

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 19, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Built on the Rock”

Arr.: Roger C. Wilson

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elaine Barber, Liturgist

Leader: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

People: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

Leader: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

People: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #260** (*see bulletin*)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Chatterton/Prichard

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

It is because of our trust in the resurrection that each week we confess together the ways our faith and hope have not been set on God. When we confess, we name our sins and commit to turn toward the life God calls us into again.

With that in mind, let us join our voices together in this time of confession. Let us pray.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy... our prayers continue in silence...

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Leader: In Acts 2:39, Peter says: “For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone for whom the Lord our God calls.”

People: Through the waters of our baptism, we are all forgiven children of God. Alleluia! Amen!

***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 #66** (*see bulletin*)

“There’s Something About That Name”

Gloria & William Gaither

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Arr. Lani Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Creator, reveal yourself to us in the reading and proclamation of your Word. Give us ears to hear your voice, eyes that see you among us, and hearts that are willing to follow where you lead. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

ANTHEM

“Jesus Messiah”

Heather Sorensen

SECOND READING:

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

“Our Own Emmaus Roads”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

(from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. This unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

***HYMN #238** (see bulletin)

“Because He Lives”

Gloria & William Gaither

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Leader: May you be embraced by the relational nature of our faith.
May you hear the truth of God’s love that binds us as one family.
May you receive God’s word with awe, allowing it to shape how you live and love.

People: **And may we go with the grace and peace of the God who created us, the God who redeems us, and the God who sustains us, now and forevermore. Amen!**

***POSTLUDE**

“Ride On In Majesty, Ride On”

James Mansfield

(*) *We stand as we are able*

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our church family.

The Strickland Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Dan Jeter and Marshall McCranie

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

TODAY! Sunday, April 19 lunch following church & movie at 2:30 p.m. OUR TIME (for youth & kids)

Monday, April 20 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth study)

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

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

Wednesday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH MEAL

Sunday, April 26 Confirmation Class

Monday, April 27-29 Cornerstones trip to St. Simons

Wednesday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH MEAL

Thursday, April 30 at 11 a.m. Cornerstones Lunch on the Road

Mark your calendars for ...

PW Birthday on Sunday, May 3 at 5 p.m.,

the last WATCH supper of the school year on May 6th
and Baccalaureate on May 10th.

2026 GRADUATES CONNECTED TO FPC

FRANCES BIUS

MARY MADISON GREENE

JACK TAUNTON

Baccalaureate will be Sunday, May 10

COX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINISTRY

As most of you know, our church serves Cox Elementary School through our Alice Griner Backpack ministry during the school year. This year the principal has asked if we would like to participate in Teacher Appreciation Week. We of course, said yes, and will be providing breakfast for the teachers and staff on Mon., May 4th.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Elizabeth Strickland (891-4334). Monetary donations are welcome as well! *(Please make the check out to FPC and put "Cox School Teacher Appreciation" in the memo line).*

WATCH SUPPER, WEDNESDAY AT 5:50 PM

RESERVATIONS: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

MENU, Wednesday, April 22, 2026

EVERYONE: Taco Salad Bar

Dessert: Homemade Cinnamon Rolls or Ice Cream & Cookies

PATTY JUNE WILL BE SHARING ABOUT HER RECENT TRIP TO BANGLADESH.