



Worship for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

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## Our Calling

What is our charge?

*Our charge is to create the church Jesus expects.*

How do we live?

*We live to become more like Jesus,  
bringing faith and life together.*

Who are we?

*We are a community where all people  
can take root in love and grow in service.*

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**Rooted in Love. Growing in Service.**

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# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please find the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew so all may sign.*

*Please note Nursery is available in the Faith Ministries Building.*

## PRELUDE

*Thanks Be To Thee*

Handel

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 150

One: Hallelujah! Praise God in the temple and in the mighty firmament.

**All: Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

One: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

**All: Praise God with tambourine and dance, with strings and pipe!**

One: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

**All: Let us worship God!**

## \*HYMN 254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Following the Call to Confession please observe a moment of silent confession.*

**God of resurrection, from the beginning of creation, you have committed to be in relationship with us. Yet from the beginning of creation, we have not committed ourselves to you. Instead, we have committed ourselves to our own prosperity, hoarding your gifts. We have committed ourselves to our own survival and neglected the needs of our siblings. We have committed ourselves to our own self-importance and forgotten that all persons have been created in your image.**

**Forgive us. Bring us back to you. Show us the new life that you call us to through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS**

One: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are loved and accepted, forgiven and freed.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **\*THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

## **\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN 589**

*Alleluia*

HONDURAS ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.**

## **PROCLAIMING**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Acts 5:27-32

### **ANTHEM**

*Sing Forth, Every Voice, for the Lord is Risen*

Hal Hopson

*Adult Choir*

### **SECOND LESSON**

John 20:19-31

### **SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

*Children will collect Pennies for Hunger today and may participate in Children's Church  
or remain in the sanctuary during the sermon.*

### **SERMON**

### **\*HYMN 817**

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

# RESPONDING

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from Philippians 2:6-11

Though Jesus was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited; rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## 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.

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES, & OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **SENDING**

**\*HYMN 238**

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Victory Through Christ*

Smith

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*Liturgy is from Call to Worship.*

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**Leading and supporting worship today:**

**Preacher:** George Spransy

**Liturgist:** Michael Ganey

**Chancel Guild:** Vickie Brown

**Counters:** Fran Lawrence, John McKinney

**Children's Church:** Debbi Freer

**Nursery:** Haley, Stella and Gaines Stallworth

**Director of Music:** Terri Nicotera

**Accompanist:** John Tyson

**Acolyte:** Zachary Heater

**EIC:** Todd Barlow

**SRT:** Will Collins

## WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We are glad that you are worshipping with us. A few things to know:

- God’s children of all ages are welcome in worship. If your child would be more comfortable in the nursery, childcare is available in the Faith Ministries Building, located behind the Sanctuary.
- Hymn numbers refer to our hymnal, *Glory to God*, the purple book located in the pew rack. Blue pew Bibles are also available for your use.
- **Bold type** in this bulletin indicates all are invited to speak the corresponding words.
- An asterisk \* indicates that you are invited to stand if you are able.
- Hearing assistance devices and large-print hymnals are at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- If you would like to have an NRPC nametag, email [office@nrleighpc.org](mailto:office@nrleighpc.org).
- The next new member joining date is **Sunday, June 8**.

### FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 31, 2025

|                                | YR. TO DATE<br>ACTUAL | YR. TO DATE<br>BUDGET | YR TO DATE<br>BUDGET % | YEAR TO DATE<br>2024  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>PLEDGES</b>                 | 123,717               | 100,913               | 122.60                 | 116,400               |
| <b>NON-PLEDGES</b>             | 7,905                 | 8,750                 | 90.34                  | 8,398                 |
| <b>LOOSE OFFERING</b>          | 1,095                 | 3,750                 | 29.19                  | 5,566                 |
| <b>ALL OTHER INCOME</b>        | 27,483                | 6,425                 |                        | 40,296                |
| <b><i>TOTAL INCOME</i></b>     | <b><i>160,200</i></b> | <b><i>119,838</i></b> | <b><i>133.68</i></b>   | <b><i>170,660</i></b> |
| <b>SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b> | 75,078                | 72,945                | 103.00                 | 87,168                |
| <b>BENEVOLENCES</b>            | 5,151                 | 9,896                 | 52.00                  | 3,379                 |
| <b>UTILITIES</b>               | 9,482                 | 7,075                 | 134.02                 | 10,772                |
| <b>MORTGAGE</b>                | 14,786                | 14,786                | 100.00                 | 8,081                 |
| <b><i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i></b>   | <b><i>131,679</i></b> | <b><i>123,369</i></b> | <b><i>106.74</i></b>   | <b><i>127,780</i></b> |
| <b>CASH FLOW</b>               | 28,521                | -3,531                | 807.69                 | 42,880                |

# NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

**Anniversaries:** Bill and Charmane Dail 5/3

**Birthdays:** Amy Decker 4/27, Emily Uhland 4/27, Bennett Fisher 4/30, Darlene Lovette 4/30, Samira Ishaq 5/1, William Russell 5/2, Riley Morgan 5/3, Jonathan Nicotera 5/3

**Nutbush Presbyterian Church:** Today is the last day for donations to Nutbush Presbyterian's give away. Take your donations to the trailer to the right, marked **Trailer 1, between 9 AM and noon**. Contact Candy Tedrick with questions.

**Nominating Committee:** Is there an NRPC member who you think would serve our church well in the role of deacon or elder? The Nominating Committee encourages you to submit nominations for Deacons and Elders for the Class of 2028. Nominations are being accepted through **April 27**. Nomination Forms are in the Narthex or you may download a form from Friday News. Contact Candy Tedrick if you have any questions.

**Supporting the Summer Youth Mission Trip:** 9 youth and 4 adults from NRPC will be participating in a week long mission experience in Charleston, SC this summer. The first fundraiser features notecards hand decorated by the youth. The youth will be selling these cards before and after worship today **April 27 and May 4**, packs of 8 cards for \$10. See the Friday News for more information.

**Nifty Sixties +** will have our next get together at **11:30 AM on Thursday, May 15**, at Winston's Grille, 6401 Falls of Neuse Road in Raleigh. Please RSVP before **Friday, May 9** to Kim Stall at (919)219-1553 or kimberlyjstall@gmail.com.

## THIS WEEK AT NRPC

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| Sunday 4/27    | 9:00 AM Christianity Surprise Book Study (F)<br>9:00 AM Cornerstone Class (F)<br>10:00 AM Youth Fund Raiser (O)<br>10:30 AM Worship Service (S, Y)<br>3:30 PM Pioneer Class (F)     |
| Monday 4/28    |   |
| Tuesday 4/29   | 6:30 PM Adult Bells (S)   |
| Wednesday 4/30 | 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (F)<br>7:00 PM Adult Choir (S)   |
| Thursday 5/1   | 9:15 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study (F)<br>10:30 AM Joyful Ringers (S)<br>5:00 PM Direction Commission (F)   |
| Friday 5/2     | 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Z)   |
| Saturday 5/3   |   |
| Sunday 5/4     | 9:00 AM Cornerstone Class (F)<br>10:00 AM Youth Fund Raiser (O)<br>10:30 AM Worship Service (S, Y)<br>11:30 AM Potluck/Faith Formation/Youth Group (F)<br>3:30 PM Pioneer Class (F) |

Legend: A=Admin F= Faith Ministries Building  
Y= You Tube S=Sanctuary N=Narthex Z=Zoom O=Outdoors OFF=Offsite

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