



During the Sundays we will not be worshipping in person,
the congregations of First Presbyterian and First United Presbyterian Churches
will be worshipping together.

Many years ago, our churches shared a history as one congregation
before our ties were broken by racism and sin.

Years later, we rejoice that we can participate in Christ's ministry of reconciliation
as we bear witness to God's faithfulness and grace.

Order of Worship

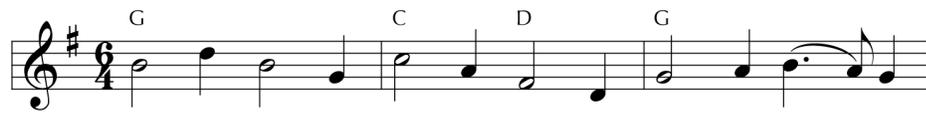
*Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021
11 a.m.*

Preparation

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| Prelude | Rhosymedre | Ralph Vaughan Williams |
| Words of Welcome | | The Reverend Pen Peery |
| Chiming of the Trinity | | |

Adoration

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| Choral Call to Worship | Hal Hopson |
| <i>O be ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with a song.</i> | |



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Robert Galloway

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. But often we ignore that wisdom.

Instead of listening, we talk past one another.

Instead of exercising patience, we become hot-headed and irritable.

Instead of practicing kindness, we hand out judgment and malice.

Help us rid ourselves of wickedness and embrace steadfast love in its place.

Forgive us of our sins so that, when we look in the mirror, we see the disciples you are calling us to be.

Amen.

Response (Hymn No. 551)

LAND OF REST

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response (Hymn No. 33)

LLANFAIR

**Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!**

Sacrament of Baptism

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Genevieve Wood Ford

*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 on 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.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Philip Stopford

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build; with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled; on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above. O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name. Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh; accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh; in copious shower on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour. Here may we gain from heaven the grace which we implore; and may that grace, once given, be with us evermore, until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:17-22

Sermon

"Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship" The Reverend Pen Peery

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

Gigi is the daughter of Caroline and Sam Ford.

The rosebud in the Sanctuary celebrates the birth of Macie Conner Priester, daughter of Christy and David Priester.

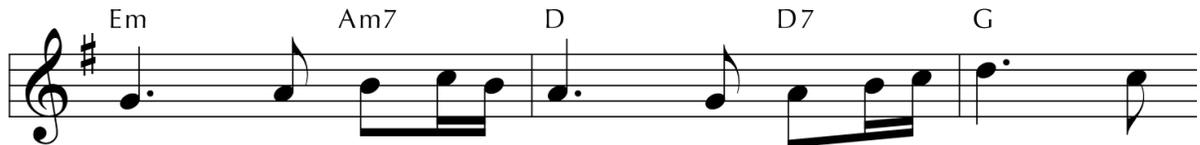
The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to Elizabeth Tunnell on the death of her mother, Emma Fetting.

We continue the sermon series on The Great Ends of the Church. In addition to worship, our Pathways to Discipleship online classes will explore the six "great ends" - statements of purpose that have guided the Presbyterian Church for more than 100 years.

The Session has called a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, February 7, for the purposes of receiving the 2021 budget and voting on terms of call for the installed pastors. The meeting will held via Zoom and details can be found on the church's website and in our weekly e-newsletter.



1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty
 2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and
 3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,
 4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the
 5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fer - ing ways to serve you



of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that
 praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that
 God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing
 ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that
 well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as



love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
 hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring.
 can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.
 we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.
 one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

Response

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

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.

Stewardship of Life

Offertory Anthem

"I Need You to Survive"
 FUPC Praise Team

Hezekiah Walker

*Doxology (Hymn No. 606)

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

1 Called as part-ners in Christ’s ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ’s ex-am-ple, Christ’s in-spir-ing, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ’s mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth - er’s bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per - son’s sor-row with a calm that con-que-rs strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God’s peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God’s cho - sen end.
blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in B-flat

Michael McCabe

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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Announcements for First Presbyterian Church

Bicentennial Kick Off Sunday and Guest Preacher

The Bicentennial Year will celebrate its kick off on Sunday, January 31. The Rev. Dr. Katie Crowe will be the guest preacher. Katie serves as the Senior Pastor at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC. She served as the Associate Pastor for Service and Mission at FPC for eight years. Katie will speak at the Formation Hour at 9 a.m. (*Please note this special time.*) You can join via zoom by registering at bit.ly/CoffeewithKatie.

FUPC Virtual Services

First United Presbyterian Church is worshipping (virtually) in their sanctuary. Our two churches have grown together in partnership since last March, and while First United will largely be worshipping in their own space, we will continue our partnership by worshipping together on the fourth Sunday of each month.

January Sermon and Pathways Focus: The Great Ends of the Church

“The Great Ends of the Church”, six aspirations for the body of Christ, suggest that the church is heading somewhere. Indeed we are on a journey. For 200 years, First Presbyterian has been striving towards these goals that were established in the early 20th century. While we are rooted in tradition, we are committed to the future.

January’s Sermon Series and Pathways to Discipleship will explore the foundation of the Great Ends and will shine light on the ways our history has shaped our ministries and how FPC is being called forward. Register here for weekly classes @10 a.m. January 3-24: <https://bit.ly/GreatEndsJanClasses>

Even though we are not meeting in person, we ask for your continued support. We encourage you to give by text, online at www.firstpres-charlotte.org, or by mailing a check to 200 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202. Your gift will support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

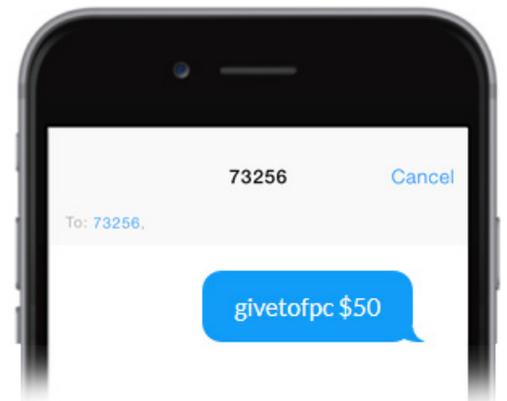
In Loving Memory of

The Honorable Philip Fullerton Howerton, Jr.
February 13, 1936 - January 15, 2021

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit.
Revelation 14:13

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- Text to 73256
- Content of the text needs to be – givetofpc followed by a \$ and the dollar amount.
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Announcements for First United Presbyterian Church

SOUPEL BOWL Sunday - February 7, 2021

More than 29 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$143 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. This year's offering will go to ROOF ABOVE (recently merged ministries from Urban Ministry Center and Men's Shelter).

The FUPC Membership Directory is now available. To secure your printed copy, please call church office at 704-376-8014 or email Catherine at secretary@fupcc.org.