



First Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith and Love

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

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

"Mass for the Parishes"

- I. Plein chant du premier Kyrie, en Taille
- II. Fugue sur les jeux d'anches
- XI. Tierce en Taille

John Tabler
Francois Courperin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please pass the friendship register down the row for each person to sign.]

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Youth

CALL TO WORSHIP

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

(from Psalm 27)

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
He will set me high on a rock.
Wait for the LORD.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage;
Wait for the LORD!

+HYMN 440

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

ABERYSTWYTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, hear the call to repentance from the prophet Joel, who says:
Sanctify a fast and call a solemn assembly,
Gather the people, even the children, even the aged.
Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord.
For God is gracious and merciful;
God is slow to anger;
God is abounding in steadfast love for us.
Let us pray...

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and
Turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
For we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
And great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ,
Our Savior...

SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSE

Lord Jesus, think of me and purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free, and make me pure within.

SOUTHWELL

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and Brothers, hear this good news:
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus
Have been baptized into his death?
We have been buried with him by baptism into death,
So that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
So we too might walk in newness of life.
Let us all believe this good news.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

+RESPONSE

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

[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. Preschool ages meet in Room 208; Grades K - 2 meet in Room 311.]

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00)

Everett Thomas Davis

RESPONSE (486)

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.

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Pew Bible P. 198

SECOND LESSON

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 13: 31-35
Pew Bible P. 77

SERMON

"Jesus' Lament"

Richard Aylor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN 195

"When Twilight Comes"

DAPIT HAPON

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from The Confession of 1967, alt.)
Jesus Christ is the judge of all. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life, and gives promise of God's ultimate victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God. All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today. Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and thereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign. Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son, praise and honor to the Spirit ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

- John Ferguson

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in the highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given,

The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+HYMN 846

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Mass for the Parishes"

Francois Couperin
XIX. Plein chant de l'Agnus Dei. en Basse et en Taille alternativement.

If you leave before worship's conclusion, please do so silently in consideration of others. Please refrain from photography and videography during the worship service.



TODAY'S SERVICE

We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning and hope that you find your experience of worship to be uplifting and meaningful. Any Usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to answer your questions and help you find your way around. If you need wireless audio receivers, large print bulletins and hymnals, directions to classrooms, restrooms or access ramps, please notify an Usher.

We offer a nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship services (8:30am-12:30pm). 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 which is offered during the 9am and 11am worship services. Children who remain in worship (3rd grade and older) are encouraged to pick up a Kids' Worship Sheet to help follow along in the service. For help finding ways to connect with the ministries and people in this community of faith, or for information about joining the church, please send a message to Membership Coordinator, Allison Cockrill, by emailing, allison@firstonthird.org.

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Stephanie Mannen from her friends on her birthday.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Dr. and Mrs. Lance Lewis to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Lewis, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. William O. Cutshall; Mr. and Mrs. Meredith C. Lentz, and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur B. Pearce.

Everett Thomas Davis, son of Matthew and Rachel Davis, will be baptized during the 11am worship service this morning. We rejoice with the family!

Weekly Updates

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 11am worship service on Sunday March 24th for the purpose of presenting the 2019 Narrative Budget and approving changes in pastor terms of call.

Nominating Committee

The (outgoing) Nominating Committee seeks suggestions for this year's (incoming) Nominating Committee. Nominees must be active members of the church. By March 31st, please submit names to the church office or contact a member of the (outgoing) Nominating Committee: Bonnie Eksten (chair), Ann Parker, Bill Beam, Finch Hobart, Vin Wells, Ginny Holderness, Jack Carnegie, John Stike, Margaret Chandler, Vance Meanor, and Jan Wessell.

Lenten Luncheons

Each Wednesday during Lent, several area Presbyterian churches will be hosting a Lenten program and brown bag luncheon beginning at 11:30am. For additional information, please contact the hosting church.

- ◇ March 20 Carolina Beach Presbyterian: Stories of the Passover
- ◇ March 27 Windermere Presbyterian: Craft and Create Inspired by Lenten Scriptures
- ◇ April 3 Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian: Sacred Names of God, led by author John Evans
- ◇ April 10 First Presbyterian: Explore John Rutter's *Requiem*
- ◇ April 17 Winter Park Presbyterian: Paint Holy Week in acrylics and water colors

Habitat Volunteer Opportunity

Starting this summer, First Pres will be participating in its 6th consecutive Habitat for Humanity Ecumenical build. But for those who just can't wait to get started working on a Habitat home, there are some volunteer opportunities this spring with our sister church St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian Church. For more information and to sign up and volunteer, please visit: <http://vhub.at/sacpc>

Stephen Ministry



Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord. Psalm 121: 1-2.

"Sometimes our obstacles can seem insurmountable. But God invites us to look to Him to help us see beyond our troubles instead of letting them dominate our perspective." In addition, a Stephen Minister may provide comfort, caring and guidance during this difficult time in life. Please call for one of the pastors at 762-6688, or Janice Clark, 228-8584.

Sally's Run

Registration is now open for Sally's Run, the second annual 5k run/walk race, benefiting Welcome Home Angel (WHA). WHA is a local, non-profit 501(c)3 organization that brings joy and relief to children with chronic and physically debilitating illness or injury, ages 4-18, who live in Wilmington and surrounding areas. Walkers and runners of all fitness levels are invited to participate in this stroller and wheelchair friendly course, which will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 9am in the South Oleander Neighborhood. For more information about WHA and this race which drew 350 participants last year, please visit: <https://its-go-time.com/sallys-run/>. Church members receive \$5 off of registration with promo Code: FIRSTPRES5

A Look Ahead

- ◇ March 17 Youth Small Groups tonight, 5:30-7pm, Cameron Center
- ◇ March 22-25 Cape Fear Memorial Bridge closed for repairs
- ◇ March 24 Music At First Concert: Tallis Chamber Orchestra, 5pm, Sanctuary
- ◇ March 31 Family Promise (Interfaith) Families Arrive, volunteers needed through April 7
- ◇ March 31 Coastal Strings Trio Concert and Reception, 5pm, Chapel
- ◇ April 10 Fellowship at First Dinner, 5:30pm, Gilmour Hall
- ◇ April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday
- ◇ April 15-19 Preschool Easter Break
- ◇ April 18 Maundy Thursday, 12-1pm, 5-7pm, Gathering Place (small group communion)
- ◇ April 19 Good Friday, 12:15 worship service, Kenan Chapel
- ◇ April 21 Easter Sunday, 6:30am Sunrise service, Wrightsville Beach, Access #34
9am and 11am worship services, Sanctuary

Open Registrations (sign-ups are located on the main page or Member page of the church website)
Preschool Enrollment, 2019-2020

Good Shepherd Volunteers, January-June 2019

Family Promise (Interfaith), March 31-April 7

Presbyterian Women Hat Luncheon, May 8, 11:30am, Cape Fear Country Club

Middle School CROSS Mission Trip, July 28 - August 1, \$395 per person

Youth Group Dinner Preparers, Acolyte Volunteers and Greeting Team Volunteers

Cookies in the Gathering Place

Contemporary Worship Gilmour Hall 9am

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Leading in Worship:

Dan Lewis, Pastor
Hannah Vaughan, Parish Associate
Benjamin Horrell, Asst. Director of Music

Richard Aylor, Associate Pastor
John Tabler, Director of Music
Jenn Mueske, Contemporary Worship Leader

For Urgent Pastoral Needs, Please Call - (910) 338-9109

**Please leave a message and the Pastor will return your call.*

If you have joys or concerns to share, please call the church office (762-6688).

REMINDER: Please be sure to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.