

we trust that mystery we call faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

It is here at this Table, Resurrecting God, that we are fed by your love.

**As you pour out your Spirit upon the Bread and the Cup,
fill us with the spirit of Jesus,
so we may go forth to be your people.**

Feed us with the Bread of Heaven, so we can fill the hunger of the world.

**Touch our lips with salvation's cup,
so we can proclaim the good news
of this day to everyone we meet.**

And when the morning comes

when we are gathered with all the saints around heaven's Table,

**we will lift our voices to you, God in Community,
Holy Trinity, forever and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD

POURING AND SHARING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *In Paradisum* Gabriel Fauré

Christ the Lord is Risen Again Philip Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain. Hark angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high. Alleluia. He who gave for us his life, is our Paschal Lamb today. We too sing and joy, and say. Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings. Alleluia. Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away; let us sing by night and day. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

You have given yourself to us, Lord; now may we give ourselves for others. You have raised us with Christ and made us new. As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy. As your glory has filled our hearts, help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*CLOSING HYMN *Hallelujah Chorus* George F. Handel

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

*Please stand if you are able.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

We welcome Christian Pagnard and Nathan Williamson, our guest instrumentalists today.

The Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 11am service in the graveyard.

WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. We have been part of the downtown Knoxville community since 1792. We embrace people from all walks of life and seek to share our spiritual journey with our community. We are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today.

To learn more about us, please make a note on the Friendship Pad, sign up for our Thursday newsletter, or connect with us at fpcknox.org, via the QR code to the right, or through social media.



Hearing enhancement devices and large print hymnals are available for use during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed, or you are invited give securely online at www.fpcknox.org/donate or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smart phone.



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WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

<i>Symphonies de Fanfares</i> <i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today</i> Tune: Easter Hymn	One License #195524 & 195467	<i>Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!</i> Tune: Hymn to Joy	One License #91513
<i>Alleluia</i> Tune: Alleluia 7		<i>Sanctus</i> Tune: Land of Rest	
<i>Thine Is the Glory</i> Tune: Judas Maccabeus		<i>Festive Trumpet Tune</i>	One License #94393

FOR OUR YOUNGER WORSHIPPERS

All children are welcome in worship at FPC. Children, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Children's Area (2nd floor) after Special Time with Young Disciples. Worship Bags are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. A nursery is available for children, in preschool and younger, in the Nursery rooms (2nd floor).



First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Prelude from Te Deum* Marc-Antione Charpentier
Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone
Symphonies de Fanfares Jean Joseph Mouret
Christian Pagnard, Trumpet; Nathan Williamson, Timpani; Mark Pace, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Matthew 28*

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said.

**Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Alleluia! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 232

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**Yet we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways of the world, the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry,
we pass by those who mourn,
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace.**

**We despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, O God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives
and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord...**

(a moment for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Alleluia* 586
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (3x)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Thine Is the Glory (v. 2)* 238

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Britton Leitch

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM *Joy in the Morning* Natalie Sleeth

There'll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore, every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Andy Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When the End Is Just the Beginning" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* 248

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Sing Unto God* George F. Handel

*Sing unto God and high affections raise,
to crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.*

***DOXOLOGY** *Old Hundredth*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The God of every morning be with you.

And also with you.

People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the One

who has raised Jesus from the grave.

People of Easter joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

We sing our hallelujahs to the God of everlasting love.

On this day of joy and hope, Redeemer of the lost, we sing our praise to you.

For you have created the universe and all that is — seen and unseen.

At your word the earth was made

and spun on its course among the planets.

Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth
and set us among all your creatures to love and serve you.
When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us,
your love remained steadfast.

When we were slaves in Egypt, you broke the bonds of our oppression,
and made covenant to be our God.
By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert
to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

You spoke of love and justice in the prophets,
and in the Word-made-flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory.
He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life.

Therefore, we join our voices this morning
with those who stood at the empty tomb,
as well as those of every time and place, singing our Easter joy to you:

SANCTUS 552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, God of every day,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.
Even as we seek to believe what we may not fully understand,

Easter Flowers

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