

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

Gathering as a Community to Worship

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

"Prelude in D Major"

Anna Bon

Welcome & Greeting

Call to Worship

Opening Words

Alleluia! Holy, Holy, Holy is God, the Lord of Hosts!

Alleluia! Holy, Holy, Holy is God, the Creator of all things.

Alleluia! Holy, Holy, Holy is God, the Son who lives that we may live.

Alleluia! Holy, Holy, Holy is God, the Spirit who descended to remain with us.

Alleluia! Holy, Holy, Holy is God, the Lord whom we wake to praise!

✦ Gathering Hymn

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!"

GtG 260

Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, even when our faith seems shaken and uncertain. Defend us in all adversity, even as we persecute others. Restore our vision of love, even while we speak unloving words.

We ask you to correct the sins of our hearts so we would repent and return to a right path in you. As we offer ourselves to you as a community, we offer ourselves in prayer to you now individually...

Time for Silent, Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

✦ 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.

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message followed by Dismissal to Children's Church

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 John 4.7-21

NT / CT p. 241

Sermon

Responding to God's Love

Prayers of the People, concluded with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Stewardship Offering

Choral Proclamation

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place"

✠ Doxology

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

✠ Affirmation of Faith, "The Apostle's 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.**

Departing into the Community to Serve

✠ Departing Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

GtG 450

✠ Charge & Benediction

✠ Postlude

"Finale, Symphony 2"

Charles-Marie Widor

Announcements

- Our brief mission statement:
“Loving and serving through Jesus Christ.”
- In our Order for Worship, we invite you to join your voices where **print is in bold.**
OT / HT refers to the Old / Hebrew Testament; NT / CT refers to the New / Christian Testament
- Thank you to Jane Cain for providing organ music for us today.
- Today’s beautiful peonies are given to the Glory of God by Ann & Tommy Kincaid in honor of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lee Kincaid, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Allison as well as Tommy’s grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Lee Kincaid, who planted them in the early 1900’s.

The yellow rose is given in honor of Archer James Wasik, born to Tim and MaryGrace Wasik on 10 April 2024.

- For emergency situations, a First Aid kit is located in the Narthex and in the hallway beside the elevator (along with a defibrillator). In case of emergency, remain where you are seated until directed by an Usher or the Pastor.
- Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion during our special, annual worship service commemorating Youth Sunday.

- The Historic Cemeteries Committee will meet in the Heritage Room immediately following the worship service today. Please be in attendance as there are items of special interest to be discussed.
- Shirley Kunkle’s birthday is Tuesday, 30 April. Please bring birthday cards to the Church Office, so we can collect and take them to her. She is in Iredell Memorial Hospital’s Skilled Room 241. No flowers please, as the room is small.
- The Menu for 1 May Wonderful Wednesdays will consist of Taco Bake with Chips and Salsa. Hosting Team 4 will assist. The Menu for 8 May will be Baked Pork Chops and Baked Apples. Hosting Team 5 will assist.
- It is almost time for our 2024 Missions Golf Tournament. There are certain opportunities for volunteers. Go to fpcstatesville.org/golf to locate the link that will take you to the Sign-up Genius page. There, you can let us know of your willingness to serve during the Tournament. Volunteers will have lunch provided. Registration begins at 11:00am.
- OWLS will meet 12:30pm, 7 May. Please RSVP to Sarah Davis 704.902.1937 or Martha Rothwell at 704.450.7169 if you can attend. This will be the final OWLS event for Summer; they will resume in September.

Our Stewardship

As of 20 April 2024

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| YTD Pledge Offerings | \$ 55,549.00 |
| YTD Non-Pledge Offerings | \$ 48,994.00 |
| YTD Loose Offerings | \$ 2,106.00 |

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| Total Expenses | \$151,610.00 |
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This Week at the Church

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| Sunday April | 28 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | | 11:00am | Sunday Worship (Sanc) |
| | | 12:15pm | Historic Cemeteries Committee (HR) |
| | | 2:30pm | Congregational Care Committee (HR) |
| | | 5:00pm | Youth Activities (MR/YR) |
| Monday April | 29 | 6:30pm | Session Meeting (HR) |
| Tuesday April | 30 | 10:00am | Chair Yoga (4CMH) |
| Wednesday May | 1 | 9:30am | Piecemakers (YR) |
| | | 10:30am | Fall Prevention Class (4CMH) |
| | | 4:00pm | Children's Choir (MR) |
| | | 5:00pm | Wonderful Wednesdays (4CMH) |
| | | 6:00pm | Handbell Choir (Sanc) |
| | | 7:00pm | Sanctuary Choir (Sanc) |
| Thursday May | 2 | 11:00am | Missions Golf Tournament (Statesville Country Club) |
| Sunday May | 5 | 9:45am | Sunday School |
| | | 10:45am | Session: Communion Meeting (Chap) |
| | | 11:00am | Sunday Worship with Communion (Sanc) |
| | | 5:00pm | Youth Progressive Dinner |

We Pray for:

Members: Lamar Austin, Blake Bush, George Caudle, Kirky Kirkman, Shirley Kunkle, Tina & William Morgan, Richard Robertson, Roany Thomas

Friends and Family: Becky Dickerson, Mary George (Bryan George's Mother), Alf F., John F., Joel H., David M., Naomi N., Gene W., David M., Austin T., Jan D., John D., Gay P., Brie and Beau (Mother and Baby), Joy W. and family in Texas, Marinell L. (Dycie Walton's Aunt), Skylar T. (Baby)



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