



**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

## **We Listen and Respond to God's Word**

Children's Moment (11:00)

Beth Thaxton

Hymn 399 *God Welcomes All*

**God welcomes all, stranger and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

*After the Children's Moment, children ages 4 - 2nd gr. are invited to the  
Library for Children's Church and will return following the sermon.*

Prayer for Illumination     John George (8:30) | Kathie Cheatham(11:00)

Scripture Reading     Psalm 33:13-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem     (8:30) *O Beauty Ever Ancient*     Alfred V. Fedak (1953)

See Hymn 650

(11:00) *Et in terra pax* from the *Gloria*     A. Vivaldi (1678-1741)

The lyrics to the anthem may be found on the back page of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading     John 14:15-27

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Sermon     Marks of a Disciple: Peace     The Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher

Silent Reflection

\*Hymn 840     *When Peace Like a River*     VILLE DE HAVRE

\*Affirmation of Faith: from The Confession of 1967

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the  
good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics,  
culture, and economics. But they have to fight against  
pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger  
human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's  
purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.**

Throughout the season of  
Lent, we are exploring  
marks of a disciple. We  
have explored boldness,  
gratitude, humility and  
perseverance. Today we  
take a look at peace.

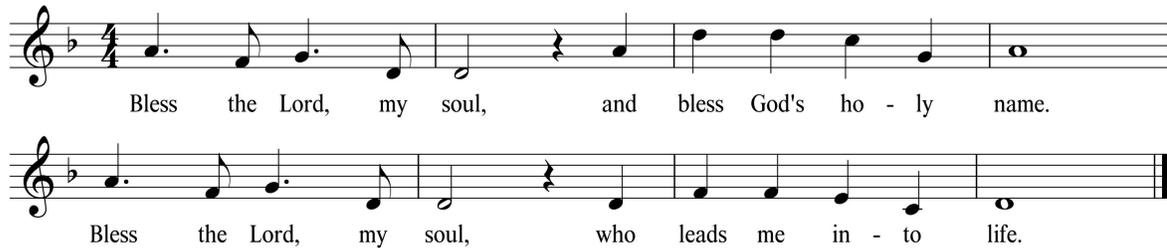
## Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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.**

#### Response to Prayer | Hymn 544

#### BLESS THE LORD (Taize)



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

### An Invitation to Give An Offering

#### Offertory

#### \*Doxology | Hymn 606

#### OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### **We Carry God's Word into the World**

#### \*Hymn 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#### HYFRYDOL

#### \*Charge and Benediction

#### Postlude

*Chant de Paix, No III from Nine Pieces*

Jean Langlais  
(1907-91)

#### Chiming of the Trinity

Our offering is a gift in response to God's love and care for us each. The offering is used to support staff, maintain church property, offer resources to our community, and many other things.

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During the Season of Lent, the congregation is invited to be seated for the Postlude.

As worship begins in expectation of the holy, it ends with obedience to the holy. We endeavor to leave this place and serve a hurting world as Jesus did.

# Anthem

Et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis.

*And on earth peace to all of goodwill.*

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The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Chris' sister, Robin Conn, and Amy's cousin, Jacqueline Leeba, by Chris and Amy Northup.

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## On the Calendar This Week March 22 – March 28

Today – Early Worship 8:30am | Sunday School 9:45am | Late Worship 11:00am | Camino Hike Meeting 12:00pm | Pathfinders & ROCK Stars 5:00pm | Youth Group 5:30pm

Monday, March 23 – Staff Meeting 1:00pm

Tuesday, March 24 – Enough for Today Podcast 8:00am | CDC Chapel 10:30am | Lenten Small Group 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 25 – Early Birds 6:30am | Session Meeting 6:00pm

Thursday, March 26 – Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Friday, March 27 – No activities or events scheduled.

Saturday, March 28 – No activities or events scheduled.

### Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### Lenten Small Group

Join us for a Lenten Small Group on Tuesdays during Lent. Bring your own lunch while we discuss "Meeting Jesus at the Table" led by Beth Thaxton. We will meet on the Third Floor in the Edge Lobby from 12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. All are welcome. Dates are: Tuesday, March 24; Tuesday, March 31.

#### Spring Landscaping Day: Preparation for Holy Week

Join Russell Clark, Facilities Manager and the Property and Insurance Committee on Saturday, March 28 from 9- 12 pm in preparing our church grounds for Holy Week. Areas of focus will be weeding, mulching and planting around the church grounds. All are welcome and if you have wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes, please bring them with you. Thank you for helping us care for the place we share in worship and community.

#### Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 10:45 a.m. for the purposes of the election of the Nominating Committee and the approval of the Pastors' Terms of Call.

#### Easter Candy Donations Needed

Easter candy donations are needed for the annual children's Easter Egg Hunt. Please place donations of individually wrapped candy in the basket located at the reception desk in the Edge Lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Thaxton at [bthaxton@fpcraleigh.org](mailto:bthaxton@fpcraleigh.org).

#### What Does it Mean to be Presbyterian?

Designed for folks new to the denomination or those looking to refresh their memory, this four week Sunday school class will explore the theology and practice of Presbyterians. All are welcome! Class will be held at 9:45am in the Parlor (Just off the Lisa Ham Gathering Space) on Sunday April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

#### Nominations for Church Officers: Class of 2029

The 2026 Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the office of Elder and Deacon, Class of 2029. Nomination forms are available in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space or the Edge Lobby. Please place the completed form(s) in the box found in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space (near the photos of our ministers) or in Cindy Elderkin's mailbox on the 2nd floor of the Edge building by April 26.

## **Presbytery of New Hope Youth Retreat**

Our youth are away this weekend at the New Hope Presbytery Youth Retreat where they will play, worship, rest, and connect with youth from churches all over our Presbytery! Please keep them in your prayers as they travel back to Raleigh this afternoon.

## **FPC Shares Item for March**

This month's FPC Shares item is Canned Spaghetti or Ravioli! Bring this item and/or your favorite non-perishable food donations to the church. There are FPC Shares receptacles on both sides of the Edge Lobby and in two places in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space outside the sanctuary.

## **Mission Highlight**

### **JobStart**

Started in 2001, JobStart is a 16-week educational program designed to help women successfully transition to the community upon release from the NC Correctional Institute for Women (NCCIW), thereby reducing their risk of recidivism. Created as a prison-to-work program, participants learn concrete life, social, and employment skills, including financial literacy, computer skills, decision making, anger management, resume building, interviewing, and networking skills.

Each woman has a 1:1 mentor who works with her and the prison staff to develop goals and implement a comprehensive post-transition plan. JobStart is made possible through a partnership spanning over 20 years between the NC Department of Public Safety, NCCIW Raleigh, Wake Technical Community College, Arise Collective, and FPC – Raleigh.

The Jobstart classroom is upstairs in the FPC 124 S. Salisbury St. building. Pre-COVID, the participants attended our Wednesday Noon service and meal. Following the pandemic, it took some time to get the program back going. However, with a lot of hard work from FPC staff members and members of the Ed Greer Sunday School Class, we were able to get 124 S. Salisbury St. cleaned up and ready to go.

The current iteration of JobStart is an 8-week program and includes a weekly worship component led by The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger or Rev. Laurie Taylor Weicher, focusing on areas of spiritual discipline, with music organized by Mark Woodcock.

Presbyterian Women helped purchase needed supplies for the updated classroom space, and the Wilkes Hiatt Prison Ministry Fund funded the Wednesday lunches for the participants and teachers. The Wednesday meal team was led by Fran Yohman. On Tuesday, March 17th, nine ladies graduated from the program. The ceremony was held in the FPC Memorial Hall, and over 130 people attended from the community. It is wonderful to have this ministry restarted.