



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 17th, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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Order of Worship

Prelude

Three Pieces for Small Organ, op. 18
Bruce Stevens, organ

Hugo Distler

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Introit Hymn 851

“Come, Bring Your Burdens to God”
Chancel Choir

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

*Call to Worship

Hannah Miller

One: God has set this day before us,

All: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

God has set our lives before us,

A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

So that we might live fully in deep love.

Let us worship God.

(from Beth Merrill Neal on the blog “Hold Fast to What is Good”)

*Hymn 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LEONI

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, the fullness of you transcends all structure, crosses every boundary, and surpasses any human understanding. Yet we confess that sometimes we cling too tightly to our limited perspective. We search for you in easy answers or long-held opinions. Forgive us for the ways we make you smaller than you are; for the times we distort your expansive love as we try to fit you neatly into our own agendas. Empower us instead with open minds and receptive hearts. Lead us with your love to surprising new places.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

Nenio Pfuzeh

*Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up in the Chapel following worship.*

Hymn 773

“Heaven Shall Not Wait”

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Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31

NT p. 75

Sermon

“What’s Love Got to Do with Empathy?”

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Adapted from Romans 8)

Call to Offering

Offertory

Offertorio in F

Giovanni Battista Martini

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

ST. FLAVIAN

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
praise Christ, whom God did raise;
and praise the Spirit who imparts
Christ's Love into our hearts. 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.

*Hymn 541

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

Postlude

Toccata on "O Blest Creator of the Light," op. 75, no. 10

Flor Peeters

Hannah Miller is a candidate for ministry through the Presbytery of the James.



Youth Service Week, June 10-14. This year, we are partnering with churches throughout the presbytery, making day trips to mission sites in Richmond, Chester, and Charlottesville. Rising sixth through twelfth graders are invited to sign up. We are also looking for adult volunteers to join us each day. Use the QR code to sign up and reach out to Pastor Josh for more information.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS



If you wish to provide an Easter lily as a memorial or make a donation to our Music Fund as a memorial, use the link or QR code to submit the form. Names received by March 24 (Palm Sunday) will be listed in Easter Sunday worship.

tinyurl.com/fpclilies24



HOLY WEEK AT FPC

Palm Sunday

March 24

10:30AM & 5PM
Sanctuary & Online

Maundy Thursday

March 28

7PM
Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

March 31

7AM
Playground Pavilion
10:30AM & 5PM
Sanctuary & Online

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JULY 8-11 | 9AM - 12PM
AGES 4 THROUGH 5TH GRADE

A great time for children to grow in their faith during the summer through songs, crafts, and games.

Youth (rising 6th grade and up) are also encouraged to share their leadership skills with us.

Please reach out to Cate Henderson (chenderson@fpcrichmond.org) for more information.

YOUTH SUMMER SAVE THE DATES

JUNE 10-14
Youth Service Week

JUNE 20-23
Massanetta MS Youth Conference

JULY 8-11
Vacation Bible School

JULY 14-20
Montreat HS Youth Conference

Registration deadline for these events is **Monday, April 1, 2024**. For more information contact Youth Ministry Coordinator, Hannah Miller (hmillier@fpcrichmond.org)

This week's usher team includes: Ken Horton, Susan McNulty, Sherry May, Steve May, Tara Modisett, Caley Cantrell

If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (kmmfour@aol.com)

Elders at the doors: Clark Lewis, Susan McNulty, Jim Purser

The flowers in the Sanctuary were arranged by Lynda Starr. The flowers in the Memorial Corridor were arranged by Sally Bryson.

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Gary Barranger, health concerns
- Lee Brown, cancer treatment
- Nancy Bruni (*Ben Bruni's mother*), cancer treatment
- Madelyn Chewing, recovering from knee surgery
- Bobby Cobb, health concerns
- Hannah Gray, health concerns
- Shannon Johnson (*Cate Henderson's friend*), cancer treatment
- Jay Johnston, health concerns
- Nellie Martin, recovering from a broken foot
- Hayley Mathews, recovering from ankle surgery
- Lawrence Mauck (*Becky and Newby Mauck's son*), recovering from surgery
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Byrd Newton (*Emily Laux's father*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Ray Slabaugh, health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Percy Wootton, health concerns
- Rebecca Wurst, cancer treatment

Those Grieving:

- Candy Snyder on the death of her husband, and Houston Snyder, Graham Snyder, and Ann Kiplen Singer on the death of their father, David Snyder, on March 8.
- Ellen and John Walk on the death of Ellen's mother, Liz Moore, on March 9.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Anne Marks, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins.

How can we pray for you?

You can submit concerns and celebrations at fpcrichmond.org/prayer or let one of our pastors know.



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