



# First Presbyterian Church

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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## Gathering Around God's Word

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### Prayer of Preparation

*Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a "before" and "after," a "now" and "then"; that we may also say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.*

### Music for Meditation

J. C. Carraway, piano; John O'Brien, violin

"Improvisations for piano and violin"

### Sounding of the Trinity

### Greeting and Announcements

Pastor Travis

### \*Call to Worship

*from Ephesians 5*

One: For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—

**All: for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.**

One: Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

**All: For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,**

One: for everything that becomes visible is light.

**All: Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."**

### \*Hymn #803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.  
 one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.  
 O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;  
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.  
 no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Jesus of Nazareth, There are stories of you healing the blind all over scripture. You were constantly opening people's eyes. So today we confess that we often choose to keep our eyes closed. We turn away from injustice in our world, worried you might ask us to work for change. We close our eyes to our privilege, because the truth is uncomfortable. We avoid eye contact with those who are suffering to avoid identifying with their pain. Forgive us for failing to be your Church in the world. Guide us from the depths of our wilderness into your light. Amen.**

### Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Gloria

Hymn #580

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

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## Hearing God's Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Sung Lesson

J. C. Carraway, soloist  
-Samuel Liddle

**"The Lord Is My Shepherd"**

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want:  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

### Time for Young Disciples

### Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Wilderness: Disruption"

Pastor Travis

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## Responding to the Word

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### \*Hymn #314

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" (verses 1, 3, 5)

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone  
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.  
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.  
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.  
 to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

## Service of Ordination and Installation

### Statement on Ordination and Installation

#### \*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' 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. Amen.**

#### Constitutional Questions

#### Questions to the Congregation

#### Prayer of Ordination

#### Welcome and Charge

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastor Travis

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (\*unison)

**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.**

#### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Freely we have received; let us freely give.*

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Interlude by J. C. Carraway, piano; John O'Brien, violin

#### \*The Doxology

*Hymnal #605*

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;  
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three in One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Travis

**In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

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## Sending into the World

#### \*Hymn #490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”



# Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)  
F Dm B $\flat$

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures  
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may  
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) (Bm)  
F Dm

of your womb. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like  
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of  
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) (D) (A)  
B $\flat$  F C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and  
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our  
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) (F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)  
Dm Am Dm B $\flat$  C F

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;  
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) (G) (D)  
Dm B $\flat$  F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

**\*The Charge and Blessing**

Pastor Travis

**\*Postlude**

“Toccata in g minor”

John O’Brien, organ  
-Johann Pachelbel

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\*At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Rev. Pastor Travis, Pastor  
Doctor John B. O’Brien, Organist/Choirmaster  
Rev. Sydne Allen, Transitional Director of Christian Ed. & Formation  
J. C. Carraway, Assistant Organist/Choirmaster

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

(March 29)

*Scripture:* Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

### **SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Sympathy and Prayers** to John O’Brien and his family in the passing of his mother, Edith O’Brien, in South Carolina on March 18, 2020.

**Bill Anderson** (Father of Mary Riddick)

**Becky Barbee**, 521 Dartmouth Rd., Raleigh 27609

**Linda Brown**, 1905 Stanton Rd., 28504

**Ronnie Civils**, (friend of David & Pamela Williams), Kenansville

Health & Rehab, Rm. 216, 209 Beasley St., Kenansville 28349

**Ralph Clark**, 1103 Devonshire Dr., Trent Woods, NC 28562

**J. Warren Creech**, 3005 Camelot Dr., 28504

**Kristin Cummings**, (daughter-in-law of June Cummings)

**Honey Fuller**, 1305 Ridge Rd., 28504

**Kirk Fuller**, (brother of Lyndon Fuller)

**Bill Gay**, (friend of Lyndon Fuller)

**Judy Greer**, friend of Becky Berry

**Peggy Holliday**, (Aunt of Karla Grizzard), Spring Arbor

**Amy Smith Johnson**, (friend of Ray Scott Spence)

**Ann Kennedy**, (Sister of Bill Smith)

**John and Sue Martin** (parents of Mike Martin), 139 Fulcher Dr.

Atlantic, NC 28511

**David Mills**, 1506 Surry Street, 28504

**Shannon Moore**, (daughter-in-law of Bill and Dixie Jernigan)

**Skip Palmer**

**Joe Poole**, (brother-in-law of Ruthie Stroud), Tennessee

**Kenneth Rouse** (brother of Ron Rouse)

**Michele Spence**, (Mother of Ray Scott Spence)

**Ruthie Stroud**, 802 Cody Lane, 28504

**Mitchell Tippet**, (nephew of J. C. Carraway)

**Kathryn Thutt**, 1603 Crawford St., 28504

**Glenwood Waters**, 3470 British Rd., 28501  
**Honey Marlow Whitaker**, 1202 Harding Ave., 28501  
**David Williams**, 1802 Sedgefield Drive, 28504  
**Pamela Williams**, 1802 Sedgefield Drive, 28504  
**Faye Womble**, (sister of June Cummings)  
**Brenda Woodley**, 2301 Riley Road, 28504

*Home Bound*

**Fred Antonowich**, NC Vet Home, Rm. 101, 2150 Hull Rd., 28504  
**Nancy Cherry**, Spring Arbor, 3207 Carey Rd., 28504  
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**Jim Marshall**, Spring Arbor, 3207 Carey Rd., Rm 303, 28504  
**Jeanette Marshall**, Harmony Hall, #2204, 312 Warren Ave., 28501  
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