

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | APRIL 9, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

The Welcome and Announcements

Please submit your prayer requests and/or record your attendance at worship with us:



The Introit “Christ Is Risen from the Dead” (Trinity Hymnal No. 280)

***The Call to Worship**

~ God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

***The Hymn of Praise No. 277 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

***The Prayer of Adoration**

***The Confession of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism No. 45**

Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

A. *First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~

The Call to Confession Romans 6:21, 23

What fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death...The wages of sin is death.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

The Confession of Sin

Our great and glorious God, you know and judge the secrets of every human heart. We do acknowledge and confess that we have followed our father Adam in revolting against your commandments. We have turned from your ways and from your blessed Presence and have reaped the misery of turning away from you, the very Author of life.

None of us is righteous, no not one; none of us has understanding, none of us seeks God; Our throats are open graves; we use our tongues to deceive; Our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness; our feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery are in our paths, and the way of peace we have not known. We have too little fear of you and too little love for you.

We appeal to you, through your great mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ your obedient Son, that you would forgive our sins for His sake, that you would make many righteous through His one act of obedience, and that where our sin has increased, your grace would abound. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by your glory, so also may we walk in newness of life in Him.

The Silent Confession

~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

The Assurance of Pardon.....1 Corinthians 15:19–22

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 118“Now Open Wide the Gates” (Page 3)**

The Encouragement to Give1 Corinthians 15:50–53

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

The Great Prayer.....Elder Nathan Bowers

***The Hymn“See, What a Morning” (pages 4-5)**

12. ¹⁹ Now o - pen wide the gates for me, The
 13. ²⁰ This is the gate that is the LORD's, The
 14. ²² That stone is now the cor - ner - stone That
 15. ²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made; Let

gates of righ - teous - ness, And I will en - ter
 righ - teous en - ter in. ²¹ I'm thank - ful You have
 build - ers once de - spised. ²² This is the do - ing
 us be glad and sing. ²³ Ho - san - na, LORD! O
²⁴

in through them; With thanks the LORD I'll bless.
²⁵ an - swered me; My Sav - ior You have been.
²⁶ of the LORD, And won - drous in our eyes.
²⁷ give suc - cess! O LORD, sal - va - tion bring!

16. ²⁶ O blessed is the one who comes,
 Comes in the LORD's great name.
 A blessing from the LORD's own house
 Upon you we proclaim.

18. ²⁸ You are my God, I'll give You thanks;
 My God, I'll give you praise.
²⁹ O thank the LORD, for He is good;
 His love lasts endless days.

1. See, what a morn-ing, glo - r'ous-ly bright, With the dawn-ing of
 2. See Ma-ry weep-ing, "Where is He laid?" As in sor-row she
 3. One with the Fa-ther, An-cient of Days, Thru the Spir-it who

hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave - clothes,
 turns from the emp - ty tomb; Hears a voice speak - ing,
 clothes faith with cer - tain - ty; Hon - or and bless - ing,

tomb filled with light, As the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is
 call - ing her name; It's the Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to
 glo - ry and praise To the King crowned with pow'r and au -

ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, Wrought in
 life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, Speak - ing
 thor - i - ty! And we are raised with Him; Death is

love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice; Ful - filled in
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, Will sound till
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered; And we shall

Christ, the Man, For He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 He ap - pears, For He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 reign with Him, For He lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The Sermon Pastor Ryan Biese

"Faith, Wailing, Anger & Weeping" | John 11:28-37 | *Light in the Darkness* No. 61 | p. 844

SERMON NOTES

- A. Mary (vv. 28-32)**
- 1. The Teacher (vv. 28-30)

2. The Mourners (v. 31)
 - a. What did these professional mourners do?
 - b. **Application:** Christian grief, like all emotions, should be expressed with temperance and moderation.
3. The Faithful (v. 32)
 - a. How is the conversation between Jesus and Mary different from the conversation He had with Martha?
 - b. What is she expressing by falling at His feet?

B. Jesus (vv. 33-35)

1. Outrage
 - a. Why is Jesus enraged?
 - b. How does Mary's response remind us of the importance of a robust, biblical worldview?
2. Consolation (v. 34)
3. Weeping (v. 35)
 - a. Why is Jesus weeping?
 - b. **Application:** *A godly response to unbelief includes both grief and anger.*
 - c. **Application:** *Christ's complete mastery over His emotions demonstrates His qualification to be our mediator and substitute.*

C. Jews (vv. 36-37)

1. Love Perceived: How are the Jews both right and wrong?

2. Power Misunderstood: What is the trouble with the second group?

~ God's People Respond in Praise ~

*The Hymn of Commitment No. 274 "Thine Be the Glory"

~ God Blesses His People ~

*The Benediction

*The Response No. 735 "The Gloria Patri"

Communicants Class Beginning on April 16th

Determining if your child is at an age and level of understanding where she or he is ready to attend a communicants class is not always easy. Thankfully, there are some helpful signs to look for in your child that will show he or she has the spiritual maturity to comprehend the discussion.

Have you seen the following in your child?

- She or he is asking questions about the Lord's Table and what is needed to participate;
- She or he is able to pay attention and participate in the worship service without toys, games, coloring, or other diversions for young children;
- She or he is displaying an awareness of his or her own sinfulness and asking questions about Jesus, salvation, and forgiveness.

If your child is showing those signs, that is a blessed indication that he or she is perhaps ready to join a communicants class and consider what it means to come to the Lord's Table with the rest of the congregation.

If she or he is not showing these signs, then it's probably a time to both wait for the next communicants class and be intentional in the way you talk about Jesus and the things of God at home with him or her to prepare for the next time the class is offered.

In the communicants class, the elders will be helping the children to reason through the Scriptures to know who Christ is to them and for them and how the Lord's Supper confirms and assures Christ's benefits to the faith of believers.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the communicants class, please talk to one of the ruling elders.

Thine Be the Glory

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

REFRAIN
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 9, 2023

- + Evening worship resumes this evening. The Lord's Supper will be observed as part of evening worship on April 16.
- + Starting in May, the Kindergarten & Elementary Midweek Program will focus on singing. Elder Davis will lead the children in learning to sing hymns and songs about Bible truths and Bible stories.
- + All the ladies of the church are invited to a brunch on April 22 at 10:30 a.m. to hear from Jennie Landrath of Choices Pregnancy Center.
- + In preparation for renovations, a "clean out day" will take place on April 15; many items currently stored in the old building will be sold (for a donation to the Youth Fund) and/or discarded by the end of the day April 15. Contact Joe Wilson if you can help. Please discuss any concerns with the diaconate.
- + New pews have been ordered and will be installed at the end of the renovation. Please be sure to sign up for a pew if you desire to have an old one. Each member household may receive two pews at no charge. Additional pews and/or non-members may purchase a pew for \$20 each.
- + The Ladies' midweek prayer meeting will resume meeting at the church at 9 a.m.

Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576.
- + To subscribe to the prayer list, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: FPFO.org/give

FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast
WAAK 94.7 FM
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
(excluding First Sundays)

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting
5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper
6:45-7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m. *KidsQuest* (children)
6:45-7:30 p.m. Classes & Studies
The Gospel of John
On First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays
there is outreach at the Crossings Apts.

Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.

Nursery April 9: H. Rowan & C. Rowan

April 16: E. Wilson & T. Keller