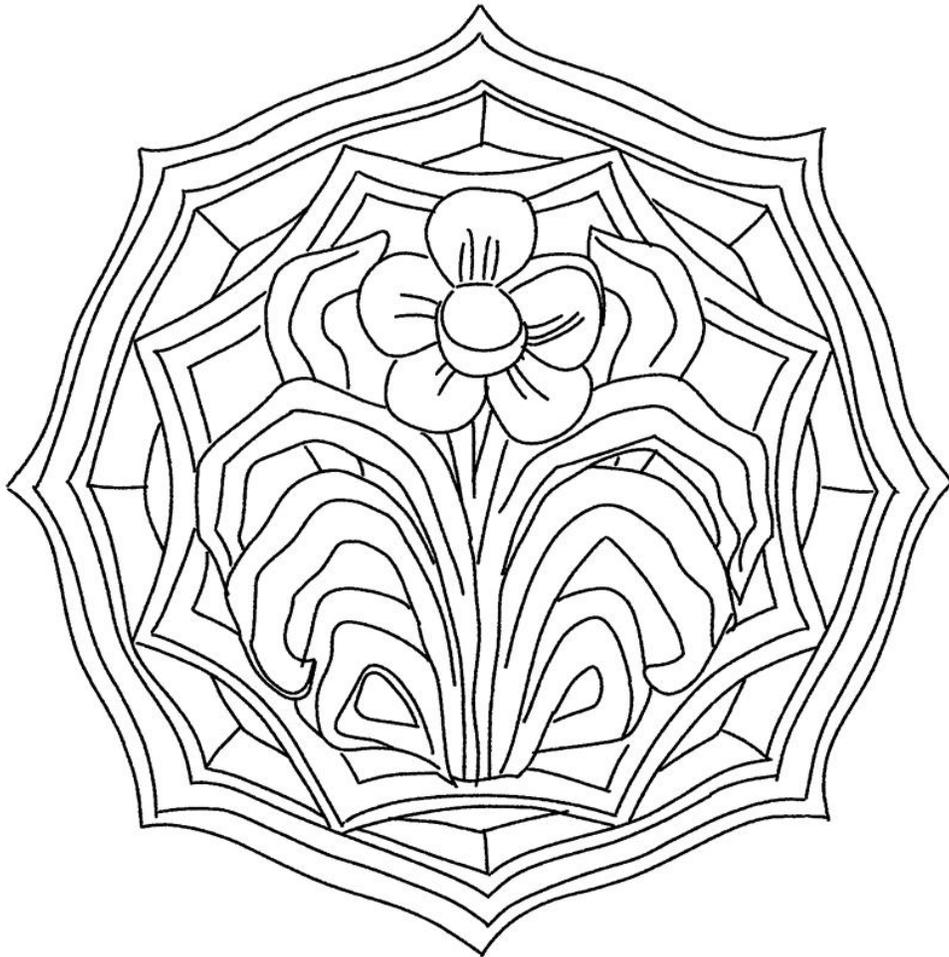


First Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.

November 14, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



"I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys." Song of Songs 2:1

The Rose of Sharon has also been titled "Christmas Rose," the symbol of the nativity of our Lord and is located on the Chancel Rail.



We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze"
Stephen Fiess, Organist

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!
The Lord's steadfast love endures forever!

*Hymn

["The Mighty God with Power Speaks"](#)

No. 13

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We confess, O God, our reluctance to embrace your vision for a new world, for we have grown comfortable with the world as it is. Overcome our lack of faith, O God, and for being guided by our vision instead of yours. Keep before us the person of Jesus, that we might be shaped by his vision of a world redeemed. Hear now our personal confessions, offered in silence...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

***Gloria Patri | 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.**

We Celebrate our Life Together

A Moment for Children (11:00)

Children ages 4 - 5th grade can leave for a LEGO lesson following the Baptism. Pick up in Memorial Hall.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Lillie Taylor Bryson

Response to Baptism

**"Jesus, Friend, so kind and gentle, little ones we bring to Thee; Grant to them Thy dearest blessing,
Let Thine arms around them be. Now enfold them in Thy goodness, from all danger keep them free."**

Moment for Mission

Bolivian Eden School

Bill Miller

Welcome New Members (11:00)

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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.

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21; Mark 13:1-6

Sermon

"The World to Come"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["Live into Hope"](#)

No. 772

*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 at 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.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

(8:30) "I Shall Not Want" Audrey Assad & Bryan Brown
Scott Sommerfeld, Guitar; Megan Yohman, Piano
(11:00) "Alma Redemptoris Mater" Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Chancel Choir; Andy Eaton, Director of Music

*Doxology | Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above; ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

["God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"](#)

No. 365

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

*Postlude

"Toccatà in C"

Johann Pachelbel

* All those who are able may stand.

Luke Poisson is the Acolyte today.
Henry Boyd is assisting with the LEGO lesson today.
The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and
are given in honor of the church staff, by Jim and Patty Holloway.

Offertory Anthem

Alma Redemptoris Mater translation

Sweet Mother of the Redeemer, the passage to the heavens,
the gate of the spirits of the dead, and the star of the sea - aid the falling.

Mother of Him who cares for the people:
you who brought forth the wonder of Nature, your Creator.
Virgin before and after, who received Gabriel
with joyful greeting, have pity on us sinners.

Lyrics attributed to Hermannus Contractus

Upcoming Events

www.fpcraleigh.org/upcoming-events

Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian Fall Build Saturday, November 20 | Help us support the need for more affordable housing in Wake County. This year's build site is located at Hannah Place Builds on Trimble Avenue in Cary. No experience required! To sign-up, please visit the Habitat Volunteer Hub link that can be found in First Press or on our website. All volunteers must be 16 years old and have received a COVID vaccine. Contact Nancy Crew for any additional information.

Adult Fellowship Lunch Out Thursday, November 18 | Join your church friends for lunch at Amedeo's Restaurant on November 18, at 11:30. Plan to attend this get-together for good food and fellowship! We'll meet at Amedeo's Restaurant at 3905 Western Boulevard. We need your reservation, as this lunch is limited to 15 people. Please call the church to reserve at (919) 821-5750.

Young Adult Friendsgiving Sunday, November 21 | Join us in the church parking lot for a Friendsgiving hang out 4:30-6:00 pm! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you can, but if the week gets away from you, just come! Bring a lawn chair. Friends and children are welcome! Questions: reach out to Laurie Taylor Weicher.

Hanging of the Greens Saturday, November 27 | Volunteers middle school age and older are welcome to come help us deck the halls from 9:30 am-12:00 pm. We have a large facility and many lovely items to display, hang and trim to enhance our Church Family's enjoyment of the Christmas season. We need your help with all the trimmings: wreaths, bows, trees, and a special touch. Feel free to simply show up! However, this event is not suitable for small children. Questions: reach out to Kathy Roebuck.

Reminders

FPC Shares Donation for November are canned vegetables.

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