



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

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021
11 a.m.

Preparation

Prelude Johann Sebastian Bach
Aria and First Variation from Goldberg-Variationen, BWV 988

Words of Welcome The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship ARNSBERG
God, reveal your presence; gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you. Holy is your temple; all within keep silence; humbly bow with deepest reverence. You alone now we own as our God and Savior. Praise your name forever.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Prayer of Confession (from *The Book of Common Worship*)

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name.

Response (Hymn No. 544)
(to be repeated)

BLESS THE LORD

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.' Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response (Hymn No. 441)

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above. Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

"Because of Who You Are"
FUPC Praise Team

Vicki Yohe

Scripture

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

"Lip Service"

The Reverend Lorenzo Small, Sr.

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.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Response

Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Pen Peery

*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.

Prayers of the People & 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.

Stewardship of Life

Offertory Anthem

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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. 826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

Musical score for the hymn "Lift High the Cross" in 4/4 time. The score is arranged for voice and piano. It consists of several systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system includes the lyrics: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim". The second system includes: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim". The third system includes: "till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name." and "till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name." with a "Fine" marking. The fourth system includes four verses of lyrics: "1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod," "2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied", "3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,", and "4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:". The fifth system includes the lyrics: "the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God, bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly. praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry." and is marked "to Refrain".

Virtual Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Benediction Response

“...till all the world adore his sacred name, lift high the cross. Amen.”

Young

Postlude

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

J. S. Bach

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

Visit the February page of the Pathways to Discipleship website to read, watch, listen and participate in anti-racism work. | www.fpcpathways.com

Communication Input Survey, now-March 1

The communication department wants to find out how you feel about our communications. We plan to use the responses to change our communication strategy and style, and thus, better communicate with you in the future. Help inform upcoming communication changes by taking a brief survey. | bit.ly/fpccomm

Easter Lilies, order by March 27

Purchase a lily to honor or memorialize someone on Easter Sunday. Lilies are \$13 each and will decorate the sanctuary on April 4. | bit.ly/3qWFBxj

Sunday Morning Bible Study on Luke, Weekly through April 4, 10 a.m., Zoom
Join weekly bible study lessons and discussion. | bit.ly/SundayLukeBibleStudy

Lenten Devotionals, Daily through April 4 via email

Members of our congregation are sharing their reflections on passages from Luke in daily emails. The emails will also include a schedule for reading the entire book of Luke. To request a hard copy devotional booklet, contact ecook@firstpres-charlotte.org.

2021 Willard Lecture, March 14 at 5:00 p.m., Zoom

David Brooks will speak on "Building Community, Connection and Trust". Register for free. | bit.ly/DavidBrooksWillardLecture

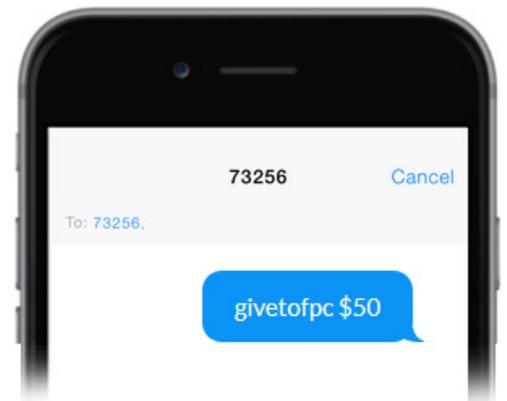
FUPC Virtual Services

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.

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.

TEXT GIVING – You can quickly donate to the church through TEXT GIVING. See the example below.

- Text to 73256
- Content of the text needs to be – givetofpc followed by a \$ and the dollar amount.
- You will be prompted to enter your payment information.
- You will receive an email receipt of payment.



Announcements for First United Presbyterian Church

A reminder that the Session has called a congregational meeting for today at 12:30 pm. If you need assistance connecting to the meeting please contact your shepherd team.

Please plan to join us every Wednesday through March 31, at 6:30 pm for our Lenten Bible Study series led by our Ruling Elders. For Zoom information please see our weekly email blast or call the church office.

It is not too late to join our fast for this season of Lent. The details for the fast can be found in our weekly email blast. If you have questions regarding the fast please call Rev. Small, Sr.