



First Presbyterian Church

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020
10:30 AM

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen

OPENING SENTENCES

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

MORNING PRAYER

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord,

that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(our prayers continue in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

When Christ comes to reign, he will put an end to every ruler, every power, every authority; he will put every enemy under his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Donna James

GOSPEL LESSON

John 19:28-30, 20:1-18

SERMON

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Seven Words from the Cross: Triumph

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

THE 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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week: **Michelle Johnson**

In the Oaks (Scenic): **John Howard**
Ruth Breed

In the Military: **Captain Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** and his family, **LCpl Kevin Matthews** (Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii) and his family.



Sylvia Palmer; Jerry and Joyce Barrett; Laurie Oldroyd (George and Martha Kaulbach’s daughter); **Bill Ford; Michelle Truelove and family; Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer; Hadden Carswell** (friend of Duren Chambers and Maddie Chosewood); **Greg Hopkins; John Foster; Celeste Sumner; Teresa Touralack; Ann Nermoe** (Bill Ford’s sister); **Melody Little** (Marilyn Bedsworth’s daughter); **Garth and Sue Smith; Carolyn and Jeff Denton; David and Martha Lee Sherman; Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb’s Stepsister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb’s cousin); **Maria Costley; Robin Griffin; Khamphant Touralack** (Souvanh’s brother); **Scott and Melissa Painter; Barbara Gates** (Brent Gate’s mother); **Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin’s cousin); **Philip Barber; Bonnie McKim; Brad Donaldson** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry’s son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen’s uncle); **our country, its leaders, and those working in the medical field.**

Household Prayer: Morning

Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing “alleluia” with my voice, let my life embody “alleluia” as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, the days of sadness are over, for you have risen from the dead. As you conquered the grave, free your servant from fear of harm or death, that I may rest in peace this night and in the morning rise to sing “alleluia”. Amen.

Emma-Jewell Bible Study

Emma-Jewell Circle Bible Study will be safely held in participants' individual homes on Tuesday, April 14, at 11:30 AM or whatever other time is best for you. Marilyn Bedsworth has prepared three pages of comments, pictures, prayers and notes of online resources. Those who regularly attend Emma-Jewell will receive the lesson commentary by email or regular mail service. Anyone else who is interested may contact Marilyn at speakdiversity@windstream.net and she will be happy to email you also.

April Birthdays

April 9: Betty Gillette

April 10: Klayton Sumner

April 12: John MacLean

April 14: John Wayne Armour & Cat Wiles

April 16: Tripp Allen

April 18: Tucker Sumner

April 27: Grace Hulsey

April 29: Jan Barton & Jennifer Hartssock

Interested in a **BOOK** study?

Pastor Andy would like to invite you to join him in looking at the church through the lens of "Difference." How have we allowed difference to divide us? For his doctoral practicum he is looking at how we might embrace difference and therefore create space in our church for difference. Already one group has looked at RACE and how it has divided us a people and as a church. Now, he'd like to invite the whole church to join in this conversation. We will be reading *Disability and the Way of Jesus* by Bethany McKinney Fox to discuss specifically how we might make even more space for folks with various disabilities.



Donations to cover the cost of the book will be appreciated. This study will begin the last week in April—if we can meet in person, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays (time TBD). If we cannot meet in person, we will introduce how to meet via Zoom remotely.

If you would like to participate please call the Church Office (706-778-2822) **THIS WEEK so we can order your book.