

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Third Sunday in Lent

3 March 2024

Worship will begin promptly at 11:00am.

*We invite you to listen for the Chiming of the Hour & the Prelude
to attune yourself to God's Spirit for this time of worship to come.*

Gathering as a Community to Worship

Chiming the Hour
Prelude & Processional

Welcome & Greeting

Opening Words

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit

God's love is poured into our hearts.

The law of the Lord revives the soul;

the word of God makes the simple wise.

Let all who thirst come to the waters;

let all who are hungry come and eat.

✠ Gathering Hymn

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

GtG 442

Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world, but instead of welcoming it, we resist it and sometimes even reject it. Though you offer us life beyond death in the name of your Son's resurrection, we cling to the destructive and deadly ways of sin. Instead of leaning into your redemption, we lean from your grace and mercy.

Help us to hear your word and to obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

✠ Gloria Patri

GtG 581

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 6.35-40

NT / CT p. 98

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.**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Music during Communion "I Am the Bread of Life"

GtG 522, vv. 2 & 3

*² "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever; you shall live for ever."*

*³ "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you."*

Refrain "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

Announcements

Stewardship Offering with Pennies for Hunger Collection

Choral Proclamation

✦ Doxology

GtG 606

**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

"I Am the Bread of Life"

GtG 522, vv. 1, 4, & 5

✦ Charge & Benediction

✦ Postlude

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Wilbur Held

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.
- Today's Sanctuary Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of our wonderful, hard-working staff at First Presbyterian Church by Costi and Teresa Kutteh.
- Following today's worship, the Congregational Care Committee invites recent members, frequent visitors, and new guests to a casual meet and greet with Pastor Jeremy in the Fellowship Room. Conversation will include information about the church and ways to be involved in our congregational life.
- OWLS will be Tuesday, 5 March at 12:30 in the Fourth Creek Meeting Hall. Please contact Sarah Davis or Martha Rothwell to attend.
- Wonderful Wednesdays will be held 6 March. Serving will begin at 5:00pm. Team 3 will be assisting. We will be experimenting with a new method of paying, either with cash or debit/credit card. The new price will be \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children. The menu for 6 March is Chicken Alfredo. Side dishes are to be announced.
- Clinkers will not be held during March but will resume 18 April and will be hosted by Pastor Jeremy at the Manse.
- The FPC Piecemakers are gathering each Wednesday, 9:30am until late afternoon. Currently, they are working on Fidget Quilts for Alzheimer patients in Hospice Care. No sewing skills are required as there will be plenty other ways to help with this mission project.

Holy Week 2024

24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

Acolyte

Hattie Speaks

Ushers

Team 5 - Jim Pickett (Captain)

Scripture

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29;
John 12.12-16

Following worship, the Food & Fellowship Committee will hold a congregational lunch. Once this lunch is complete, the Christian Education Committee welcomes our children to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt! If you would like to offer a bag of candy to be used to stuff eggs, please leave it on the pew outside the church office. Thank you!

28 March 2024

Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm

Communion Jeremy & 2 REs TBD

Scripture Mark 16.1-8

29 March 2024

Good Friday, 12:00pm

Community Worship Service

Ushers

Jim Pickett & Others

31 March 2024

Sunrise Service, 7:00am

Scripture

John 20.1-18

31 March 2024

Resurrection Sunday, 11:00am

Acolyte

Ben Stone

Ushers

Team 4 - Brian Long (Captain)

Scripture

Mark 16.1-8

Easter Lily Form

Please print names as you would like them acknowledged in the Order for Worship on Resurrection Sunday. Donations of any amount are accepted for your memorial or honorarium, with proceeds beyond cost to go to a beneficiary to be determined by the Flower Guild. This form **must be** turned into the church office by Sunday, 24 March 2024.



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In Honor of:

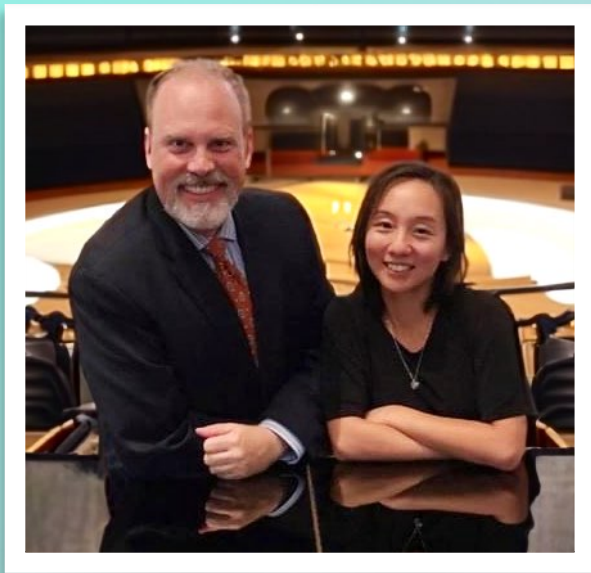
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Suite Sounds & *Festal Fantasies*

An Organ / Piano Recital celebrating Springtime



Organist

Joby Bell &

Pianist

Ling Yu Hsiao

Sunday, 7 April 2024

3:00pm

First Presbyterian Church in Statesville

125 N. Meeting St.

Statesville, NC 28677

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Free Admission / Open to Public
Reception to Follow

2024 FPC Missions Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024

Statesville Country Club
635 Deauville Rd. Statesville, NC 28625



First Presbyterian Church

**Four Person
Captain's Choice
\$400/Team**

(Includes Cart, Greens Fees
& Lunch)

**Sponsorship
Opportunities**
Lunch - \$1,000
Putting Contest - \$500
Driving Range - \$500
Beverage Cart - \$500
Hole - \$250

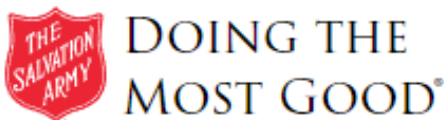
Registration begins at 11 am
Lunch served at 11:30 am
Shotgun start at 1pm.

Mulligan Packages
Putting Contest
Raffle Prizes

Prizes awarded for:
1st & 2nd Place
Closest to the pin

100% of net proceeds go to these mission ministries of FPCS:

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Or call the church office directly at 704-873-7244

This Week at the Church

Sunday March	3	9:45am	Sunday School
		10:40am	Session: Communion Meeting (Chap)
		11:00am	Sunday Worship (Sanc) with Communion
		12:15pm	Visitors' Coffee and Lemonade Conversation Time (FR)
		5:00pm	Youth Activities (MR/YR)
Monday March	4	6:30pm	Session Meeting (HR)
Tuesday March	5	10:00am	Chair Yoga (4CMH)
		12:30pm	OWLS (4CMH)
Wednesday March	6	9:30am	FPC Piecemakers
		10:30am	Fall Prevention Class (4CMH)
		4:00pm	Children's Choir (MR)
		5:00pm	Wonderful Wednesday (4CMH)
		6:00pm	Bible/Book Study (HR)
		6:00pm	Handbell Choir Practice (Sanc)
		7:00pm	Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanc)
Sunday March	10	9:45am	Sunday School
		11:00am	Sunday Worship w/Pennies for Hunger Collection (Sanc)
		5:00pm	Youth Activities (MR/YR)

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The First Presbyterian Church welcomes all to worship and serve the Lord. We honor and celebrate human and theological diversity and unity through Jesus Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation and economic circumstance to participate in the life and mission of our church.

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♣ denotes an invitation to stand, as you are able