

Eleven O'clock Worship April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Easter
WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/ Announcements:

Meditation words: believe...understand...encourage...grow

Prelude

*Gathering Song: I Sing the Almighty Power of God Red #31 v.1

**I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.**

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Welcome, witnesses of God in Christ, to worship!

May God in Jesus Christ be lifted up!

We understand that God is God

And Believe in Him above all.

God is doing a new thing.

Now it springs up.

We believe in God.

We believe, and it transforms us forever!

Let us worship God!

*Hymns: I Sing the Almighty Power of God Red #31 v. 2-3
May the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

*Let us pray the unison prayer of thanksgiving.

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: **We give You thanks, O God of Israel and Virginia, for your faithfulness to all the generations called by Your name. For the chance to grow and flourish as Your church, and the love and grace You make possible, we are grateful. Show us how to pray daily, to look for results, and to trust You in all things. Make possible a deeper sense of belief in who You are, and teach us all the things You have in mind for Your people. As we worship, we are so thankful for Your eternity, omnipotence, and presence in all places. Be present in this place as we welcome You today to Your house and our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri Red Hymnal # 734

Walks with Jesus Don Cherry

Children (K thru 2nd grade) exit for Children's Church

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:10-19 Pew Bible p. 705

Prayers of the People (see list below)

The Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

* Hymns: How Great Thou Art Red #51

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology Red Hymnal # 34

*The Apostles' Creed Red Hymnal – Inside Front Cover

*Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Thess. 2:9-13 Pew Bible #1146

Anthem I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary William Gaither

Sermon "Believe" Dr. Russell Lee

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

* Hymn: Surely the Presence Red #131

*Charge and Blessing

Response

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

C.W. & Leslie Bing, Water for the Oppressed, Zambia Believers
Shut-in: Grace Seat Growth

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a bright yellow visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Flowers – Given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Duncan M. Byrd, Jr., and in celebration of our anniversary by Eric and Sterling Roberts.

Ushers – serving today are JE and Suzanne Tuck at the North Door and Robert Guthrie and Skyler Smith* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Maelyn Freshour. Bob Nelson is doing audio at the 11 am service.

Children's Church and Nursery: The children are invited to Children's Church in the room across from the nursery. Children's Church is for preschoolers through 2nd graders. Today's leader is Melissa Fraser. Each Sunday the nursery mother is Terri Hazelwood.

This Week's Announcements

Apostle's Creed Sermon Series – We continue with our sermon series on the Apostle's Creed. This important document echoes the thoughts of the Apostle's and has served as an anchor of the church and teaching aid for new converts over the centuries. Let us be in prayer as we discover the depths of meaning in the Apostle's Creed and the scriptures it based on.

5 Cents-a-Meal – Today we collect for the Presbytery of the Peaks program- 5 cents-a-meal. Please mark your donations accordingly.

Operation G.R.O.W. - a plan to grow our congregation in spirit, number, and grace, was approved by the session at their last meeting. Please be in prayer as we seek to be the outstanding church where Christ is lifted up and were amazing things happen. Details were mailed to you on Friday, and we ask you to be in confident prayer and action as God continues His marvelous work among us. Our first mission: Growing worship and Prayer.

11 AM service on Radio for April and May- 11 am worship will be broadcast live on 95.3 FM - WHLF live each Sunday during the next three months. If you are not able to be here, turn the radio on. Let our shut-ins and others know of this wonderful opportunity we have to connect with others in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Upper Room – May/June issue is now available in the foyer and North and South entrance vestibules. Get your copy, while we have plenty.

Save A Life Tour – Today! from 1-5 pm, sponsored by local area Christians at Willow Oaks Apartments, on 300 Poplar St. Christian bands will play, the gospel will be preached, free water and clothing and food will be given. Be in prayer about this as we seek to support this ministry in South Boston. More details will follow later. Donations and volunteers are welcome. Volunteers are needed to: Set up tables, pray with others, face paint, cook hot dogs, and/or take down tables.

Good Samaritan – Thanks for all donations received so far. We have a "Good Sam" box in the foyer for all Good Samaritan donations.

Ladies Circle – Our May meeting will be a celebration to remember and honor Jenny Wilkins on Tuesday, May 1. We will have a brief meeting in the Philathea Room, with Dr. Lee providing the program; followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Dessert and drinks will be provided, please bring a salad to share. This will be our last meeting until September. All are encouraged to attend.

National Day of Prayer – Mark your calendars! National Day of Prayer this Thursday, May 3 at Halifax County High School. Beginning at 6:30. Jimmy Fortune will be our featured country singer/speaker, as we gather together to pray for our nation. Let's make this the largest event in South Boston. We also need donations of cookies to be provided to the attendees.

Calendar

Sunday, April 29 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Tuesday, May 1 10:30 am Ladies Circle
12:00 noon NA
7:00 pm Hope Cancer Group

Wednesday, May 2 12:00 noon AA
6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 3 12:00 noon Mom's in Prayer
6:30 pm National Day of Prayer
At Halifax County High School

Friday, May 4 12:00 noon AA

Saturday, May 5 12:00 noon NA Women

Church Staff

C. Russell Lee, Jr., D.Min, Pastor
Sherolyn Barnett, Administrative Assistant
Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
Doris Koch, Church Treasurer
Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton
Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader
LeAnne Pulliam, Youth Coordinator

Session

Sandi Hughes, Clerk

Class of 2018

Steven Crutchfield
Mike Koch
Nancy Pool

Class of 2019

Art Carter
Steve Reynolds
Jim Sizemore

Class of 2020

Linda Lumsden
Donald Cherry
Sandi Hughes

Diaconate

Chairman

Class of 2018

Patricia Burton
Mike Long
Terri Smith

Class of 2019

Laura Edwards
Brenda McPeters
Skyler Smith

Class of 2020

Kelly Chappell
Diane Greene
Sue Bales

Trustees

Michael M. Rand
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(2020)

First Presbyterian Church

9 O'clock Worship ~ April 29, 2018

Prelude
Welcome/Prayer
Praise and Worship Time

I Can Only Imagine (inst)
(#177) Come and Sing Praises (9:8)
Sing for Joy (inst)

Announcements
A Stewardship Word
Prayer Time/The Lord's Prayer (words on screen)
Offering

Shout to the Lord (inst)
(#150) Stretch Out Your Hand (8:1)
I Give You My Heart (inst)

Scripture: 1 Thess. 2:9-13 Pew Bible #1146
Sermon: "Believe" Dr. Russell Lee
Prayer
Closing Song May the Love of God

Bob and Ann Egloff, Mike Marvin and Bill Joor,
and Dr. Russell Lee are today's Praise Team
Usher for this 9 am service is Steve Reynolds*
Brian Raney will provide computer/audio support
A nursery is available

*As we worship, we are so thankful for Your eternity,
omnipotence, and presence in all places.*



First Presbyterian Church is a
Stephen Ministry Congregation

Our Missionaries

Patrick Cherry, New Church Development, Wake Forest, N. C.
C.W. & Leslie Bing, Water for the Oppressed, Zambia
Dave and Rachael Carter, Chad
Matthew and Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
Mission Possible, Haiti and Dominican Republic
Overseas Missionary Fellowship International
Paul & Reinhold Sydnor, International Assoc. for Refugees, Europe
Art and Andrea Carter

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Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

*Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love*

Values

*Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning*

The Lord's Supper is observed bi-monthly.

All Christians are invited to commune with us.

A nursery is provided for pre-school children and

Children's Church is available for children thru 2nd grade each Sunday.

5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the last Sunday of each month.

Worship every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am
and Sunday School at 10 am.

Contact us for more information about

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