



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro

April 6, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

COMMUNION SUNDAY

*We invite you to light a candle as you enter the worship space
to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

Gathering Music: Hymn No. 519 – You Are My All in All

**You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.**

**When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
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Welcome and Announcements

Jill Duffield

* Call to Worship

Matt Bussell

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
it was like a dream.

All: Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

Leader: Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Leader: Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

**All: Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy.
Let us worship God!**

* Song of Praise: Hymn No. 65 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.**

**Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

* Call to Confession

Matt Bussell

* Kyrie: Hymn No. 437 – You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

**You are the Lord,
giver of mercy!
You are the Christ,
giver of mercy!
You are the Lord,
giver of mercy!**



* Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

A brief period of silence is observed for personal confession.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Passing of the Peace

* Response to the Peace: Hymn No. 475 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

Catherine Faircloth

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children

Lisa Witherspoon

The Word Read: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

... even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *I Am the God Who Re-creates*

Jill Duffield

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jill Duffield

Great Thanksgiving

Newton Cowan

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O God our creator and redeemer ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing
to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (in unison)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord ...

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living
and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim
the One crucified and risen.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
gifts of bread and wine ...

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with
the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

All: Amen.

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.**

Words of Institution

Jill Duffield

Communion of the People

Music during Communion: Hymn No. 519 – You Are My All in All

JERNIGAN

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Call for the Offering

You may also participate in the offering using the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. Information for giving by other options, including text, app, and regular mail, can be found there as well.

Offertory: Hymn No. 223 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**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.**

* Song of Response: Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Newton Cowan

* Song of Sending: Hymn No. 839 – Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

[Refrain]:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Song of Sending *continues, over*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

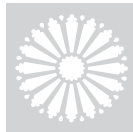
**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]**

* Benediction

Jill Duffield

Today's Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor
Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission
Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children & Youth
Catherine Faircloth, Lay Reader
Will Edwards, Director of Music for Rejoice! and AV Support
Rejoice! Ensemble



"You Are My All in All" Text and music: Dennis L. Jernigan.
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Text: William Williams; Music: John Hughes.
"You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!" Text: Trad. liturgical text; Music: Appalachian folk melody.
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Text: Robert Robinson Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*.
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Text: Isaac Watts; Music: Lowell Mason.
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" Text: Fanny Jane Crosby; Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp.

** Let us rise in body or spirit
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WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith.

Rooted and reaching in Christ's love, we seek to serve God as Spirit-led changemakers for good. Our vision is to be a caring, compassionate, and inclusive faith community welcoming those who seek an abundant relationship with Jesus Christ, meaningful worship, authentic connections, lifelong learning, and transformative service. We are continually growing and evolving, even as we remain strongly rooted in the Greensboro community and the Presbyterian tradition.

Come as you are and prepare to be transformed by God's love.

TAKING ATTENDANCE: The QR code, left, directs you to an online form; just open your smartphone camera, hold it over the code, and follow the prompts. If you do not have a smartphone, you can pick up a physical copy of an attendance card as you enter the Life Center or Sanctuary. If using the paper form, place it in the offering at the end of the service. On the back of the card is a prayer request form. Your submitted prayers will be prayed for by staff members and kept in strict confidence.





NURSERY CARE IS PROVIDED for infants through age 4 on the first floor of Mullin Life Center. Our Child Protection Policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

WHAT TO DO – UNWELLNESS AND MEDICAL

EMERGENCIES: If during the service you or someone who is with you begins to feel unwell, or is having a medical emergency; or if you notice someone else having a medical event; please contact the closest usher, who can assist in the situation.

FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE – Honor or remember a friend or family member by donating flowers for our Sanctuary service. Flowers are accompanied by a bulletin note explaining their significance. *Dates available:* July 13; August 3 & 31; September 7, 14 & 28; and October 5. Contact Carolyn Yow, cwow@fpcgreensboro.org or 336-478-476.

PARKING MINISTRY: This ministry helps members with mobility issues get from their cars to the sanctuary for the 11 am service on Sundays. Two volunteers work on Greene Street 10:30-11:15 am. Passengers may be dropped off at the Greene Street door and will be escorted into the sanctuary. Drivers will be directed to a reserved space as needed. One volunteer is needed after the service until 12:15 pm. *Want to help?* Choose a Sunday at fpcgreensboro.org/signup.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to the in-person offering, you may also give by mail, web, app, or text. Scan the QR code (*right*) to give online. You can also go to fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text to download the FellowshipOne Giving mobile app (Apple  or Android ) and for instructions for giving via text. You may also mail your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.



TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY: All are welcome to the Lord's table. Our Communion bread is gluten free. If you are unable to come forward, please raise a hand and an elder will come to you to serve you. We pray that as Christ meets you here you will be refreshed for the journey and strengthened in faith.

PASTOR ON CALL: When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call 336.908.8615. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

2024-2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRS, VICE CHAIRS

Adult Formation: Margee Jones, John Sullivan. *Youth Formation:* Leigh Abraham, Layne King. *Children's Formation:* Sally King, Lorie Jones. *Church Officer Development:* Tim Cook, Graham Farless. *Communications:* Rich Prigge, John Vanderwerff. *Discipleship:* Lauren Martin, Nancy Courts. *Finance:* Rob Peddrick, Dave Thompson. *Hospitality:* Caroline Showers, Bet Vanderwerff. *Human Resources:* Ralph Davison, Lisa Cook. *Outreach:* Margaret Arbuckle, Rhonda Wakefield. *Pastoral Care:* Tamara Slaughter, Sheri Evans. *Property:* Brian Pierce, Sam Simpson. *Stewardship:* Dan Goley, Tom Gillespie. *Technology:* Sam Bostian. *Worship:* Chip Bristol, Morgan Hood. *Nominating:* Nancy Moore, Ross Harris. *Appointments:* Randy Jackson, Leigh Jones.

IN MEMORIAM

David Ernest Caccamo
November 7, 1952 – February 7, 2025

**What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life
and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

– Heidelberg Catechism

David Ernest Caccamo, who passed away in February at the age of 72, was rooted in God's love – a person of deep faith who loved the church. In particular, he felt at home at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, where he was a member for more than 30 years.

David loved and cared for others in many ways, and strove to make a positive impact on people's lives. He was a people person who loved bringing family and friends together over a good home-cooked meal. He loved his children dearly and would tell anyone he met just how proud he was of Charlotte, Savannah and Samuel.

In a remembrance at David's memorial service, Samuel said David was "the silliest, happiest and most loving father a child could have asked for." He was a teacher of life lessons – some practical, some profound. He taught his kids how to cook without measuring, and he taught the only correct way to fold a towel, the trifold.

"Our father was a man of many talents, but his greatest gift was his ability to connect with people. He radiated joy, sharing it with anyone he encountered," Samuel said. "He taught us the importance of kindness, compassion and finding good in people and in life. We will remember his laughter and unwavering positivity. He was a true giver."

David was a dedicated follower of Christ, and he devoted much of his time in service to the church. He took great pride in serving as an Elder at First Pres and embodied the mission of the church in sharing God's love with others locally and on various mission trips.

In his professional life, David was an outgoing salesperson at heart and spent his career in sales and business development, connecting with people and helping them to secure what they needed. He was an Eagle Scout as a youth, and throughout his life he enjoyed hiking and camping all around the United States.

Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans that nothing, not even death, can separate us from God and God's love for us. In life and in death, we belong to God. Nothing, not even death, separates David from God and God's love.

The Session gives thanks to God for David's life and offers its deepest condolences to his family and friends. It requests that a copy of this memorial be placed in its minutes and a copy sent to his family.

– The Session of First Presbyterian Church

COMING UP

A T F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N

WEEK OF APRIL 6 *See our full calendar at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG*

TODAY

NC FLOOD RECOVERY: We're putting together a group to help rehab housing August 10-15. Info meeting today or May 4 after the 11 am service in the Garden Room, or use the QR Code.



NEW IN THE PRAYER CENTER: Stations reflecting the days of Holy Week, from The Triumphant Entry to The Resurrection, are set up in the Interactive Prayer Center in the Myers Loyalty Room. The center will also be open an hour before Holy Week evening services.

KIDS DISCIPLE CLUB: Grades 3-5 Learn about Crayons Matter and make artwork to go into



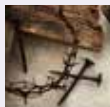
backpacks this group delivers to kids in need here and around the world. 3:30-5 pm in Mullin Life Center.

YOUTH GROUP: Middle School will meet at church 5-6:30 pm, pizza & ice cream for dinner. High School youth (plus 8th-graders who will be driven over from the church) will have a cookout at the Bristols' house 6-7:30 pm.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- Children lead the **Palm Processional** at 9 am Rejoice! & 11 am Sanctuary services.
- Families with preschool & elementary kids will make **resurrection eggs** at 10 am in the Life Center.
- **Music for Holy Week:** John Alexander will offer works by Nicolas de Grigny and Johann Sebastian Bach, and Marcel Dupré's *Passion Symphony*, 5 pm.



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17:

Communion service with our Hot Dish guests, 5:30 pm, Life Center.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18:

Tenebrae service with music and scripture readings as the sanctuary gradually dims to darkness. 7:30 pm, sanctuary.

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, APRIL 19: 7:30 in the sanctuary, begins with a bonfire in the Columbarium.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20:

- Sunrise service, 7 am, Old Presbyterian Graveyard behind the History Museum.
- 9 & 11 am, Identical services in the sanctuary with Chancel Choir and brass.
- 10 am in the Life Center, fellowship and doughnuts with Easter music from the Rejoice! band.
- Bring a flower to place in the cross outside the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK

FOR LENT

LENTEN BIBLE & BISCUITS: Fellowship and reading & discussing scripture. Bibles and food provided. Tuesday, 7:45-8:30 am in the Solarium.

LENT-EASTER WALKING GROUP:

5:30 - 6:30 pm Wednesday. Meet at the sanctuary steps. Info, Donna Chase, DCHASE@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG.

LENTEN-EASTER YOGA: Thursdays through April 24, Virginia Gilmer Room, 4:25 - 5:30 pm. Info, REVVIRGINIAWOOD@GMAIL.COM.

TRANSFORMATIVE SERVICE

CURIOUS ABOUT COMPOSTING? Rachel Hutto of Triad Composting will speak at the Beyond Plastics Greensboro meeting, 6:30 pm in the Garden Room.

SHARE THESE THINGS

Hygiene items for **HOT DISH & HOPE**. Drop off by May 4 in the Welcome Center or at Hot Dish on Tuesdays or Thursdays: Bar soap & shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, hand wipes or sanitizer, razors (men and women), razor blades, and shaving cream; hand cream or body lotion, feminine hygiene products (tampons or pads), mouthwash and dental floss (we have enough toothpaste & brushes); combs and brushes for men and women.

ART SUPPLIES for Crayons Matter backpacks – 24 count packs of Crayola crayons; 12 count packs of Crayola colored pencils; #2 pencils; and spiral notebooks. Leave in the Welcome Center.

CANNED FOOD for Urban Ministry at the Food Drive-by, each Wednesday, 11 am-1 pm in front of Redhead Hall.

OLD DENIM FOR RECYCLING during April In boxes around campus or at the Wednesday Food Drive-by. Donors can pick up a \$20 jeans coupon in the Welcome Center.

AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS

CURRIE BOOK CLUBS discuss *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict, Tuesday at 1:30 pm and next Monday, April 14 at 10:30 am. Garden Room.

MILITARY & VETERAN CAREGIVER

SUMMIT: MENTAL HEALTH. For anyone



who helps or supports veterans, no matter how many hours a week.

Keynote speaker is Gen.

J.R. Gorham. Free. April 12, 8 am-5 pm in Mullin Life

Center. RSVP with QR Code.

- At 6 pm the doors open for the **“Letters From Home”** show with singing, dancing and comedy. Free. Open to all!



APRIL 27

One service at 11 am

Potluck – fried chicken & dessert provided, bring sides

Closing of 200th celebration + honoring Donna Chase on her retirement

► **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN at**
FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP

YOUTH: Carowinds trip on May 3.

CHILDREN: Kids Disciple Club outing to Urban Air on May 4; VBS and KDC Camp, August 4-7; Preschool Summer Camps.

ADULTS: PW Luncheon on April 14; Veterans' Fellowship Picnic on April 30.

OUTREACH: Winter Emergency Shelter meals & more thru April.