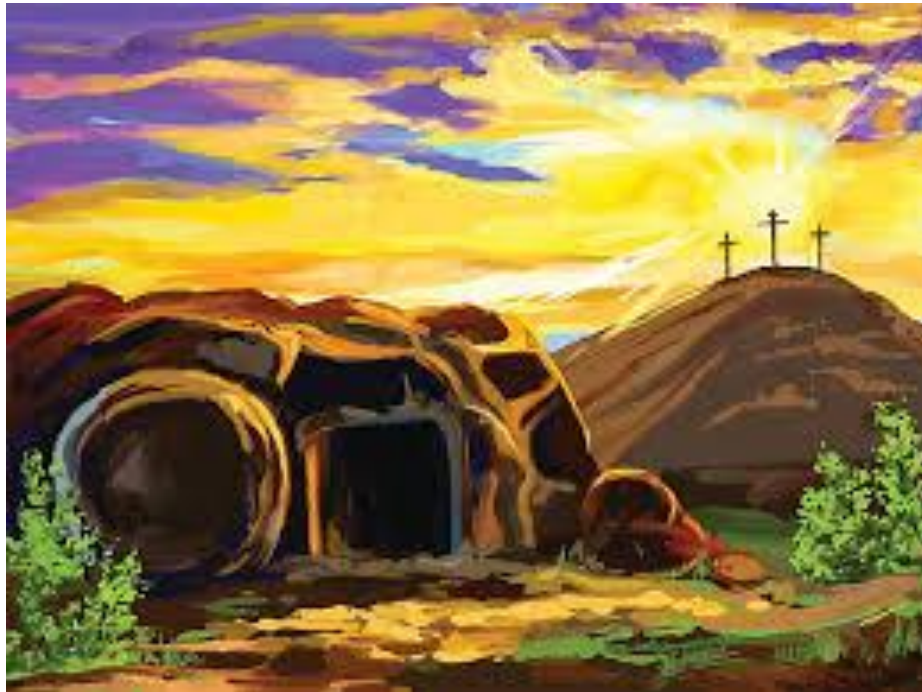


*First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday
April 05, 2026*



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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 pastor, the Reverend Kimberly Coyle. We are delighted to have these brass quartet members today: Cory Anderson, Robert Burford, Cristian Hernandez, and Kevin Reed. Thank you for enriching our service.

Prelude

"Gavotte"

Henry Purcell

Choral Call to Worship

"Christ Is Arisen"

Easter Proclamation

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, O God, if in the perplexity of this day, the musings of the church should become too simple.
Forgive us, O God, if in the mystery of this day, the voice of the church should succumb to timidity.
Forgive us, O God, if after the pageantry of this day, the memory of the church should fade or grow weary.
We confess Christ risen, the literal embodiment of a God who stops at nothing to offer us everything.
And so, O God, let the joy of this day obliterate all fear;
let the love of this day make the world quiver with hope;
let the wonder of this day change us forever.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news! "All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name!" In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

As forgiven, freed, and risen people, we testify to the joy of resurrection as we pass the peace of Christ. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.
 Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.
 God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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Time with the Children

Hymn 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"The Glory of Christ"

K. Lee Schott

You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid Your Church appearing, all girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing; Your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might: Lord Christ, we see Your glory. Your glorious feet have sought and found Your own of every nation; with everlasting voice You sound the call of our salvation; You search us still with eyes of flame, You know and call us all by name: Lord Christ, we see Your glory. O risen Christ, today alive, amid Your Church abiding, who now Your blood and body given, new life and strength providing, we join in heavenly company to sing Your praise triumphantly: Lord Christ, we see Your glory. Lord Christ, we see Your glory. Lord Christ, we have seen Your glory.

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 246 Christ Is Alive!

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing! The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

First	Lesson Colossians 3: 1-4	page 1027
Second Lesson	Matthew 28: 1-10	page 865
Sermon	"An Uncontained Easter"	The Rev. Kim Coyle

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in an astounding God,
 who surprises us on Easter morning,
 who reveals through an empty tomb
 how God is always doing a new thing.

We believe in God,
 who is light in the darkness,
 who never gives up on love,
 who is always working for our good,
 who weeps when we weep and laughs when we laugh,
 who calls us to be more than we are and transforms our tears into alleluias.

We believe in Christ,
 present at the time of creation,
 heard in the words of the prophets,
 alive in the lessons taught to disciples.

We believe in Christ risen,
not stuck in a tomb of despair,
nailed to a cross,
or buried in the past,
but alive forever and with us always.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the invisible, ongoing presence of God,
the joy, hope, and peace of endless possibility unfolding around us all the time.

We believe the Spirit calls us to community,
to compassion,
to welcome,
and to acts of mercy and justice.

God cannot be contained:
not by books or institutions,
not by fear or hate,
and certainly not by a tomb.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 245"

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Benediction

Postlude

"March Triomphale"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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	Kevin and Lynda Lee Lunday
Lane Pittman	Kathy Goolsby
Robert and Peggy Norfleet	Everest Goodrich
Monica Manley	Pat Sparks
Joseph Cain, Ann's uncle	Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa
Gus and Clara Spanos	Mary Leming
Jeff Baker, Norma's brother-in-law	Trish Ballentine-Terry, friend of Todd and Jerry
Bobbie Stegall	Joan Plaatsman
Rose Layman	Kathy Goodrich
Karen Hoy, Ann's mother	
Evie Goodrich, Matt's uncle	

Church Staff

Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Norma Halterman (2026)
Cameron McCormick (2026)
Todd Taylor (2026)
Linda Audet (2027)
Sue Fay (2027)
Pat Sparks (2027)
Michael Broadhurst (2028)
Diane Griffin (2028)
Dan Swanson (2028)

TRUSTEES

Kim McCormick (2026)
Gail Pittman (2027)
Earl Griffin (2028)

A copy of the PEVA 2025 Church Statistical Report will be posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6 Donald Hal
11 Norma Halterman
14 Lane Pittman
17 Estelle Englund
19 Jerry Freeman
21 Grady Kenrick
25 Raymond Rodrigues
29 Alice Butler

Sunday, March 29:

Total Offering \$ 3,240.00

Total In-Person Worship Attendance 27