

March 31, 2024  
Easter-Resurrection Sunday

# First Presbyterian Church



As you settle into your seat please take a moment to reflect and feel God's presence. Take a moment to consider these words of contemplation:

*"If Christ did not rise for us, then He did not rise at all, since He had no need of it just for Himself. In Him the world arose, in Him heaven arose, in Him the earth arose. For there will be a new heaven and a new earth."*

--- Ambrose of Milan, 379 AD.

*They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."-John 20: 13*

*Take a seat...make a friend!* You are our honored guest! Whether you are seeking a church home, invited by a friend, or just passing through, we pray that worship today is a blessing that inspires you and strengthens your faith. You will find Pastor Lorrie's contact information on the back of the bulletin, should you want more information about FPC and our ministries.

FYI: The women's restroom is through Galbreath Hall down the stairs as you exit through the double doors. Continue down the hall until you reach a hall on the left. The women's room is the first door on the left. To find the men's room, exit Galbreath Hall, go down the stairs and the men's restroom is immediately past the upstairs hallway on your left.

As a kindness, please silence all technology at the start of today's worship.

*Child care is available in the Nursery located down the inner stairs and to the right near the end of the hall.*

*Please remain seated and read (sing) together when the print is bold.*

\* *When indicated by symbol, please stand in body or in spirit and read (sing) together when indicated by this symbol.*

Thank you to the Deacons (Sandy Earl & Lisa Jurina) for today's fellowship treat.

Today's Deacon Greeter: Adele Marcotuli  
Deacon of the Week: Gerry Smith

# Celebrate His Love

Welcome

Centering Notes-*I Am the Bread of Life*-Bulletin Insert (Please join in singing the REFRAIN)

*from PCUSA Glory to God Hymnal*

Prayer of Blessing

\* Song of Praise -*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*-Celebration Hymnal # 367

**Prayer of Humility** (*please read audibly together*)

Holy and Loving God, it is in You, with You and through You that we have life in Christ Jesus. The resurrected One. You call us to live out this reality in all that we are, say and do. Yet, Holy God, we do not. We often choose self-centered death over living the grace that You offer to all through repentance. Forgive our selfish thoughts and actions. Forgive our neglect of Your promises and gifts. Roll away the stone that blocks our hearts from Your loving will. Hear us now, as we silently confess our sins to You. In Christ Jesus was ask these things, Amen, and Amen.

(Please take a few moments for your own personal confession.)

Assurance of Love

Friends, the truth is that our loving God is willing to wash us white as snow. Removing our sins as far as the East is from the West.

*(Please join in reading together)*

Through the waters of baptism

we have died with Christ and are raised with Him.

With gratitude and with faith,

we will walk the way of Christ. And this is the Good News of the Gospel-  
that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!!

\* Responding to God in Praise-*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*-Bulletin Insert

*Sing 2 times - from PCUSA Glory to God Hymnal*

## Going Deeper

*Scripture Readings*

Read by Ryan Hutchison

All readings are from The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE)

*Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 25: 6-9*

*The Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-43*

**Scriptural Response--Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia--(verses 1 only) Celebration Hymnal # 359**

## *Gospel - John 20: 1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### Prayer of Light

### Meditation on the Word

Special Music-*He Is Risen* by John Angotti

### Affirmation of Faith

**Jesus Christ is born in the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through Him and for Him. He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church: He is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. Amen.**

## Communion

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion Music-*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Dedication of Gifts and the Pastoral Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever! Amen.**

## Carry His Light to the World

\* Closing Hymn-*Alleluia! Alleluia!* -Celebration Hymnal # 365

Charge and Benediction

## This Week's Church Calendar

**Sunday, March 31:** EASTER! 9 AM-Christian Ed. Classes, 10 AM-Worship followed by fellowship

**Monday, April 1:** 9-3 REC Center Open

**Tuesday, April 2:** 9-4 Office Open, 9-3 Recreation, Center Open, 6:30 PM-Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, April 3:** 9-4 Office Open, 1 PM-Community Bible Study, 6: 30 Girl Scouts, 7 PM-Boy Scouts

**Thursday, April 4:** 9-4-Office Open, 9-3-Recreation Center Open, 11 AM-Aerobics in REC Center

**Saturday, April 6:** 11:30 AM-1 PM-Glory Grille

**Sunday, April 7:** 9 AM-Christian Ed. Classes, 10 AM-Worship followed by fellowship

*Next Sunday's Readings:*

*Hebrew Bible: Psalm 133; Acts 4: 32-35 ; Gospel: John 20: 19-31*

**Please Offer a Prayer for:** (Prayer requests will remain on this list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.)

...Dan R., Yarmilla & Lucas, Jeff S., Jerry S., Family of Laurie S., Denise E., D. &W. Family,

...Homebound members: Mike Ramsey, Jim Rugh, Tom Rohan, Lois Greene Sellers, Joan Richards, Eileen Harding, Dorothy Black, Carolyn Moody, Harriet Stalker

...All victims & families of the mass shootings to date in 2024 in the US

...Our glorious planet earth and the need to address climate change

...The People of Israel and the faultless residents of the Gaza Strip; the People in Ukraine and the faultless residents of Russia; ALL VICTIMS of wars

...This month's Mission of the Month: One Great Hour of Sharing

...This month's Mission of the Month Promise of Life Network

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