



## First Presbyterian Church Eden, North Carolina

*[Easter] is the Sabbath of the new world, our passover from everlasting death to life, our true jubilee, the first day of our week, and the chief in our calendar. Herein our Phoenix rose from His ashes, our Eagle renewed His feathers, the First Begotten of the dead was born from the womb of the earth. Christ, like the sun eclipsed by the moon, got Himself out by His resurrection; and as the sun by the moon, He was darkened by them to whom He gave light. His death did justify us; His resurrection did justify His death. He buried the law with Himself, and both with honor; He raised up the gospel with Himself, and both with glory.*

*Thomas Adams*

**March 31, 2024**

# Order of Service

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## Preparing to Meet God

*We calm our wandering minds, hearts,  
and souls to meet the living triune  
God who rules over all.*

## God Calls Us to Worship

*As the Church, we are the called-out  
ones who belong to the Lord. We rejoice  
that our relationship begins with His  
calling us to be His people.*

## God Cleanses Us by His Law & His Gospel

*God's Word instructs us in holy living.  
Our corporate and personal prayer of  
confession is followed by a bold  
declaration that we need not fear  
God's condemnation because Christ  
has taken it in our place.*

## God Accepts Our Prayers & Gifts

*All the Christian life is to be devoted  
to God. We demonstrate that by  
giving our hearts to Him in prayer,  
and our tithes to Him in the offering.  
As our Father, He loves to hear our  
prayers. As our King, He well deserves  
our gifts.*

## God Speaks to Us by His Word

*The Bible tells us that it is through the  
"foolishness of preaching" that God  
saves sinners. So, we eagerly come to  
hear from Him and receive His grace  
through the Scripture reading and  
sermon.*

Welcome

Scripture Meditation: *Luke 24:30-35*

Prelude

† Call to Worship: *Exodus 15:2*

† Prayer of Invocation

† \*Congregational Song: *Crown Him the Lord of Life!*

Call to Confession: *Matthew 5:3-10*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 40:1-2*

† Congregational Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Reading of God's Word: *Mark 16:1-8*

Tithes and Offerings

† Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

† Congregational Hymn: *Because He Lives*

† Prayer of Illumination

† Scripture Reading: *Leviticus 16:15-22*

Sermon: **The Two Goats and The One Christ**

## God Communions with Us in the Lord's Supper

*This Sacrament is a sign and a seal of God's grace to us where we enjoy a spiritual meal with Christ. In this Sacrament, we remember the Lord's death, we enjoy the benefits sealed unto true believers, we are strengthened in our souls, and we recognize our union with Christ and one another in Christ.*

## God Sends Us

*We are sent in the power of the Holy Spirit to be ambassadors of Christ. The benediction (good word) is God's placement of His name upon us, securing our identity in His love and promise.*

Words of Institution for the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Apostles' Creed

† Congregational Hymn: *Before the Throne of God Above*

† Benediction

† Gloria Patri

† Postlude & Dismissal

*While the gathering has ended, service to Christ continues: let us go forth in the power of the Spirit serving our Lord as His ambassadors!*

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***For those who do not profess to be Christian or have yet to publicly confess Christ:***  
*We encourage you to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ and to abstain from taking the Lord's Supper.*

***For those seeking truth:*** *Lord, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

***For those yet to publicly confess Christ:*** *Lord, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and trust you as my savior. Amen.*

***For those struggling against sin:*** *Lord, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.*

## *Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Title: The Two Goats and the One Christ**

# Prayer Requests

## Our Congregation

- WC & Nancy Wrangham
- Mike & Martha Corum
- Martha Roberts
- Jim & Miriam Wilson
- Jimmy Matthews
- Sandy Cates

## Larger Church Body

- Chris Castle
- Marianne Aiken

## Our Missionaries

- Stephanie Black – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Ben and Ellie Child – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Al and Joy Doomy – Outreach to Asia Nationals
- Bradley and Jessica Long – Frontier Fellowship
- Brent and Marianne Pilson – Café 1040

## Our Nation & World

- Pray for areas that are experiencing war like Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, etc. May the Lord give grace and cause hearts to be softened so they can see the goodness of the Gospel.
- Pray for the American Church to have unity in Christ and His Gospel during the presidential election season.

## Nation of the Week – Central African Republic

- Pray for peace and stability as there are constant uprisings in CAR.
- Pray for unity as denominational rifts are holding back cooperative efforts to share the Gospel and make disciples
- Discipleship is not a top priority for the churches in CAR. This leads to a lack of leadership development and a lack of living according to the Word of God.

*\*\*\*If you have a prayer request, please email Jeni Hartley at [jhartley@fpceden.org](mailto:jhartley@fpceden.org)\*\*\**

# Welcome

## Session

Curt Southard (2024)  
Henry Thornton (2024)  
Terry Widel (2024)  
Jim Wilson (2024 – Clerk of Session)  
Ginny Jones (2025)  
Everall Peele (2025)  
Jennifer Shafer (2025)  
Paul Sasser (2026)  
Kenny Widel (2026)  
Pastor Brad Milks (Moderator)

## Ministries

Sunday School Classes | Sunday 9:00am  
Worship Service | Sunday 10:00am  
Science with Jesus | Sunday 4:00pm  
Student Ministry | Sunday 4:00pm  
Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am  
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm  
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am  
Women's Ministry | Thursday 6:30pm

## April Events

Let's Talk | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 10:30am  
Young at Heart | 04.16.24 12:00pm  
RCBE Banquet | 04.16.24 6:00pm

## Stewardship

(thru 3/1/2024)  
*Operational Budget*  
YTD Received: \$46,602.00  
YTD Expenses: \$49,087.03  
YTD Budget: -\$2,485.03

*Building Fund*  
Building Need: \$30,262  
Building Received: \$24,453  
Building YTD: -\$5,809

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We are thankful you have gathered with us this morning as we worship the living triune God! We pray you encounter the Lord's presence and glory through worship, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word. To learn more about us or our beliefs, please feel free to speak with one of us, or you can visit our website.

## Announcements

**There is no children's church today.** Children will sit with their parents in the sanctuary for the entirety of the service.

**We will have a community easter egg hunt on immediately following the service for children between babies to 8<sup>th</sup> grade!** We would love to have you stay after and join us in fellowship.

## Thoughtful Quote

*Thomas Watson*

*Christ did not rise from the dead as a private person but as the public head of the church, and the head being raised, the rest of the body shall not always lie in the grave. Christ's rising is a pledge of our resurrection (2 Cor. 4:14).*

## Next Week's Scripture Passage

**1 Peter 3:18-22**

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.*

## Bible Reading Plans

A daily discipline that we should all be engaging in is reading and studying the Scriptures. The Bible is the very Word of God. As the great Reformed Theologian Herman Bavinck once said, “In it (Scriptures) God daily comes to his people. In it he speaks to his people, not from afar but from nearby.”

If you struggle to spend time in daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, please use one of these plans to help you engage with the living God through His Word.

## 6-Month New Testament Plan – Week 6

- ☐ Monday – Mark 12
- ☐ Tuesday – Mark 13
- ☐ Wednesday – Mark 14
- ☐ Thursday – Mark 15
- ☐ Friday – Mark 16
- ☐ Saturday – Luke 1
- ☐ Sunday – Luke 2

## A Psalm a Day Plan – Week 6

- ☐ Monday – Psalm 37
- ☐ Tuesday – Psalm 38
- ☐ Wednesday – Psalm 39
- ☐ Thursday – Psalm 40
- ☐ Friday – Psalm 41
- ☐ Saturday – Psalm 42
- ☐ Sunday – Psalm 43

## Birthday Information

If your birthday is not on our directory and you would like to add it, please let Beth know at [beth@fpcden.org](mailto:beth@fpcden.org).

## April Birthdays

- April 1 - Cyler Vincent
- April 5 - Michelle Curry
- April 6 - Jackson Southard
- April 7 - Annie Southard
- April 16 - Mary Mabe
- April 17 - Jane Thornton
- April 22 - Christine Hinson
- April 28 - Lib Roberson
- April 29 - Pam Cundiff & Wanda Harris

# Easter Lilies

## *The Beautiful Easter Lilies are given in Memory of...*

Vernie & Thomas Jenkins given by Cheryl and Tim Jenkins  
Emily & Jerry Ridley given by Cheryl and Tim Jenkins  
Barry Ridley given by Cheryl and Tim Jenkins  
Bev & Wink Hoover given by Cheryl and Tim Jenkins  
Norwood Cheek given by Ann, Susan, Phyllis, Chip and families  
FPC saints that have entered the Church Triumphant given by Pat Smith  
Cheryl Nooe given by Kenny and Mary Mabe  
Dot & Harold Matthews given by Kenny and Mary Mabe  
Tammy Southard given by Curt, Jessie, Jackson, Grayson & Annie Southard  
Harold W. Matthews given by Jimmy and Betty Matthews  
Marion Matthews given by Jimmy and Betty Matthews  
Margaret Webster given by Jimmy and Betty Matthews  
Estie and Lewis Jones given by Ginny and Ed Jones  
Dorothy and Henry Brown given by Ginny and Ed Jones  
Janet Tapia given by Ginny and Ed Jones  
Kathy Mason given by Ginny and Ed Jones  
Lynn Lane given by Ginny and Ed Jones  
Rogers & Rachel Roberts given by Bill & Martha Roberts  
Ronald & Helen Biddle given by Bill & Martha Roberts  
Clyde Morris given by Pat Morris  
Comer & Elizabeth Duncan given by Mariam & Jim Wilson  
Robert & Ruby Wilson given by Mariam & Jim Wilson  
Joy Outland given by Bird

## *The Beautiful Easter Lilies are given in Honor of...*

Burt, Cara, Avery, and Caroline Jenkins given by Cheryl & Tim Jenkins  
April Smith, Lynn Smith and Alexa Paschall given by Pat Smith  
FPC congregation given by Curt, Jessie, Jackson, Grayson & Annie Southard  
Our 5 children given by Mariam & Jim Wilson  
Our 13 grandchildren given by Mariam & Jim Wilson  
Our 8 great grandchildren given by Mariam & Jim Wilson