

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 2026

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O Sons and Daughters”

Arr.: Lani Smith

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Strickland, Liturgist

Leader: Great is the mystery of the faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

### \*HYMN #233 *(see bulletin)*

“The Day of Resurrection!”

John of Damascus/H.T. Smart

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God’s gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Let us pray...

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, O God. Already, on this second Sunday of Easter, we are reminded that we often cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We also multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them. Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...*

Our prayers continue in silence...

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: The scriptures teach: “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead. Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

### \*HYMN #240 *(see bulletin)*

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Donald Fishel

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Jordan”

Arr: David N. Johnson

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may testify to your light and share the life of Christ with a hurting world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
ANTHEM "He Is Alive!" Pepper Choplin  
SECOND READING: John 20:19-31  
SERMON "Our Own Moments of Doubt" Rev. Rick Douylliez  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*The Apostles' Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .**

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

\*HYMN #243 (*see bulletin*) "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Bridges/Thring/Elvey

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: In these fifty days of Eastertide, go forth in the love of God.

**People: Help us Lord, to take this love into the unlovely parts of our lives.**

Leader: In these fifty days of Eastertide, go forth in the grace of Jesus Christ.

**People: Help us Lord, to look for him in the faces of every person we meet.**

Leader: In these fifty days of Eastertide, go forth in the peace of the Spirit.

**People: Help us Lord, to share this hope with the brokenness all around us.**

\*POSTLUDE "Lord of All Power and Might" Lani Smith

(\* *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of my daughter and son-in-law, Maggie and Josh Schuyler,  
from Melody Jenkins.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ELDERS OF THE MONTH:** Dan Jeter and Marshall McCranie

Monday, April 13 at 11 a.m. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

Tuesday, April 14 at 10 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Tuesday, April 14 at 4 p.m. Missions

Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH MEAL

Sunday, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones theatre trip

Sunday, April 19 OUR TIME (youth & kids movie time... TBA)

Monday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES MEETING

Tuesday, April 21 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION

### **THIS AFTERNOON: RESONANCE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE**

Join us this afternoon, Sunday, April 12 at 3:30 p.m. for worship, discussion and fellowship at our monthly afternoon alternative worship service called RESONANCE. Austin Pounds will be conducting a discussion with Colquitt County Food Bank Director Laura Keith. In this service, we will discuss the church's call to build God's Kingdom on earth through meeting the needs of people in our community. Understanding and tackling food disparity and poverty can help the food bank and the church make a difference locally.

### **SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE**

*We collected \$1,581 for One Great Hour of Sharing to help people in need around the globe.*

### **2026 GRADUATES CONNECTED TO FPC**

FRANCES BIUS

MARY MADISON GREEN

JACK TAUNTON

*Baccalaureate will be Sunday, May 10*

### **WATCH SUPPER, WEDNESDAY AT 5:50 PM**

**RESERVATIONS:** 229-985-3158 or [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com)

**MENU, Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**Diet & Regular:** Baked Lemon Pepper Chicken & Yellow Rice, Steamed Veggies, Cabbage, Salad Bar

**Children:** Hamburger & Fries

**Dessert:** Banana Pudding or Ice Cream & Cookies