

*FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Alleluia! W.A. Mozart arr. Beverly Pugh
Beverly P. & Jan S. - Flutes

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND PROCLAMATION

“Christ is risen!” **“He is risen indeed!”**

We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, **for news of your victory over powers of death and evil** is news so startling so amazing so different from the news that bombards us day by day. **Beyond our comprehension You startle us again and again with resurrection Life, bringing grace, hope and joy.** You, in your risen power **are shaping all our days, and so we praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

WELCOME

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Look! A sliver of light across the horizon— the miracle of a new day. **See! The stone is rolled away, and the angel calls from within.** Feel! The freedom of our souls and the wonder of the Messiah’s gift of new life. **Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world, “He has risen!”**

*HYMN

#118

“The Day OF Resurrection”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What words can describe shadows fleeing from the tomb? How can we tell of the morning the world turned upside-down? No mortal words will do. Yet still we must ask loving God, **Forgive us this day, for things done and said, for things left undone and unsaid. Help us, Renew us, Free us.** You have redeemed us so still, we must spread the news: **Christ is risen! Our knees are weak from running; our voices tremble on the edge of fearful joy. Our eyes have seen the glory of the Lord loosed upon the world! Amen. (*Silent Reflection*)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM Ring The Easter Bells Joseph Martin
Handbells - Rev. Norlita, Beverly P., Debra H., Amy B. Jan S.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

***HYMN #106** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" **Vs. 1 & 2** only

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 Liturgist

GOPSEL READING Mark 16:1-8 Rev. Kaul

***HYMN #106** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" **Vs. 3 & 4** only

SERMON "There You Will See Him"

***HYMN #121** "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLE'S CREED Liturgist

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 DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain Alfred Fedak

***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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, with faces touched by the light of a new day, and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, we come before you to pray for the needs of the world. Into the light Easter morning we raise those who are struggling with illness, with despair over their lives, or with the breakdown of relationships. May the light of Christ shine upon them. **May the light of Christ shine upon them.** Into the light of Easter morning, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, poverty and need are the experiences of everyday life. May the light of Christ shine upon them. **May the light of Christ shine upon them** Into the light of Easter morning, we bring the headline news of this weekend we hold in our hearts the pain of those suffering violence, bereavement or conflict. May the light of Christ shine upon them. **May the light of Christ shine upon them.** And into the light of Easter morning we bring ourselves, the private struggles, the heart's yearnings, the hidden dreams, the unfulfilled potential. **May the light of Christ shine upon us.** May the light of Christ shine upon us as we pray as Jesus Christ Our Savior has taught us:
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.

HYMN #123 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other." (*Mizpah Benediction*)

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" Gilbert Martin

TODAY - Easter Sunday



Easter Egg Hunt after worship



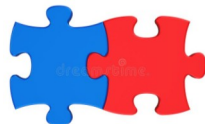
Presby Perennials are looking to borrow card tables for their Afternoon Tea to be held April 13, 2024. If anyone has a card table please contact Yvonne.



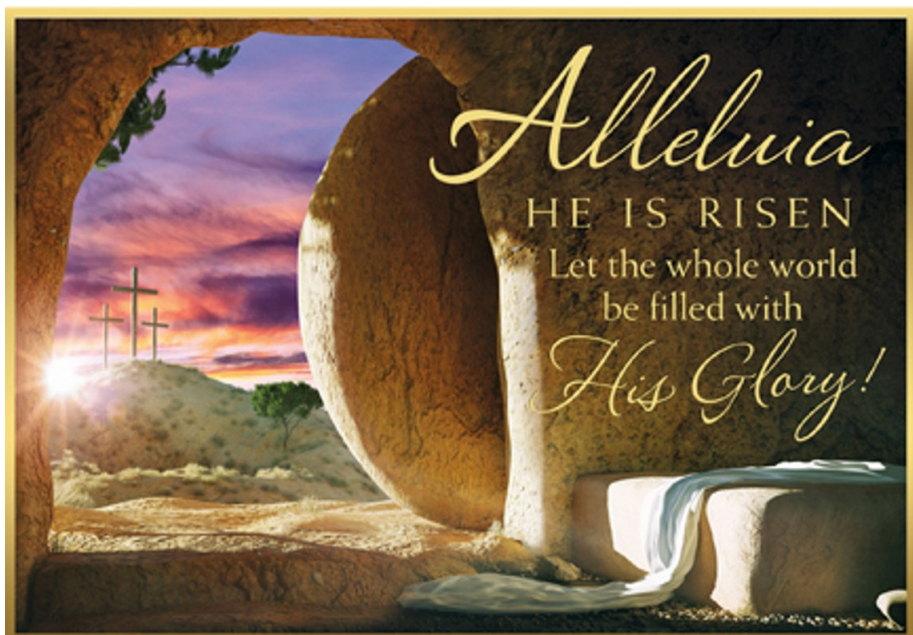
Bakeless Bake Sale -
Thank you for supporting our deacons.

PUZZLE LIBRARY

The deacons have a shelf now in the little area by the bathrooms. At this point it is empty so we need you to bring in any puzzles you wish to donate and put them on the shelves. If at any time you see a puzzle you would like to borrow and put together please do so, then return it and get another. Unlike the public library there is no sign out policy. Thanks!



Don't forget we're collecting pull tabs, empty clean medicine bottles, and toiletries as part of our on going missions support locally.



Repairing the Breach, Fixing What's Broken

In Isaiah 58, God, through the voice of the prophet, calls us to be repairers of the breach — and by repairing the breach, we will, by God's grace, be led into a new season of justice, freedom and peace.

“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.”

— Isaiah 58



75
YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Thank you!

Thank you to our musicians for your
help during our Lenten Services!

Great Job!

Gae F.

“They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.⁶⁻⁷ He said, “Don’t be afraid. I know you’re looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He’s been raised up; he’s here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now— on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You’ll see him there, exactly as he said.”⁸ They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.”

Mark 16:5-8 The Message Translation



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