



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 12th, 2026



Harvest of Righteousness by Lauren Wright Pittman

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Order of Worship

Prelude *Partita on "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* Johann Pachelbel
Bruce Stevens, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

Introit *I Have Chosen the Way of Truth* Craig Courtney
Libby Mullins, soprano

*I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. I hold fast to your statutes, O Lord, My God; let me not be put to shame. I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free. Teach me to follow your decrees, O Lord, and I shall keep them to the end. Turn my heart to your decrees away from worthless gain. Preserve my life according to your word.
I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws. Lead me in the path of your commands, for there will I find delight.*

~ Psalm 119:30-37

*Call to Worship

One: Blessed is our God

All: who raised Jesus from the dead.

Blessed is our God

who gives us new birth and a living hope.

Blessed is our God

who shows us the way of indescribable joy!

*Hymn 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" GELOBT SEI GOTT

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open us up to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Rev. Amy Starr Redwine

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They will return to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper.*

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Scripture Reading	John 12:20-27	NT p. 100
Sermon	“Resurrection Hope”	Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
Hymn 250	“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”	PROMISE
Call to Offering		Rev. Amy Starr Redwine
Offertory	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring</i> , from Cantata 147	J. S. Bach, arr. by Harvey Grace
*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)		LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	<p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>	
Sacrament of Communion		
Invitation to the Table		Rev. Amy Starr Redwine
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving	<p>The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	
The Lord’s Prayer	<p>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.</p>	
Words of Institution		Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
Music During Communion	<i>Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)</i> <i>Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen</i> Chancel Choir <i>(Lyrics may be found in hymn 536)</i>	Jean Langlais arr. David M. Cherwien
Prayer After Communion		
*Hymn 485	“We Know That Christ Is Raised”	ENGELBERG
*Charge and Benediction		Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
Postlude	<i>Chorale Prelude on “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”</i>	Healey Willan



Responding with Faith, Not Fear

As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbors and welcome the foreigner in our land. On Sunday, April 26 (1:30–3:30 PM), the Downtown Community Ministry churches are hosting a free Nonviolent Resistance Training Workshop at Second Presbyterian Church (5 N. 5th Street), taught by the Richmond Peace Education Center. The workshop equips people of faith with practical tools to support vulnerable neighbors: mutual aid networks, community response strategies, and de-escalation skills. All are welcome. Free parking at 13 N. 5th St. Childcare with advance registration. Call (804) 649-9148 for more info.



This week's usher team includes: Pratt Cook, Deborah Miller, Elizabeth Saunders, Sheryl Phillips, Pete Winters

Elders at the doors: Eone Beck, Elizabeth Darling, Foster Jennings

The ALLELUIA banner, celebrating Eastertide, was created by Kathy Harris, Susan Mountcastle, and Merrill White.

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), continued recovery
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Rebecca Darling (*Ashley Raggi's sister*), health concerns
- Laura de Venoge (*Amy de Venoge's mother-in-law*), recovering from surgery
- Brian Finlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- Steve Gentil, recovering from surgery
- Billy George, health concerns
- Kim Henderson (*Cathy Danford's cousin*), health concerns
- Nancy Perry, health concerns
- Oliver Perry (*Nancy and Sam Perry's grandson*), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sam Spencer (*Sharon Spencer's brother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns

Those Grieving:

- Nellie Martin on the death of her grandfather, and Richie Martin on the death of his great-grandfather, Franklin Wayne Bedwell, on April 2.

Those Rejoicing:

- Bruce and Nancy Gottwald on the birth of their great grandson, Edward Crosby Gottwald, on March 31.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

How can we pray for you?

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