

# FIRST



# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 20, 2025

*Easter Sunday*

11:00 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

*O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

#### SILENT MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

*Were You There?*

Dale Wood

*Festive Prelude on "Built on the Rock"*

Gilbert M. Martin

## WORDS OF GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CHIMING THE HOUR

### SONG OF WELCOME

*Give Me Jesus*

Mark Hayes

Te'lyn Hayes, Soprano

## WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus  
Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee*

J.S. Bach

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 118*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;  
He has become my salvation.

People: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds  
of the Lord.

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may  
enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the  
chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### \*HYMN NO. 123

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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 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  
despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

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. Amen

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."

Friends hear and believe the good news:

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

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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.*

## \*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## ANTHEM

*Ride On In Majesty*

Gordon Young

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark all the tribes hosanna cry:  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reigh.  
Ride on, ride on!*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts that in the reading of the scriptures we may hear your word of promise and joy. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

*He has been raised; he is not here.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## ANTHEM

*My Glory, Joy, and Crown*

Marty Parks

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of nature, O Thou of God and Man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;*

*Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the Nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, paradise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!*

EASTER SERMON

*A Week of Holy Terror: He Is Not Here*

Rev. Sherard Edington

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Love All Graceful Things*

Eric Thiman

Te'lyn Hayes, Soprano

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Quinn Welser

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father almighty?

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *"Adagio" from Organ Chorale in A Major*

Cesar Franck

\*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

## SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 122

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*I Want to Live with God*

Salone Clary

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

April 23, 6:00 p.m.

*Covered Dish (chicken will be provided)*

Bring your favorite dish and a friend.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received today. Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

WE WELCOME Te'lyn Hayes to our service today. Telyn Hayes is a graduating senior at Tennessee State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Music with a concentration in Commercial Music and a minor in General Business. Throughout her time at TSU, she has performed in various ensembles and recitals, developing a strong foundation in vocal performance and music theory. Te'lyn completed an internship in music licensing, which sparked her interest in the behind-the-scenes aspects of the industry. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in music supervision, combining her passion for music with her skills in organization and storytelling.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received next Sunday. A portion of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area with the remaining used to support hunger relief in Middle Tennessee.

LADIES BINGO NIGHT – All ladies of the church are invited to attend Bingo Night on Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift and a friend and join the fun.

## YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

<b>Today</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
8:45 a.m.	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
9:45 a.m.	Church School	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11:00 a.m.	Worship	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	9:00 a.m.	Preschool
7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bingo	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Friday</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Preschool	<b>Saturday</b>	

## SESSION

Class of 2025  
W.P. Bone  
Jack Emmert  
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026  
Carol Hill  
Margaret Ann Trail  
Allen Vance

Class of 2027  
Marilyn Peyton

## DIACONATE

Class of 2025  
Rachel Low  
Jim Stueck  
Kim Wall

Class of 2026  
Melissa Cassetty  
Karen Hunter-Lowery  
Jim Murff  
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2027

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell  
Treasurer – Jim Stueck

Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck

Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance

Congregational Care & Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail  
Personnel – Jack Emmert

Worship & Christian Education – Mickey Stueck

## STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation

Pastor – Sherard Edington

Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles

Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent

NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader

Preschool Director – Angela Hankins

Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### Children

Elementary Class and  
Middle - High School Class

### Adult

Crossroads Class  
Faith Builders Class

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HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*