

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ the Lord
is Risen Today!



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 5, 2026

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To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

“He Is Alive!”

Pepper Choplin

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Turner, Liturgist

Leader: Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

People: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Leader: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

People: But God’s love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Leader: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

People: He is risen, indeed! Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

*HYMN #231 *(see bulletin)*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Charles Wesley

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God’s resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We come on this day, Dispeller of fears, walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you. Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb, Joy of our hearts, to open the gates of hope, so we might walk in the gardens of hope; you come, to open the gates of grace, so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world; you come, to open the gates of resurrection, so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.... our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now. Christ has risen to forgive us.

People: Thanks be to 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.

ANTHEM

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

Victor C Johnson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“La Grace”

G.P. Telemann

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:6-9

ANTHEM

“I Am Not My Own”

Craig Courtney

SECOND READING:

Matthew 28:1-10

EASTER HOMILY

“Galilee: The Place Where It All Started”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

ANTHEM

“And Can It Be”

Benjamin Harlan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #53** (*see bulletin*)

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Van Dyke/Beethoven

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: The high point has been reached. The stone has rolled. The grave cloths have been folded. So now simply remember what He has told you... all authority in heaven and on earth is His. As we go from here, let us keep faith in Him, for he is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Reprise “And Can it Be”

Benjamin Harlan

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The Lilies on the Cross are given to honor our Risen Lord,
and in expression of the JOY of His Resurrection!*

By the Christensen and Klar families

EASTER CHOIR & MUSICIANS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHANCEL CHOIR

SOPRANOS:

Nancy Coleman
Anita Jones
Dottie Ward
Joy Webb

ALTOS:

Laura Hall
Lisa Horkan
Melody Jenkins
Dianne Klar
Julie Strickland

TENORS:

Brett Johnson
John Norman
Hugh Ward

BASSES:

Thomas Coleman
Rick Douylliez
Jim Soos

Rebecca Brinson, Director of Music

Tom Whiddon, Organist

GUEST MUSICIANS FROM THE ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Heroldany Artiga, Trumpet

Isai Artiga, Trumpet

Natalie Savonie, Trombone

Justin McKinney, Tuba

Ryan Smith, Timpani



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Marshall McCranie & Dan Jeter

SPRING BREAK April 6-10

Monday, April 6 at 10 a.m. PW Board Meeting

Monday, April 6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, April 8 - *NO WATCH SUPPER ON SPRING BREAK*

Sunday, April 12 at 3:30 p.m. RESONANCE ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday, April 13 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings (youth breakfast/study)

Monday, April 13 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

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

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

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

SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Today, we will be collecting special offering donations for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), as Presbyterians worldwide respond to Christ's call for compassion for most vulnerable people around the globe through development projects and disaster relief. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! You can give by texting OGHS to 91999 or through pcusa.org/give-oghs. Or you can put a separate check or envelope in the collection plate. Make it out to First Presbyterian and put OGHS in the memo line.

RESONANCE ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAYAFTERNOON

Join us 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.