Retrieved April 14, 2017 from the Metropolitan Museum of Art website: <http://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/463602?sortBy=Relevance&ft=Easter%2c+Jesus&offset=0&rpp=20&pos=10>

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