

**\*Call to Worship** Frances Mallison

Seek the Lord, that God may be found.  
**Treasure God's words and walk in God's ways.**  
We delight in God's decrees more than riches.  
**We will meditate on God's words and fix our eyes on God's ways.**

**\*Hymn** PH #423  
*Jesus Shall Reign*

**\*Prayer of Confession** Frances Mallison

**O Lord of creation, we know that unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains a single grain. We want to sprout, to grow, to produce an abundant harvest for you. Yet we are afraid to fall from our comfort, our illusions of control, and our privilege to yield to the transformation you offer. Forgive our fear and lead us in your ways that we might bear good fruit and tend your harvest of justice, kindness, mercy, and love, all for the sake of your kingdom.**

**\*Period of Silent Prayer**  
In our Savior's name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon** Frances Mallison  
Hear the good news: "In Christ you are forgiven, your sins have been redeemed."  
**We can declare with confidence: we are forgiven.**

**\*Congregational Response**  
*Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord (verses 2, 3)*

**Our sin and guilt are heavy, Lord, And evil in Your sight.  
Against You only have we sinned; Your judgment, Lord, is right.  
We're born into a guilty world And sinful in our ways.  
Lord, teach us wisdom in our hearts And lead us all our days.**

**First Lesson** **Jeremiah 31:31-34** *pew Bible, OT, page 691*  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Interlude**  
*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Hassler, arr. Henklemann

**A Time for Young Disciples (11:00)** Kathy Howard  
*All children are invited to the front. Parents are welcome to come with younger children. For age-related opportunities after this time, see the announcement following the order of worship. Second through fourth graders may leave for the Children's Worship Class.*

**Anthem (11:00)**  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Calvin Hampton

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner, And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in Heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader Than the measure of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple, We should take him at His word;  
And our life would be thanksgiving For the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Lesson** **Hebrews 5:5-10** *pew Bible, NT, page 207*  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Walking Hand in Hand with Jesus" William K. Neely

**Invitation to Discipleship**  
*To speak with someone about becoming a Christian, church membership or a special prayer need, please go to Room 133 following this service. The room is to your left when exiting the sanctuary.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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** STF #2158  
*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**The Offering**  
**Offertory Anthem (11:00)**  
*No Greater Love*

Michael Joncas

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you, Live on in my love.  
You will live in my love if you keep my commands even as I have kept my Father's.  
(refrain)

All this I tell you that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete.  
Love one another as I have loved you This is my command.  
(refrain)

You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer slaves, but friends to me.  
All I heard from my Father, I have made known to you: Now I call you friends.  
(refrain)

It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you,  
chose you to go forth and bear fruit.  
Your fruit must endure, so you will receive all you ask the Father in my name.  
(refrain)

**\*Response**  
*Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord (verses 4, 5)* Hal Hopson, 1983

**So come and purify our lives, Our hearts with love redeem.  
Restore us to Your life-filled ways. Come, Lord, and make us clean.  
Your Spirit place within our hearts That we may teach Your ways,  
And all the people of the earth Shall learn to sing Your praise.**

**\*The Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:30)**

**Invocation and Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

The body of Christ broken for you.  
*As you receive the bread, you may respond:*  
**"Thanks be to God."**

The blood of Christ shed for you.  
*As you receive the cup, you may respond:*  
**"Thanks be to God."**

**Communion Music**

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Hymn** PH #281  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**  
*Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord (verse 7)* Hal Hopson, 1983

**Rebuild Your people with Your love, Renew us every day;  
With hearts renewed, in all our work, Our lives shall sing Your praise.**

**\*Postlude**  
*Prelude in G minor* Johann Sebastian Bach

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\* All who are able, please stand.  
**Bold** print indicates congregational participation.

Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord: This metrical version of Psalm 51 written by Fred R. Anderson was first published in Singing Psalms of Joy and Praise (1986). He intentionally set it to Hal Hopson's tune PTOMEY, composed by Hal H. Hopson in 1983. The tune is named for Rev. K. C. Ptomey, who at the time was pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, where Hopson was music director. Our former Associate Pastor, Ellen Crawford True grew up in this church during their tenure.

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### Worship Leaders

Preaching: William K. Neely  
Director of Music/Organist: William M. Wood  
Elder Assisting in Worship: Dick Marks  
Liturgist: Frances Mallison  
Cantor: Steven Thomason  
Flute: Lynne Marks

Early Band: Paul Shackelford, bass; Brad Collier, piano; Gerald McGowan, mandolin; Sean Brannan, soloist/songleader

### About Today's Service

**Visitors:** We welcome all those visiting with us today. If you are a **first-time** visitor, stop by the visitors table in the Welcome Center to receive a gift.

**Prayer Shawls:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry has placed prayer shawls in the narthex to the right of the center sanctuary doors. If you are chilly during the service, wrap up in a shawl and return it after worship.

**Portable hearing aids and large print Bibles, bulletins and hymnals** are available on the table by the entrance, or you may ask an usher for assistance.

**First Presbyterian Church welcomes children** of all ages in worship. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers for all services. Following “A Time for Young Disciples” in the 11:00 a.m. service, ages four through six are invited to participate in “Godly Play” in Room 113, and 2nd-4th graders will have the Children’s Worship Class. The Toddler’s Church is available for two and three year olds in Room 116. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship.

**Broadcast:** The 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WNCT-1070 AM radio, and is streamed live at [www.1070WNCT.com](http://www.1070WNCT.com) and [www.fpcgreenville.org](http://www.fpcgreenville.org).

**In respect of all worshippers,** please turn off or mute cell phones, and do not use flash photography during the worship service. Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary during worship.

### Our Congregation in Ministry

**Wednesday Lenten Devotion:** Join us for our last Wednesday Lenten devotion March 28. Come at 12:00 noon to experience meditation and music and stay for a light lunch. Cristiano Pessoa, an ECU organ student from Brazil, will play the organ and Bill Wood will lead the devotion.

**Presbyterian Women:** The Coordinating Team will meet Monday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. at the church. All Presbyterian Women are invited to attend lunch at McAlister’s Tuesday, March 27, 12:30 p.m.

**MOC Dinner:** The Men of the Church will meet April 3, 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall for breakfast and devotion.

**Egg Hunt:** We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1. We will begin the fellowship hall right after 11:00 worship with a light snack and lemonade before hopping out for our egg hunt. Preschool through 5th graders are invited to participate. The congregation is asked to bring plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies or small toys by March 28.

**Mayfest for Missions:** Our annual yard sale to raise money for local missions will be May 5. The storage containers will be unlocked Monday through Thursday from 8-3 and Saturdays from 8-12. If you have items to donate, please arrange to drop them off during those times or call the church office to make other arrangements.

### HOLY WEEK EVENTS

April 1 - Palm Sunday/Youth Sunday; Easter Egg Hunt, 12 noon  
April 5 - Maundy Thursday Service at Immanuel Baptist, 7 pm  
(Carrie Finch preaching)  
April 6 - Stations of the Cross, St. Peter’s, 12 noon  
Tenebrae Service, 7 pm  
April 8 - Easter  
Outdoor Sunrise service, 6:30 am  
Indoor Worship, 8:30 and 11 am services

### Our Congregation Cares

**Please lift in prayer:**

#### Church Family:

Jean Duff, Mickie Ezelle, Emily Harvey, Mary Beth Pugh, Kathleen Randall, Becky Stasavich, Deanna Sutton, Nina Weston, Liz Wilkerson

#### Family and Friends:

**Beth W. Beddard** (daughter of Margaret Whitehurst)

**Aidan Evans** (grandson of Pat and Ray Evans)

**Keeter Baggett Pope** (sister of Bill Baggett)

**Estelle Spivey** (sister of Betty Bailey)

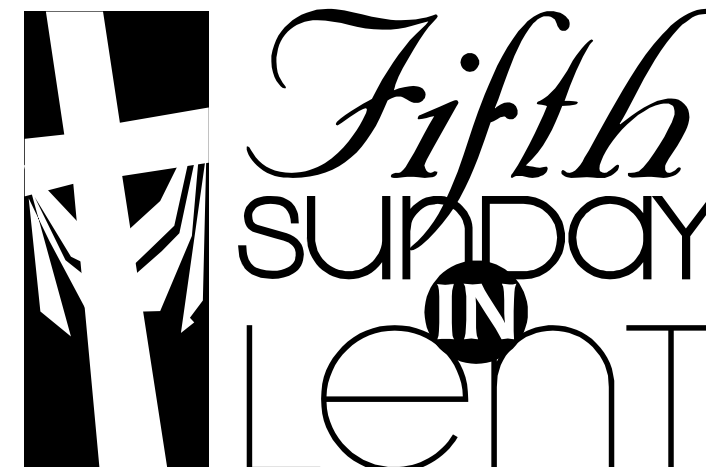
**Neil & Judy Stultz** (uncle and aunt of Mary Hasselbach)

Military personnel and families, including Patrick Brown, Nicholas Kulchar, Brad Paul, & Jason Testerink;

our national, state and local leaders and people called our enemies.

**Condolences:** FPC extends Christian sympathy to Greg and Chris Riddle in the death of his mother, Mary Lee Hardee Riddle, who died March 18, and to Roger and Bonnie Davis in the death of his father, Dr. John Woodrow Davis, who died March 16, 2012, in Hickory.

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*Share the Journey; Grow in Faith*

### The Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 25, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

#### **Prelude (11:00)**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Lynne Marks, flute

Maker, arr. Ferreira

#### **Gathering Song (8:30)**

*You Alone Are Holy*

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#### **Greetings and Welcome**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### **Concerns and Celebrations of the Church**

#### **Fellowship Registration**

*Please pass the fellowship pad found at the end of the row, record information, and return the pad to its starting point. Then please remove sheet and place in the offering plate when it is passed.*

#### **Introit**

*Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord*

PH #195

Hal Hopson, 1983

**ALL: Have mercy on us, living Lord, Remember not our sin. According to Your steadfast love Come, cleanse us deep within.**