



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
April 17, 2022  
The Resurrection of the Lord

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PHOTO MONTAGE

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The triumph over the power and fear of death is real!

**Shout for Joy! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus walked from the tomb and opened the gates of life!

**Sing for Joy! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

You free us from the chains of sin which hold us back.

**Jump for Joy! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

You call us to new life not only in eternity, but here and now!

**Our joy is real, Christ the Lord is risen. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*HYMN 106, V.1-4

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Savior.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not embrace the true joy of the resurrection. We are caught in the worries of the world. We stay quiet, when we should shout and sing. We do not always live in the spirit of new life. We remain discontented, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not embracing all that comes from the promise of your profound love shown in the empty tomb. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy of new life in Christ. Call us by name back to your ways, O God, to seek joy and hope. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Alleluia! Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you. Alleluia! Amen.

#### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

#### OBJECT LESSON FOR ALL AGES

#### SERMON

Recognized!

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes  
Where Thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,  
Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us,  
Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth;  
Death hath lost its sting.  
Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee,  
Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee;  
Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
Through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To Thy home above.  
Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO GIVE

On this Easter Sunday, as we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death, may you be moved to commit to use your talents, time and financial resources to help make this church community one which shines Christ's light into the world. Please leave an offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary, or give as you are able through our website, through the mail, or through your time and talents.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jesus, we ask your blessing upon these gifts, upon us, and those whose lives will benefit from them. May your victory over death empower all whom you call by name to trust in God's mighty promise of Life, Love and Hope.

**Amen.**

### \*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### 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.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*HYMN 123, V.1-4

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing (from *The Royal Fireworks Suite*)

Handel

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Caitlin Omaboe-Mensah, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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**John 20:1-18**

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the large stone was moved away from the entrance. So she ran to Simon Peter and the other follower (the one Jesus loved very much). Mary said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other follower started going to the tomb. They were both running, but the other follower ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down and looked in. He saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter finally reached the tomb and went in. He saw the pieces of linen lying there. He also saw the cloth that had been around Jesus' head. It was folded up and laid in a different place from the pieces of linen. Then the other follower went in—the one who had reached the tomb first. He saw what had happened and believed. (These followers did not yet understand from the Scriptures that Jesus must rise from death.) Then the followers went back home. But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. While she was crying, she bent down and looked inside the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white sitting where Jesus' body had been. One was sitting where the head had been; the other was sitting where the feet had been. The angels asked Mary, "Woman, why are you crying?" Mary answered, "They took away the body of my Lord, and I don't know where they put him." When Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the man in charge of the garden. So she said to him, "Did you take him away, sir? Tell me where you put him. I will go and get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." Mary turned toward him and recognized him and said "Teacher!" Mary said this in Aramaic, "Rabboni". Jesus said to her, "You don't need to hold on to me! I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my followers and tell them this: 'I am going back to my Father and your Father. I am going back to my God and your God.'" Mary went to the other disciples and told them, "I saw the Lord!" And she told them what Jesus had said to her.



***The Easter flowers are  
presented:***



In memory of her friend, Cindy Walters, *by Donna Van Norman*

In memory of Sal Ritz (Jessica's godfather), *by Donna Van Norman*

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In memory of Heather Calderon, *by Gloria Snyder*

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In memory of Wendell, Esther, and Jesse, *by Naomi Smith*

In memory of JoAnn Stiles Cramer, *by Nancy & Mike Udut*

In memory of Kevin Martin, *by Bud & Linda Martin*

In memory of Michael Finley, *by Darcel Hayes-Bridges*

In memory of Susie Demps, *by Darcel Hayes-Bridges*

In memory of our parents, *by Bill & Carol Schroeber*

In memory of our parents Martin & Pat Puffpaff, *by Melanie Puffpaff and Marilyn Weir*

In memory of my husband Tom and my nephew Jim Vanderbilt, *by Virginia Ogden*

In honor of our eight grandchildren, *by John & Shirley Heinsohn*

In honor of my grandchildren, Austin, Devin, Alexandra and Christopher, *by Susan Mackay*

In honor of our children and grandchildren, *by Bill & Carol Schroeber*