

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
whom you sent to save us.
He came with healing in his touch and was wounded for our sins.

**He came with peace in his heart
and met with violence and death.**

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,
and at his command the gates of hell were opened.

The one who was dead now lives.

**The one who humbled himself is raised
to rule over all creation,
and is with us always, as he promised.**

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine
from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. 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
Christian Pagnard, Trumpet

Prayer of Dedication

**Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love
and live a new life in him.
Give us who are fed at his hand
grace to share our bread with the hungry
and our lives with the hungry of heart.
Keep us faithful in your service
until the day when we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your Kingdom.
Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Hallelujah Chorus" George F. Handel

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata from Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor
Once License #195276

**Please stand if you are able.*

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.



STAFF AND LEADERS IN WORSHIP

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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 en-
trance 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

APRIL 9, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Prelude from Te Deum* Marc-Antione Charpentier
Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone
Symphonies de Fanfares Jean Joseph Mouret
Rondeau
Air One License #195524
Fanfares One License #195467
Christian Pagnard, Trumpet; Wes Palmer, Timpani; Mark Pace, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory be over all the earth.**

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

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Glory to you, O God:
on this day you won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

**Glory to you, O Christ:
for us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:
you lead us into the truth.**

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity,
now and forever. Alleluia. Amen.**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Alleluia* 586

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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 READING Matthew 27:62-66 Rev. Dave Dennis

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴ *Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."* ⁶⁵ *Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."* ⁶⁶ *So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM "Hallelujah" from *Christ Upon the Mount of Olives* L. v. Beethoven
*Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
In holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim His grace and glory! Hallelujah! unto God's
Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON *Do Not Be Afraid* Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* 245

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Today we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering in support of three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

OFFERTORY *Achieved is the Glorious Work* Joseph Haydn
Achieved is the glorious work. Our song let be the praise of God! He sole on high exalted reigns, hallelujah. Glory to His name forever. Hallelujah!

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**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 praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

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**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.**

Easter Flowers

In Memory Of

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas S. Stone
 Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Kuhlman
 Thomas S. Stone Jr.
 Mary Katherine Stone
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 Cameron & Margaret Brackney
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 Hunter Cagle
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In Honor Of

My Children & Grandchildren
 Mary Mac, Hayes, Caldwell, Cross, & Rains Emery
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 Mary Stuart Neely
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 Jack Eastman
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