

### Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor  
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### **Week of April 16- Prayers of the People**

- Deb Hardie
- Gene Dawson and Family
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- David and Debby Garth
- Greg Graupmann
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Mae Holoman
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6 Donald Hal  
11 Norma Halterman  
14 Lane Pittman  
17 Estelle Englund  
19 Jerry Freeman  
19 Sofia Calicchio  
21 Benjamin Dawson Kenrick (Ben)  
25 Raymond Rodrigues  
28 Sharon Conklin  
29 Alice Butler

- Our Ladies' Circle (a Presbyterian Women Group) meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Location to be determined. ALL are welcome. Our prayer group, led by Nancy Grant, will meet prior to the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 10:30 AM

## Order of Worship

*Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome!*

Prelude "Andante in F" Louis Vierne

### Call to Worship

The good news resounds:

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We celebrate the God who is our refuge.

**In God's presence there is gladness and rest.**

God is always before us,

**We shall not be shaken.**

Hymn 246 "Christ Is Alive!"

### Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

**Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof; we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and also an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us.

**Thanks be to God for such a hope. Alleluia!**

Response "Gloria Patri" Hymn 581

**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. Amen, amen.**

April Birthday Sunday – All with April birthdays are invited forward.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" G. F. Handel  
Zoë Jones, soloist

I know that my redeemer liveth  
And he shall stand  
Stand at the latter day, upon the earth  
Upon the earth

And though worms destroy this body  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God

I know that my redeemer liveth  
And though worms destroy this body  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God  
Yet in my flesh shall I see God  
Shall I see God

I know that my redeemer liveth  
For now is Christ risen from the dead  
The first fruits of them that sleep  
Of them that sleep  
The first fruits of them that sleep  
For now is Christ risen  
For now is Christ risen from the dead  
The first fruits of them that sleep

Doxology  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People  
**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.**

Hymn 233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result

in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lesson John 20:15-31

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"  
Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."  
She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").  
Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon "Not Seen, Yet Believed" Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Benediction

Postlude "The Heavens Declare" Benedetto Marcello

**Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for refreshments after worship!**