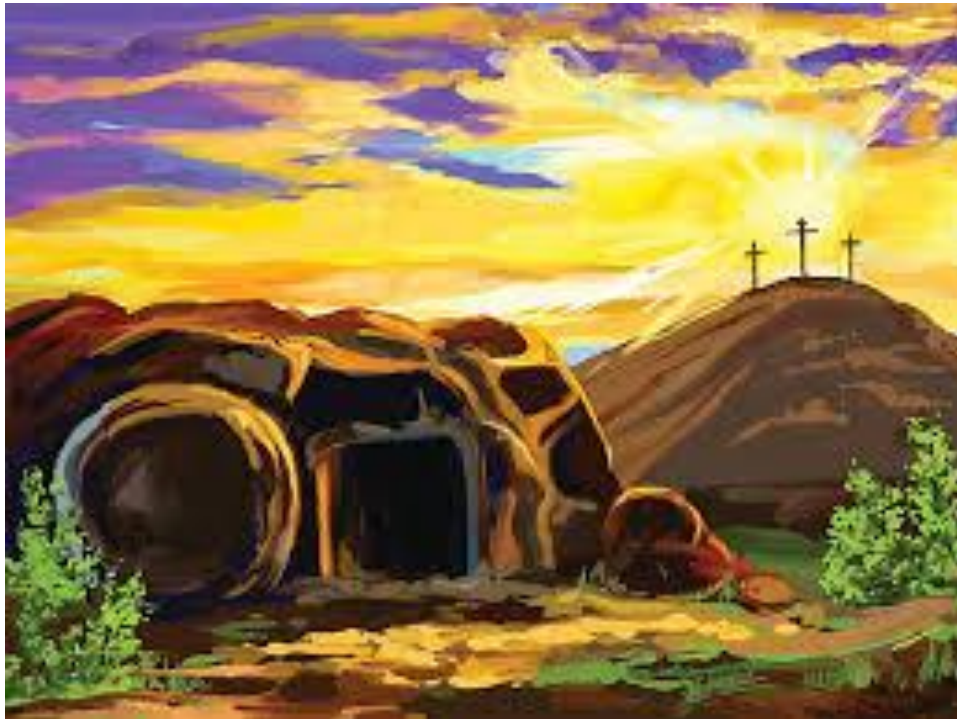


*First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025*



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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! Today, we extend a special welcome to our guest Brass players! We have Robert Burford, Sofia Calicchio, Ben Deangelis, and Clair Morgan joining us today. Thank you for enriching our service with your musical talents.

Prelude

"Allegretto"

Arcangelo Corelli

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the house of Aaron say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let all who fear the Lord say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let us worship the risen God!

Hymn 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Invitation to Confession

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

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Sisters and brothers, the power of resurrection is at work in us and with us!

Through the former things of our lives and in the new heaven and earth that God is yet creating, the Spirit of Christ leads us onto paths of victory over sorrow and death, disbelief and fear. Receive God's grace in the secret place in your heart, where there are no words for the forgiveness of God is too marvelous for words. Amen.

Song of Praise

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276 – Refrain

Bibles can be found in the back of the pew in front of you. Words in bold print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. Craig Courtney

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.

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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will 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.

Time with the Children

Hymn 238

“Thine Is the Glory”

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.

First Lesson

Acts 10: 34-43 page 957

Second Lesson

Luke 24: 1-12, page 919

Sermon

“The Greatest Easter Sermon Ever”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 245

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Benediction

Postlude

“Gavotte”

Henry Purcell

Please join us in the Courtyard lobby after worship for a snack and fellowship!



Following the service, please join us in the courtyard where we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for our youngest disciples.

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Prayers of the People

David Stuart, Mary's brother

Paul and Alice Butler

Lane Pittman

Josh Bennett

Monica Manley

Teresa Roberts

Maria Rhodes

Gus and Clara Spanos

Isaiah Burgess, friend of Matt and Gabbi

Dana Arden

Mae Holoman

Everest Goodrich

Mary Leming

Sonia Powell

Lou Wilhite

Robert and Peggy Norfleet

Kathy Goolsby

Ray Rood

Kim McCormick

The family of John Hackworth

Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law

Madeline Calicchio

Diane Griffin

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music

Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

The Rev. Dr. Steve Frazier, Moderator

Michael Broadhurst (2025)

Michele Graupman (2025)

Diane Griffin (Class of 2025)

Norma Halterman (2026)

Cameron McCormick (2026)

Todd Taylor (2026)

Linda Audet (2027)

Sue Fay (2027)

Pat Sparks (2027)

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin (2024)

Toni Rutsch (2025)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

11 Norma Halterman

14 Lane Pittman

17 Estelle Englund

19 Jerry Freeman

19 Sofia Calicchio

21 Grady Kenrick

25 Raymond Rodrigues

29 Alice Butler