

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 20, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Dan Carpenter: Selections from Easter Glory R.Lowry & C.Wesley
arr. James Churnow

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps. 118:24; Isa. 65:17-18

One: Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad:
All: This is the day that the Lord has made!
One: Rejoice and be glad:
All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!
One: Rejoice and be glad:
All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*HYMN 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION from Acts 10:34

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
how on the third day, Christ rose again.
All: Still we look for the living among the dead.
One: You rolled away the stone from the tomb.
All: Still we look for the living among the dead.
One: You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.
All: Still we look for the living among the dead.
One: You were faithful to your promise;
you have done wonderful things!
All: Still we look for the living among the dead.

[silent confession]

One: Forgive us, Lord, we pray.
Teach us to trust your promise
and to believe the good news of salvation:
All: Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from 1 Cor. 15:24-26

One: When Christ comes to reign, he will put an end to every ruler,
every power, every authority; he will put every enemy under
his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we
await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good
news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

*RESPONSE 581 GLORIA PATRI
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, amen.

*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 65:17-25
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM An Easter Carol text: I.N.Tarbox
music: Stan Pethel

*SECOND READING JOHN 20:1-18

SERMON “Holding On, Letting Go, Speaking Out” Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 238 Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD’S KINGDOM

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 233 The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION
One: Go out with joy to tell good news: Jesus Christ is risen!
All: Alleluia!

*BLESSING
HYMN 238 Thine Is the Glory (refrain only) JUDAS MACCABEUS

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Mon., April 21 - Church office closed
Wed., April 23 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Fri., April 25 @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies to Texas Roadhouse

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Wanda Mabry
Ushers.....Troy Jamieson & Mary Jones
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Jo Salmon

First Reading—Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Second Reading—John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Bill McAtee; Aaron Ramsey; Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; Pat Carpenter; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop’s daughter, Ashley Kerr; Ed & Joyce Mick; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec’d month of March	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Offering	\$23,620	\$16,522	\$54,802	\$49,566

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Lynn & Johnny Cain
Next Week.....Suzanne Kidd

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Jon Burlew
Ushers.....George Joplin & Marty Whitson
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Pancake Breakfast.....Men of the church
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

Deacons:

Linda Cook	Rebecca Davis	Sue Guffey
Don Haney	Nancy Holland	Marshall Judy
		Marci Randall

Elders:

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
		Mark Dikeman
Perry Waller		Laura Wright

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First Presbyterian Church

April 20th, 2025

Easter Sunday



Resurrection of Christ, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56588> [retrieved April 16, 2025]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:0000_Mosaics_of_Resurrection_of_Christ.JPG - Eugenio Hansen, OFS.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.