



April 4, 2021 Easter "Resurrection" Sunday 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

Prelude

Jesus Is Alive! Farren/Tranter/Maxwell/Reeves/Shepherd/Tealy

Chimes of the Trinity

Easter Reveal

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

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Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Hymn of Praise #206**

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

TRURO

***Prayer of Praise And Adoration (in unison)**

This is indeed the day that You have made, O God, a day of gladness and rejoicing. You cause new life to burst forth with great beauty and fragrance. You adorn the creation with splendor and grandeur. You give Your people a taste of Your righteousness as we worship the Christ, the cup of new life. Be with us now as we enter the gates of Your temple and hear us as we give You thanksgiving and praise.
(Time for silent personal confession, thankfulness and meditation)

***A Litany of Assurance**

Leader: With the stone rolled away came emptiness

People: Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of the space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now pointed to a greater truth of God's love in spite of ourselves.

Leader: With the stone rolled away came questions

People: From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a promise breeding confidence, assurance and trust.

Leader: With the stone rolled away came light

People: To illuminate the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, insecurity, to radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding the life about to be lived.

Leader: With the stone rolled away comes a future

People: With truth that outshines the wisdom of ages, with space to be filled with the kingdom of God, with the company of those who through history confess Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! 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 “The Rest of the Story ” Michelle Walker

***Hymn of Preparation #185** *The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done* VICTORY

***Song of Passion** *Jerusalem (Verse 4)* Robinson/Thompson/Tranter

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Why The Resurrection Matters” 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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn of Commitment #182 *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

*Benediction

Postlude

Thine Is The Glory

Handel

Acolyte:

Violet Hamilton

*All who are able please stand
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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

Paul Barnhardt - Health concerns

Debby Baker – Cancer

Special Church Member of the Week

Mr. Charles Seaford

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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 (recovering from carotid artery stent surgery on April 1.)

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:

The Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Bill Hammond, by his family.

Volunteers needed for our Worship Production Team! We need volunteers who are willing to learn and give their time on Sunday morning and other special worship services. If you would like to learn how to operate the sound system, streaming software, and/or camera so we can bring our worship services to those at home via YouTube, let us know by calling the church office, or emailing David at DavidHamilton@firstpersb.org or TerriPruett@firstpresb.org

Adult Sunday School continues in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. This week, Debbie McDaniel will facilitate a discussion from Begin Again by Max Lucado. Use this link to join virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81278648923?pwd=ejBReVdqUDVIa0ZTbIVUbTJ6UUlvQT09>

Sunday School is now available for Children and Youth! Preschoolers through Elementary Children meet in the Youth Room (across from Handbell Room) with Chariti Lowder. Middle and Senior High Youth meet in the Disciples Classroom (across from Choir Room) with Donnie and Raegan Swaringen. See Michelle Walker for more information.

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.

The Hamilton's:

David and Amy Hamilton were commissioned as missionaries by Greater Europe Mission in 2020. As soon as they reach their support goal, they and their four children will move to Frankfurt, Germany. As a result of the refugee crisis, many Muslim immigrants in Frankfurt are hearing the gospel for the first time and hearts are being regenerated. David and Amy will work with a network of evangelical churches and ministries to disciple new converts, train them to be leaders in the church, and teach them to make disciples. For more information, please check the vestibule for The Hamilton Road newsletter and information about missions in Frankfurt.

The Hammond family would like to express their gratitude for the outpouring of kindness, love and friendship given in these past months. Your time shared reinforced our faith in one another, brought happiness in time of despair and provided strength in time of need. Thank you.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 10:00 am Adult Sunday School continues in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. This week, Debbie McDaniel will facilitate.

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-Sunday School is now available for Children and Youth!

11:00am - Worship Service in Sanctuary & on YouTube

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 - Adult Sunday School in Fellowship Hall: Leader Danny Bost

- Children & Youth Sunday School

11:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary & on YouTube



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