



First Presbyterian Church

of Raleigh, North Carolina

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

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

We gather to praise and worship God,
the one who created us for love.

We gather to worship the true vine,
the one in whose love we abide.

Easter people, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!

*Hymn

Here in This Place

No. 401

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O Christ, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your Spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you. Amen.

Kyrie

No. 575

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

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

*Gloria Patri

No. 581

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.

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 and Respond to God's Word

A Moment for Children (11:00) Deep and Wide
Children's Choir

(Children's Church is offered for four years - second grade during the sermon.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Jeremiah 29:1-7, John 15:1-8
Today's lay reader is Lee Corbett

Sermon Vines, branches, fruit,...and the city? Troy Leshner-Thomas

*Hymn Lord, I Want to Be a Christian No. 729

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory (11:00) I Sing the Mighty Power of God Arr. Mack Wilberg
Owen Beal, conductor; Ann Poisson, flute

*Doxology No. 609

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!

*Prayer of Dedication

We Carry God's Word into the World

*Hymn Thine Is the Glory No. 238

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response No. 748

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

*All those who are able may stand.

Offertory Lyrics

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced it good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye;
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and ev'rywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

The Chancel Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Alton Banks by his family.

(Childcare is available in the Stock building from 8:20-12:15.)

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Connect with us every week just to let us know you worshiped with us today or send us your prayer requests. Go to www.fpcraleigh.org/connect. To make a contribution to FPC, use this QR code.



On the Calendar This Week April 28 – May 5

Today – Mission Fair 8a-1p | Early Service 8:30a | Church School 9:45-10:40a
Stole-Making Workshop 9:45-10:25a | Late Service 11a | Pathfinders & ROCKstars EOY
Cookout 4-6p | Youth Program 5-7:30p

Monday, Apr 29 – Staff Meeting 1-2p | Handbells 7-8:30p

Tuesday, Apr 30 – PNC Meeting 6:30-8p

Wednesday, May 1 – Early Birds 6:30-8a | CDC Board 7-8:30p

Thursday, May 2 – Knitting Group 10a-12p

Friday, May 3 – No activities or events scheduled.

Saturday, May 4 – No activities or events scheduled.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

FPC Mission Fair

Today, from 8am-1pm in Memorial Hall. Are you looking for a meaningful and impactful way to serve? Come and meet our Mission Partners and learn how they are serving locally, state and world-wide. Over 30 organizations will be represented and they will be ready to answer questions and help you get connected.

Pathfinders & ROCKstars Cookout & End-of-Year Party

Today, April 28, from 4-6pm, at Pullen Park Shelter #2. We will have a special send-off for our 5th Graders.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2, our Sanctuary will be open from 9am-1pm for individual prayer. Prayer cards will be available to help guide you in prayer for our nation and the people of our nation.

FPC Officer Nomination

Your 2024 Nominating Committee has opened nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon, Class of 2027. Nomination forms can be found on the counter in the Gathering Space, Sunday School rooms or by scanning the QR Code found around the church. Please place completed forms in the box on the counter in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space or in Darcy Dye Bowers' box on the 2nd floor of the Edge Building by Sunday, May 5.

PW Birthday Celebration & Annual General Meeting

Monday, May 6, at 12pm in Memorial Hall, come and join the Presbyterian Women and hear from this year's speaker, Kathy Johnson, Director of FPC Community Outreach. Cost for lunch is \$10. RSVP by April 29 with the Church Office.

Summer Schedule

May 26 - September 1: Sunday School 9-9:45 am, Worship 10-11 am, Community Building Activity 11-11:30 am. Join us as one body in fellowship and community this summer!

FPC Shares Item for May

This month's FPC Shares item is Cereal! Bring this item and/or your favorite non-perishable food donations to the church. There are FPC Shares receptacles on both sides of the Edge Lobby and in two places in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space outside the sanctuary.

Mission Partners and Highlights

Please stop by the Mission Fair Sponsored by FPC Missions and FPC Foundation in Memorial Hall Today anytime between 8am-1pm. See the list below for a list of our Mission Partners that will be in attendance.

A Place at the Table	Alliance Medical Ministry	Arise Collective
Bolivian Mission	Bright Stars of Bethlehem	Brightspire (Presbyterian Homes)
Children's Hope Alliance	Diaper Train	Families Together
Family Promise	Farm Church	FIGS
FPC Foundation	Friendship Fund	Habitat for Humanity
Haiti Outreach Ministries	Healing Transitions of Wake County	
Loaves & Fishes	Massanetta	Meals on Wheels
Medical Benevolence Foundation		
Montreat Conference Center		
New Hope Presbytery	PCM – Raleigh	PCM UNC-CH
Presbyterian Missionaries – Madagascar		
Raleigh Rescue Mission	Raleigh Youth Mission	Rise Against Hunger
Safecild	Salvation Army	Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen
StepUp Ministry	The Caring Place	The Encouraging Place
The Green Chair Project	Transitions LifeCare	Triangle Family Services
Union Presbyterian Seminary		
Urban Ministries of Wake County		
Wake Relief Food Pantry	Wheels 4 Hope	William Black Lodge