



*"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."
Matthew 28: 6*

First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday
April 05, 2015

SHARE the amazing love of God	REFLECT the light of Jesus Christ	LIVE and serve joyfully in the Spirit's power
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Coming Events

Easter Sunday, April 5
No breakfast or Sunday school

11:00 Worship with the Lord's Supper and Baptism, **including receiving gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing**

Wednesday, April 8
No bells/choir practice

Sunday, April 12
Holy Humor Sunday
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship, **including receiving gifts for \$6 a backpack**
12:00 Hospitality Hour

Wednesday, April 15
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 19
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, April 22
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, April 26
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship

Wednesday, April 29
6:45 Bells
7:15 Choir

Sunday, May 3
9:30 Breakfast
9:50 Children's music
10:00 Sunday school
11:00 Worship with the Lord's Supper

*Reminder: The Court St. and King St. doors will be locked during worship.
Please enter through the sanctuary during worship.*



Made One by Christ

*** Welcome and Call to Worship**

Hear the good news! Do not be afraid.
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

News for the Good of the Church

Prelude "Sinfonia" Purcell

Choral Call to Worship
"Our Lord Is Risen" arr. Edna Broadhurst
Opening Prayer

***Hymn #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Clothed by Christ

Listening for the silence of God followed by the "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By Your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life You promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for personal confession

Hear the good news of God's promise:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

****Please rise in body and spirit.***

Sharing of Christ's Peace

***Song of Praise, Hymn #453**

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Sharing Christ's Promise

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

"Gavotte"

Purcell

*** Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Cantata

The Dawn of His Rising

Eugene Butler

Readers: Jennifer Patgorski and Barry Westerwick

Choir: Soprano – Karen Diggs, Diane Griffin, Oralie Wilhite

Alto – Gabrielle Furman, Gail Pittman

Tenor – John, Hackworth, Todd Taylor

Bass – Michael Broadhurst, Raymond Rodrigues

Brass ensemble: Scott Dooly, Dandrick Glynn, John Hackworth, and

Michael Mannella

A Life of Blessing

The Sacrament of Baptism

Jerry Freeman joins the church through baptism and profession of faith.

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed, hymnal page 17

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Response Hymn #565 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Response Hymn #566 "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Response Hymn #568 "Amen"

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion of the People

A Life of Blessedness

***Hymn #245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"**

*Charge and Benediction

Benediction

"Our Lord Is Risen"

arr. Edna Broadhurst

A Blessing in Music

"March Triomphale"

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CHRIST
THE LORD
IS RISEN
TODAY.
ALLELUIA!

To all the volunteers who helped spruce up the sanctuary and courtyard on Saturday, thank you.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God

by: Edna and Mike Broadhurst

In loving memory of our parents
In honor of the FPC Choir
In honor of Gabrielle and Tanner Furman
In honor of Jennifer and Brian Patgorski

Alice and Paul Butler

In loving memory of Grace and Marsden Farrior
In loving memory of Frances and Paul Butler

Jerry Freeman

In loving memory of Norman Freeman
In loving memory of Walter Freeman
In honor of Brigitta Freeman
In honor of the FPC Family
In honor of Patricia Renfrew and Danny
In honor of Daddy Frank and Rebecca
In honor of Agnes McFadden
In honor of the Easter Bunny

Diane and Earl Griffin

In honor of our children
In honor of Bob and Terry Pomeroy
In loving memory of Wilbur Griffin
In loving memory of Marjorie Griffin Gray

Lanier and Norma Halterman

In loving memory of Rebecca and Buddy Gargis
In loving memory of Gertie and Rick Halterman
In honor of Linda and John Hackworth

Claudia Laughlin

In loving memory of Sally Leonard
In loving memory of Martha Laughlin

Gail Pittman

In honor of the FPC Music Program

Carl, Taylor, and Kerri Rhodes

In loving memory of Kendall Westbrook Rhodes

Rudy and Alice Simpson

In loving memory of Ted and Marie Filer
In loving memory of John and Mabel Simpson
In loving memory of Aaron Filer

Pat Sparks

In loving memory of Ruth and Frazier Byrd
In loving memory of Randy C. Sparks, Sr.
In loving memory of Frances "Copie" Copeland

Dan Swanson

In loving memory of Shirley and Gustaf Swanson
In honor of Kelley, Joe and Joeley Barnes

Mike Taylor

In loving memory of Don Taylor

William Westbrook

In loving memory of Margaret Westbrook

The Dawn of His Rising, an Easter Cantata

Eugene Butler

“And They Crucified The Lord”

And they crucified the Lord: and they nailed Him to a tree. And they mocked Him, and reviled Him, and cast lots for His garments. And they said: "If Thou be Christ, then save Thyself!"

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness o'er the land until the ninth hour. And Jesus cried with a loud voice saying, "Father, Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

And He breathed His last.

“Oh Perfect Life of Love”

Oh perfect life of love. All, all is finished now. All that He left his throne above to do for us below! No work is left undone of all the Father willed; His toil and sorrows one by one, the scriptures have fulfilled. In perfect love He dies. For me, He dies for me! O all atoning sacrifice, I cling by faith to Thee.

“Were You There?”

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

“My Master Lies Asleep”

My Master lies asleep and is at rest. His heart has ceased to bleed, His eye to weep. The sun, ashamed, has dropped down in the west. My Master lies asleep.

Now we are they that weep and vigil keep, with wrung heart in a sighing breast. While slow time and the shadows creep, renew thy youth as eagle from the nest. O Master, who has sown, arise to reap! My Master lies asleep.

“Now on the First Day of the Week”

Now on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb early; and they saw that the stone was rolled away from the tomb! Alleluia! For He has risen, risen as He said; from His three-day prison. Comes the dawn, the dawn is here, the dawn of His rising!

“When the Women Found the Stone Rolled Away”

When the women found the stone rolled away, they were perplexed, and they went in but could not find the body. And behold! Two men stood among them in dazzling raiment and said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? Do you remember what He told you: that the Son of man must be delivered up and be crucified, and on the third day, He shall rise again?”

But Mary Magdalene understood them not, and went outside the tomb and knelt there weeping. And there appeared a man before her saying, “Woman, why do you weep. Whom do you seek?”

Mary: “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where to find Him. Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away.”

Jesus: “Mary.”

Mary: "Rabboni!"

Jesus: "Do not touch me, for I am not yet ascended to my Father. Go to my brethren and tell them I am ascending to our God."

And Mary told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

Why seek the living among the dead? Why seek the living among the dead?
He lives; He lives; He lives!

Up from the grave He arose. Alleluia! With a mighty triumph o'er the grave;
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Go and tell Peter and all the disciples: He is risen as He said! The tomb is open; the empty grave, it cannot hold Him. We will know Him; rejoice again! Shout the Lord is living! Sing! He lives indeed! Gone is sadness and gloom; He lives!

Jesus: "Peace be with you. Peace be with you; as the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

Thomas: "Unless I see in His hand the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and feel His side, I will not believe!"

Jesus: "Put your finger here and see My side; put out your hand and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing."

Thomas: "My Lord and my God!"

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (Congregation rise and join Choir)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God has brought His people into joy from sadness; 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst His prison, and from three days' sleep in death, as the sun has risen.

But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand bestowing, that Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness. God has brought His people into joy from sadness.

"All Authority in Heaven"

Jesus: "All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to Me. Go therefore, and make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you forever, to the close of the age."

"Lo, I Tell You a Mystery"

Lo, I tell you a mystery; we shall not sleep, but we shall be changed! Christ has been raised from the dead; the first fruits of them that sleep! Death, where is thy victory? Death, where is thy sting? Death is swallowed up in victory! Alleluia! Amen!