



# First Presbyterian Church



## Easter Sunday

April 05, 2025, 11:00 AM

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

**Bold type is spoken by the people.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Barbara Boertje*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Cade Arnold, Liturgists*

ONE: Through God's miracle of grace, we have come through the night and arrived at this glorious dawn.

**ALL: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

ONE: All doors are open, all creation sings, all that was broken is made whole, and we have new life.

**ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

ONE: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! **#248**

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: This is a day of celebration, and nothing should prevent us from lifting our voices in praise to God. We must not hide the things we have done or failed to do, the things that do not imitate the perfect love of Christ. We must not let them fester and stifle our joy. Therefore, let us bring them before God in confession, saying...

**ALL: Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love, there is no way we can be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in you.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us **#575**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: God says to us, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

**ALL: Christ says to us, Do not be afraid.**

ONE: We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

**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!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Rev. Katie Long*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 31:1–6

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 3:1–4

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ONE: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:1–10

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SERMON

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN: Thine Is the Glory

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COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Confession of 1967, 9.26*

**Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

\*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the liturgist and the congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us pass the peace...

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**#306**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:                   The Tomb Stands Open Wide!

*Craig Courtney*

Christ is risen from the dead, the third day even as He said,  
And He has cancelled sin's dread curse – the tomb stand open wide.  
He is victor o'er the grave, He tasted death then made it slave,  
And we are freed from guilt and shame – the tomb stands open wide!  
Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?  
Thanks be unto God, who gives us the victory  
Through our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not contain Him,  
The darkness could not cover Him, He arose!

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**#606**

**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

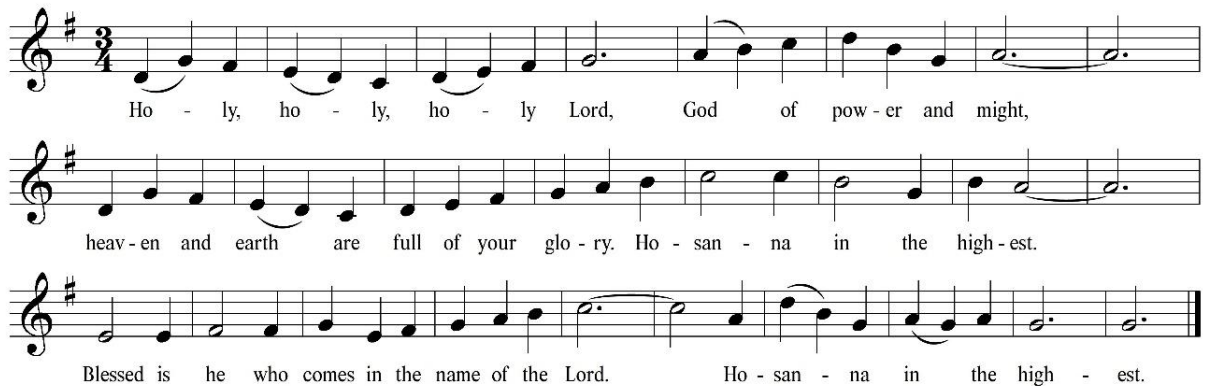
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy**

**#572**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**ONE:** ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**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.**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** Crown Him with Many Crowns

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Trumpet Tune in D

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