



# First Presbyterian Church

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026, 11:00 AM



\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands *Samuel Scheidt*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *Lucy Moore, Liturgist*

ONE: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: We rejoice, for we are children of God.**

ONE: We proclaim our faith: no power can overcome Christ's love, and as his body, we have received salvation.

**ALL: In love and joy, we praise the Lord!**

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

### CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE God shows us the path of life, offering companionship along the way. Therefore we trust in God, knowing that we can admit the ways we struggle to stay on that path, saying...

**ALL: Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace.**

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

**ALL: Thanks be to God for such a hope. 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: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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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.**

ANTHEM: Easter Morning

*Paul Christiansen*

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.  
Then the same day at evening, as they all were assembled,  
Came Jesus, and stood in their midst. Then said Jesus unto them:  
“Peace be unto you.”

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 20:19-31

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SERMON

*Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

\*SERMON HYMN: Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

**#231**

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 Pastor 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.**

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 GIVING

OFFERTORY: Be Thou My Vision

*Wesley King*

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

\*CLOSING HYMN: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

**#234**

\*BENEDICTION

ONE: ... Alleluia!

**ALL: Amen!**

POSTLUDE: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*Noel Rowsthorne*

# REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

- **Higher Grounds Café** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children’s Church** - 11:15am, in Room 16.

## WEDNESDAY

- **Wednesday Night Gathering** – Dinner 5:15pm, Activities 6pm, Fellowship Hall.
- **Choir Rehearsal** – 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

## ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré  
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins  
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson

**CLERK:** Chris McCormick

## DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent  
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson,  
Colleen Mestayer, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley  
Wiley  
2028: Missy Moore, Liz Tompkins, Pat Wilhelm

## BIRTHDAYS:

Bragg, Warren 04/01  
Phillips, Martin 04/05  
Tompkins, Dee 04/05  
Gayoso, Estella 04/06  
Kibbons, Joane 04/06  
Bates, Alex 04/10  
Williams III, Malcolm 04/18

Butler, Chet 04/20  
McLaughlin, Madeline 04/21  
Trent, Shella Beth 04/22  
Long, Rev. Katie 04/23  
Holland, Jonathan 04/25  
McCormick, Annabelle 04/27

## STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin.....Pastor & Head of Staff  
The Rev. Katie Long.....Dir. TTU PSA, Community Life Minister  
Paul Thurmond..... Director of Music  
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