



Christ Appears to the Disciples, 14th century by Duccio

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Established 1817

April 14, 2024 – The Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship

Building Community ~ Transforming Lives ~ Engaging the World

Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes a covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership, regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.

WELCOME! Members and visitors are invited to sign the Worship Register during the service.

NAME TAGS are available in the narthex and vestibule. Everyone is invited to wear a name tag so we can greet one another by name! For name tag assistance, church@firstpresnb.org

RESTROOMS (including a family restroom) are available in the Ministry Center.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the narthex. Ushers are available to help if needed.

CHILDREN are welcome here! The nursery is available for infants, toddlers, and preschool children in Room 1.23 in the Ministry Center from 8:15 am to 12:15 pm.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND WONDER follows the Children's Moment during the 11:00 am service; 2nd grade or younger may follow Ms. Kerri to the Ministry Center, across the hall from the Nursery. For all children in worship, there are Worship Bags available at the front and back of the Sanctuary.

Words in Preparation for Worship

Kathleen Hughes

*May God sparkle in all of us as sunlight upon water,
May we radiate for each other compassion and hope,
May our work be fruitful, our joys profound, our pain redemptive,
May our discipleship be rooted in the very life of God.
May we be for each other, for family, for friends, for those in need,
for those especially whose faith has come to staleness and whose hope has died—*

*a burgeoning ALLELUIA—
light and peace and simplicity—
full gratitude, full openness.*

Welcome

The Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Fugue in G Major (BuxWV 175)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit

We Will Glorify

Paris/Allen

*Call to Worship

Risen Christ, we live in the radiance of your glory.

Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.

We give you thanks for the peace of your salvation.

Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Neale/Praetorius

Psalms of Praise

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

What are **God's Tithes and our Offerings**? Biblically, tithes are 10% of all that we receive -the goal we set for ourselves. Practically, it is the % you set aside first and give in recognition of the centrality of your relationship with God. Offerings are what we give above 10%, recognizing that the world needs to know generosity and love that exceeds expectation.

noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Children's Moment

Catherine Campbell

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 am)

David Bradford White, III, son of David and Ellie White
Michael Avery, Elder

*Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Cole-Turner

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.**

Anthem

Christ Has Arisen, Hallelujah

Kyamanywa/Tanzanian
melody

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament pg. 91

Sermon

Fish for Lunch

Anna Pinckney Straight

(after the sermon we pause for a time of silent reflection)

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always. We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

*Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

1677/Silesian folk melody

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

Schutte

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*The words in preparation for
worship by Kathleen Hughes are
from "Disciples at the
Crossroads", ed. Eleanor
Bernstein (Collegeville, Minn:
The Liturgical Press, 1993).*

*Doxology

Hymn 606

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.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God

and in celebration of Davie's baptism day

by grandparents Michael and Jeanette Avery and David and Betty White.

Prayers of the People 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.

*Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Bell, Maule/
Welsh tune

Benediction

Response

Christ Has Arisen, Hallelujah

Kyamanywa

Postlude

Christ Lag in Todesbanden (BWV 625)

J.S. Bach

Liturgist: Patrick Ryan

Musicians: Resurrection Singers, Winston Dixon, bass

Ushers: (8:30) Leslie Pinkston, Barbara and Sam Bidwell, Mark Dabagian, Mark Dail



Join us for this month's Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 pm in the J. Murphy Smith Center, 508 Middle St. We'll be enjoying a burrito bar including chicken, rice, black beans, and tortilla chips. Please use the QR code to RSVP and let us know how many will be joining us for this evening of food, fellowship, and fun.

First Presbyterian's 34th Annual Spring Ring will be presented at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17 following the Fellowship Dinner. The concert will take place in the Sanctuary, and will include performances by the Covenant Choir, Preschool Choir, and the Sanctuary Bells. Special guests will be the Craven' Ukes, a ukelele club that rehearses in our Choir Room. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

Hallelujah! One Great Hour of Sharing: For long-time Presbyterians OGHS is almost as closely tied to Easter as lilies and Hallelujahs. Again, this year, FPC has answered the call. We are almost ready to remit \$6,950 which is consistent with past years. Of course, if one or two folks wanted to make a last-minute contribution, we could bump this over \$7,000. It's not too late. Mark your check to FPC "OGHS."

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DANIEL J.
SANSONE

MAY 3, 2024

7:00 PM

400 NEW STREET, NEW BERN

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, 4/14	9:40 am	Confirmation Week 2	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	3:00 pm	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal		7:00 pm	Spring Ring Concert
	5:30 pm	SALT (Grades 3-5)	Thursday	2:30 pm	Pickleball
	5:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)		5:00 pm	Pickleball
Monday	12:00 pm	Divine Sleep Yoga	5:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
	1:30 pm	Knit 4 Others	5:30 pm	Budget and Finance Meeting	
	3:45 pm	Covenant Choir Rehearsal	Saturday	10:00 am	Pickleball
	4:00 pm	Outreach Commission		Sunday, 4/21	8:30 am
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	9:30 am	Fellowship Café		
Tuesday	10:00 am	Staff Meetings	9:40 am	Sunday School	
	2:30 pm	Pickleball	11:00 am	Worship	
	5:30 pm	Worship Commission	12:00 pm	Cookie Fellowship	
Wednesday	10:30 am	Women's Circle 3	3:00 pm	Sanctuary Bell Rehearsal	
	11:45 am	Preschool Choir Rehearsal	4:00 pm	Calvin & Hops (Brewery 99)	
	12:00 pm	Life of Prayer	5:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)	
	5:00 pm	Contemplative Worship			

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For full class descriptions, locations, and more, visit the website ~ www.firstpresnb.org
or pick up a brochure in the Sanctuary or church office.

Present Word	Session House Parlor	Creation Care	Owl Room
The Story	Conference Room	Grades K-5	Worship and Wonder Room

SESSION

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Class of 2024

James Copland
Christin Grady
Kenneth Holton
Carole Koi
Vaughn Purnell
Helen Robinson
Joyce Weaver

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Stephanie Brinson
John Finlayson
Sarah Catherine Gibbs
Rufus McAden
Yvonne Olmstead
Linda Staunch
David Stevick

Class of 2026

Janet Benrey-Swain
Fossie Lathan
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