

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Communion

May 7, 2017

10:30 a.m.



GATHER

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.

Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.

Where you see an asterisk () please stand if you are able.*

*Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.*

Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.

For Meditation before Worship *(for personal use before worship)*

*For Christians, Sundays arrive like moments out of time, bringing,
in their invisible mist, the sight of another way to be human.*

Joan Chittister

Gathering Music

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.

Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information!

Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.

Song 466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

Lighting the Christ Candle

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

Prayer for Sunday Morning

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name,
and you lead us safely through the valleys of death.

Guide us by your voice,

that we may walk in certainty and security

to the joyous feast in your house,

where we celebrate with you today and forever. Amen.

* Hymn 233

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Son of Mary

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Savior of the World,

Make peace within us.

Christ, King of Glory:

Be with us and for us, wherever life takes us.

Living God,

we confess that we look for the living among the dead.

You lead us toward green pastures

but we wander in dark valleys.

You call us by name

but we pretend not to hear.

Forgive us; give us new life!

Return us to your flock and fold

that we may have abundant life,

the life that death cannot destroy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(We take time for quiet, personal prayer...)

Assurance of Grace

* Response of Praise *(singing together)*

Alleluia Con Brio

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! _____

* Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.

A touch on the shoulder, a nod, a bow – can be a substitute

for handshakes to hinder the spread of the flu.

* Response of Praise

Jesus Messiah

(singing together)

Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of All

Words of Welcome

Welcome New Members

ENCOUNTER

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 23

Page 435; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play. Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.

Older children, grades 2-5, who normally attend The Worship Bridge will return to their seats to experience a full worship service with their family.

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.

Second Lesson: John 10:1-10

Page 872; pew Bible

For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation, 243

Be Not Afraid

Taizé

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Sermon

Morton Harris

(after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer)

RESPOND AND SERVE

* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Concerns and Remembrances

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

* Communion Hymn 803, verses 1 & 2

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23) *Resignation*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to living God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe ... in the unity of your Spirit, we join our voices in praise with people of every time and place. And this is our song:]

Song 562

Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

[The pastors continue to lead us in prayer. We gather up all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as we pray together...]

God in heaven, your name is to be honored.

**May your new community of hope be realized
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today the essentials of life.

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**Release us from wrongdoing
as we also release those who wrong us.
Do not test us beyond our enduring;
save us from all that is evil.
For you embrace justice, love and peace,
now and to the end of time. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

Communion of the People

*We will receive communion this morning
by passing the bread and the cup to one another in the pew.
Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup in the center of the bread tray.
The outer circle is white grape juice; the inner circles are red wine.*

*Our tradition is to eat the bread as it comes to you,
and then to hold the cup so we may commune together.*

Music at Communion

*** Prayer After Communion**

Bless the Lord, O my soul
And all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul
And forget not all God's benefits.
(The pastors pray a concluding prayer.)

*** Communion Hymn 803, verse 3**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23) *Resignation*

SEND AND BLESS

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sending Out – Mission Trip to Tarboro

*** Hymn 410** God Is Calling Through the Whisper *W Zlobie Lezy*

*** Closing Responses**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Let the sea roar and all that fills it!

Let the field exult, and everything in it!

Let the trees of the wood sing for joy!

For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*** Benediction**

*** Response 295, verse 2** *(singing together)* *Go to the World!*

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** Postlude**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If your infant or child needs care or becomes too restless during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Worship programs for children include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 10:30 a.m. service, except on Communion Sunday.

Worship bags for children are at the ushers' table in The Upper Commons. Please return the bags as you leave. *Green bags and bulletins* for children ages three to six (pre-readers); *Purple bags and bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve (readers).

If you are new to First Church

Please sign our Ritual of Friendship, the red pad in the pew.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Disabled persons entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to attend the Discipleship Hour after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

We invite you to become a member of First Church. Please speak with Morton or Sue or call the church office to set a time to meet.

First Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Pastor Morton.

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