



First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024
Worship Service - 8:15
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Gathered as God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

Prelude

The Trumpet Shall Sound

George Frederic Handel
setting by H. Hopson

*Call to Worship

One: The tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

Many: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

One: Thanks be to God who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

Many: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

One: Where, O death, is your victory?

Many: Where, O death, is your sting?

One: Christ is risen!

Many: He is risen, indeed!

One: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

*Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Please bring forward any gifts for the 5th Sunday Hunger Offering
and place them in the basket at the front of the sanctuary.*

*Prayer of Adoration

Dan Garman (8:15)
Dwight Fox (10:30)

First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

NT pgs. 176-177

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We often overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we abuse the earth you made and do not see your face in every face. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria 581

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. Amen, amen.***

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you.

Children's Conversation (10:30)

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time, and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

NT pgs. 114-115

Sermon

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*Affirmation of Faith

The 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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day
He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He
shall 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.**

Offertory Anthem

Joy to the Heart

K. Lee Scott

*Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree
and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.*

Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning.

*Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope
and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope.*

Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning.

*Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree
to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity.*

Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning.

*Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree
and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.*

Joy! joy! joy to the heart all in this good day's dawning

*Doxology 607

OLD 100TH

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer

*Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Benediction

Congregation will remain standing until after the choral response concludes

*Choral Response (10:30)

Hallelujah (from Messiah)

Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of lords, and He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah!

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfried Karg-Elert

*Please stand as able

Acolytes: Parkes Hickman and Caroline King

Music Notes:

Trumpeters: Vinnie Ciesielski, Sam Merrill

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Prayer List

Will Dale, Betty Sloan, McKenzie Baxter, Alan Phillips, Sam Duncan, Sally Ewald, Ray Messick and family, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Joe Graham III, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

We invite you to take an Easter lily from the sanctuary following the 10:30 service and enjoy in in your home or deliver it to someone you love. **Please note the window boxes remain in the sanctuary.**

WAYS TO HELP A LOCAL BENEVOLENCE

Harvest Share Food Pantry is a local benevolence that helps meet the needs of the homeless as well as families with children and our older citizens who struggle to make ends meet. This year, due to bad weather and a new location, their main annual fundraiser, Soup-N-Bowl, fell short of its goal. Two ways to make up for this shortage are donations and volunteering.

The main needs are canned vegetables, fruit, tuna and salmon, Vienna sausages, ramen noodles, oatmeal, and white bread. The homeless appreciate pop top cans. Food donations may be brought to the Gathering Space during the month of April. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church; specify Harvest Share on the memo line. Volunteer jobs range from taking home dog food to divide into give-away size bags to spending a couple of hours onsite at 419 West 9th Street sorting/organizing food or cleaning. Also, prayers for Harvest Share are always needed and appreciated.

Announcements

Hearing Devices -The church offers hearing devices to use during the worship service. They are located on the table in the Narthex. See an usher if you need assistance.

Church Office Closed — Monday, April 1st.

No Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study or Dinner this Wednesday, April 3rd.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering— Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with out neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

People’s Table - Our next month to serve at the People’s Table is April. We need cooks, servers, and volunteers to set-up and clean up. Call the church office at 931-388-1985 if you can help in any way. We have cooks for April 19th and 26th. We need cooks for April 5th and 12th.

JOY Fellowship - Tuesday, April 9 – Speaker – The Bee Lady, Sarah Gilliam will share the fascinating life of bees. Honey samples will be offered, Lunch provided in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30, please call the church office for reservations.

Presby101 - Are you interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church? Do you have questions about what makes First Pres Columbia unique? Whether you’re a longtime member interested in a refresher or a brand new visitor curious about joining our church family, you’re invited to our Presby101 class on **Saturday, April 20th** beginning at 9am at the church. We’ll gather in the morning for class and finish after having lunch together around 1pm. Childcare will be available. Please contact the church office at (931-388-1985) if you have any questions.

Save the Date - Church work day, Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 to 12:00, breakfast and lunch provided; childcare available upon request.

Vacation Bible School - June 17-20, VBS registration is up and running, you may register on our website, www.1stprescolumbia.org. Spaces are limited!

NEW DATE for Mission Trip – due to participation numbers, we have moved our intergenerational mission trip to Bluefield, WV up a week to July 8th-13th. If you are interested in joining us for this week of service, please reach out to Michael Kneff at michaelkneff@gmail.com.

Sunday School Schedule

9:10-10:10

Pre-K - 5th grade - meets upstairs for Workshop Rotation

Middle School Class (6th - 8th) - meets in the Confirmation Room upstairs

High School Class (9th - 12th) - meets in the Youth Room upstairs

Fellowship Class - Adults of all ages are invited to meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the I Am Statements of Jesus from John's Gospel following along with the sermon series.

Chapel Class - We begin each class with the PCUSA Lectionary scripture and then dig in with discussion facilitated by Greg Martin. Adults of all ages welcome!

Ministers of the Church

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