

TODAY'S SERVICE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning and hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. We invite all of our guests to visit our Welcome Center which is located near the central staircase in the building near the door facing Orange St. Any Usher (designated with a name tag), or Bread Ministry member (may be found welcoming new members with a gift of bread after each service) will be glad to answer your questions, help you find your way around, or help you find ways to connect with the ministries and people in this community of faith.

We offer a nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship services and the Christian Education hour. Children 3 years old through 2nd grade begin in the main service, and then go to "Worship and Wonder," a worship experience designed especially for children. Please feel free to ask an usher or greeter if you need wireless audio receivers, large-print bulletins and hymnals, directions to the nursery, children's worship classrooms, restrooms, or access ramps.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day we recognize that the gift of the Holy Spirit came upon the first believers. It is often referred to as the birthday of the Christian church. The English word "Pentecost" is a transliteration of the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "fifty." It comes from the ancient Christian expression *pentekoste hemera*, which means "fiftieth day." Pentecost is 50 days after Easter.

Katie Carlson Rush, daughter of Grant and Marilyn Rush, will be baptized during the 11:00 am worship service this morning. We rejoice with the family!

Haddon James Barnhill, son of Corey and Rebekah Barnhill, will be baptized during the 11:00 am worship service this morning. We rejoice with the family!

Today we present bibles to the Preparation for Worship Class students, mostly 2nd graders, who spent the winter and early spring learning, with their parents, about how and why we worship. Class participants were: Janie Beach-Verhey, Kate Bennington, Carrington Benton, Burton Carroll, William Davis, Nash Gould, Borden Hooks, Archie Hooper, Vance Hooper, Eliza Lee, Maggie Nash, Locke Schoettelkotte, Sloane Spencer, Isabella Stevens, Dare Turner, William Wells.

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Lubin F. Bullard, Mr. & Mrs. Harry W. Stovall, Jr., Mr. Jeff Van Pelt, and Mr. & Mrs. Max Van Pelt by Holly and Wayne Bullard and Meade and Joel Van Pelt.

The flowers in the chapel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Cook Pretlow, Jr., given by their daughter, Leslie Pretlow Emerson.

Madeline Lillich, soloist at the 8:45am worship service this morning, is a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill, currently studying Vocal Performance and Biology. She studies voice with Dr. Jeanne Fischer, and has previously studied with Liz Field. Outside of class, Madeline enjoys teaching voice lessons through Musical Empowerment, an organization that provides lessons to young musicians in underprivileged communities surrounding Chapel Hill. She has been a member of our Chancel Choir for two years.

***Please leave your bulletin at the end of the pew to be collected-thank you!**

Pastor on Call - 762-9622

REMINDER: Please be sure to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary. This is greatly appreciated.

New L.I.F.E. Service - May 15, 2016 Gilmour Hall 9:00 AM

"As It Is in Heaven"

CALL TO WORSHIP

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

May the Lord rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Sara Matney

Psalm 104

WELCOME

Kathy Beach

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Refugee Ministry Team

INVITATION TO GREET EACH OTHER

"One Thing Remains"

"Great Are You Lord"

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN & PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

[Three year olds through second graders are invited to come forward, place their offering in the plate and have prayer with the minister before leaving with their teachers for Children's Worship and Wonder in Room 208]

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REFLECTION AND OFFERING

"Hungry"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

SERMON

"God Finds a Way"

Charlie Lee

"Seek First"

BLESSING



ANNOUNCEMENTS - Information on church events and activities is now available from ushers, as well as in the Narthex and Orange Street entrances and the Welcome Center, as a separate publication. We hope this will serve as a quick, easy reference!



First Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Our lives are delicately balanced. A shift in one area of life can set us off balance or even send us spinning out of control. Stephen Ministers can help, by listening and bringing the stability of Jesus love and grace into people's lives. Contact Janice Clark 228-8584 or one of our pastors at 762-6688.



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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.

OPENING VOLUNTARY John Tabler
"Fantasia on 'Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott'" J.S. Bach

WELCOME Charles Boney (8:45)
Kathy Beach (11:00)
[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign.]

MOMENT FOR MISSION Refugee Ministry Team

CALL TO WORSHIP McNair Murray (11:00)
May the glory of the Lord endure forever; Psalm 104
May the Lord rejoice in his works.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 289
"On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that we may be filled with your peace and our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord we pray.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE Merbecke
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+GLORIA PATRI (581) Greatorex
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

[+You are invited to stand. For each hymn, please stand as the last line of the introduction is played.]

PRAYER WITH CHILDREN & PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (11:00)
[Three year olds through second graders are invited to come forward, place their offering in the plate and participate in the baptisms before leaving with their teachers for Children's Worship & Wonder. Ages 3-K meet in Room 208; Grades 1 & 2 meet in Room 311.]

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Katie Carlson Rush (11:00)
Haddon James Barnhill (11:00)

RESPONSE
Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine. Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came, Back to God we humbly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

+HYMN 279
"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" ST. AGNES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-13
The Word of the Lord Pew Bible P. 119
Thanks be to God

SERMON Charlie Lee
"God Finds a Way"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN 285
"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" BRIDEGROOM

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in God the Holy Spirit
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

SOLO "A Song of Trust" Franz Schubert (8:45)
Madeline Lillich, *soprano*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00)
"Come Down, O Love Divine" William H. Harris
Come down, O Love Divine, seek Thou this soul of mine, and visit it with Thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let Thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing. True lowliness of heart which takes the humbler part and over its own short comings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling. Amen.
- Bianco da Siena

+DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+HYMN 295
"Go to The World!" SINE NOMINE

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
"Toccata" from *Suite Gothique, Op.25* Léon Boëllmann
The "Closing Voluntary" marks the conclusion of the Service of Worship. If you leave before worship's conclusion, please do so silently in consideration of others.