



Fifth Sunday
in
Lent

March 21, 2021

11:00 a.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
KANNAPOLIS, NORTH CAROLINA**

Our Mission is to Know Christ, Serve Him, and Make Him Known

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Welcome**

Pastor Heath Burchett

Meditation*Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

Maker

Chimes of the Trinity***Call to Worship***Leader:* O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.*People:* **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.***Leader:* The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*People:* **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.***Leader:* Let us worship God!**Song of Praise***How Great Thou Art*
Valerie Head, guest vocalist

Hine

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of Your promise amid our sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life. (Time for silent personal confession)

***Assurance of Pardon Acts 10:43**

Leader: Although He was as we are, Jesus “learned obedience through what He suffered; and being made perfect He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.” Today, as we come before God confessing our sins, Jesus the High Priest is our source of forgiveness. Trust in the word of Christ and be forgiven. Amen

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.

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

A Word with Our Children **“Surrounded”** Michelle Walker

Song of Preparation *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* Palmer

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **“I Can’t Live Like This”** Pastor Heath Burchett

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

***Affirmation of Faith** 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.

Song of Commitment *Ancient Words* Smith

***Benediction**

Postlude *I Want Jesus To Walk With Me* **African American Spiritual**

Acolyte: Caylin Lowder

Prayer Concerns

*New Prayer requests will be placed
in the bulletin for two weeks.*

*Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with
weekly updates emailed to firstpresb@firstpresb.org.*

HOMEBOUND

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside

Iris Efir

Betty Overcash - at
Elmcroft in Salisbury

Barbara Wise

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks

MEMBERS

Bill Hammond - Health concerns

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker – Cancer

Special Church Member of the Week

Mrs. Barbara Wise

c/o Oaks at Hampton Room 509
5610 Hampton Park Dr
Cumming, GA 30041

Send a card, make a visit or a call, or
offer a prayer. All to say, "God loves you
and the church cares about you."

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Don Greer-Grandfather of Chariti Lowder (will be having carotid artery stent surgery
sometime in March.)

Laura Hunter- Friend of Dawn Cavin (Elderly, dealing with health issues)

Shari Blackman- neighbor to the Strickers (Struggling to recover from a heart & lung
transplant.)

Cindy Fisher- Mother of Lucinda Stewart (At Transitional of Kannapolis.)

Susan Gibson- Daughter in Law of Frank Gibson (Responding well to cancer treatments.)

Krystle Tacia- friend of Chariti Lowder (Doing well and awaiting last surgery, continued
prayers for complete healing from breast cancer.)

Roxanne Debord - daughter of Tony & Judy Hunter (has finished radiation and appreciates
continued prayers.)

Wade & Mary Nunnery- Parents of Karen Pless (Father has Sundowners Syndrome & her
mother is primary caregiver and physically needs strength & relief from her own pain)

Barbara Coffey- friend of Judy Hunter (Cancer treatment)

Lori Holder - daughter of Sam McAllister (MS)

Prayer request? Please write it down on the blue pew prayer card, & place in the offering
plate.

Announcements:

Good Friday Prayer: The church will be open Good Friday afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm for anyone who wants to come in & pray. An elder will be present during this time to pray with anyone who wishes to have someone pray with them.

Sunday School for children and youth will resume on Palm Sunday, March 28! So that appropriate plans can be made, please let Michelle Walker know by Sunday, March 21 if your child(ren)/youth will attend. **Children and youth are invited to participate in our Palm Sunday** processional with palm branches! Please gather outside on the front steps by 10:50 on Sunday, March 28.

An Easter Egg Roll will be held on the playground lawn on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 10am! We will also share in lessons and activities to focus our thoughts on Holy Week. Please let Michelle Walker know by Sunday, March 21 if your child/youth will attend.

Confirmation classes will be available for youth beginning Sunday, April 11. A short planning meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, March 28. See Larry Efird or Michelle Walker for more information.

Flowers needed! If you have artificial flowers that you would like to donate for our Easter “flowering of the cross” please let Michelle Walker know as soon as possible!

Adult Sunday School continues in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. This week Vickie Ellington will facilitate a discussion of Chapters 13 & 14 of Begin Again by Max Lucado. Use this link to join virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84293613533?pwd=ZjZEWGNsd3EyZXhyWXNxemIrMDRkQT09>

A Bounty of Books on various topics of Christianity have been placed on a back table in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take any that are of interest to you!

The Missions Team is sponsoring a Baby Shower for the Cabarrus Women’s Center! Between February 28th and March 28, please place unwrapped donations in the bin in the Narthex. Items most needed include:

Diapers (size newborn, 1 &2)	Baby Shampoo	Baby Lotion
Diaper Cream	Pacifiers	Infant Toys (rattles & teethers)
Infant Towels & Wash Cloths	Bottle Brushes	Receiving Blankets
Laundry Baskets		

A few other items requested are: Baby wipes, Baby Bottles, Baby bibs, Baby Socks, The Holy Bible & Infant clothing (Newborn -3mos)

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in our Fellowship on Monday, May 10th. Blood drive hours are from 2:00 to 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Easter Events:

Saturday March 27th- Egg roll on playground lawn with Easter activities for children & youth
10am

Sunday March 28th- Palm Sunday Service in Sanctuary **11am**

Friday April 2nd- Good Friday Service in Sanctuary **7pm**

Sunday April 4th: Easter Sunday Service, **11am** including the “flowering of the cross” & Holy Communion.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: Immediately Following Worship: CE Team in Fellowship Hall

Monday - 6:00pm - Saltshakers (virtual - contact Sharon Cranford)

Tuesday - 12:00pm - NA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday -7:00pm - Elementary Wednesday Night Life (virtual - contact Michelle Walker)

Thursday - 10:30am - "Bad Girls" Bible Study in Sanctuary

- 12:00pm - NA in Fellowship Hall

Friday -

Saturday –

Sunday - 10:00am - Sunday School in Fellowship Hall and on zoom (Contact Michelle Walker)

11:00am - Worship Service in Sanctuary (available on YouTube)

7:00pm – Women Without Reservation (virtual contact Michelle Walker)



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