

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE
March 31, 2024 11:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Fanfare" C. Phillips
Dr. Mark Coffey, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "Easter Song"

THE TRADITIONAL EASTER GREETING

Minister: Christ the Lord is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 217
(Red Hymnal)

CONFESSION OF SIN AND PARDON

Leader: Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the
sinner: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623 (Red Hymnal)

**"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 PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM "Resurrection Joy"
Arranged by Mary McDonald

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:37-43

*HYMN "Christ Arose" No. 216 (Red Hymnal)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Don McGarity

"An Empty Stage Or AN Empty Tomb?"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(back of Red Hymnal)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "This Joyful Eastertide" P. Bouman

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION No. 624 (Red Hymnal)

**"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n-
ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

**Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on
us, and brought us into this Day of Resurrection. May our
giving reflect joy that fills our hearts with your
resurrected power. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we
join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your
glory as we say:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and
might. Heaven and earth are full of your**

glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

THE DISTRIBUTION (When everyone has been served, we will communion as one.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" No. 226
(Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

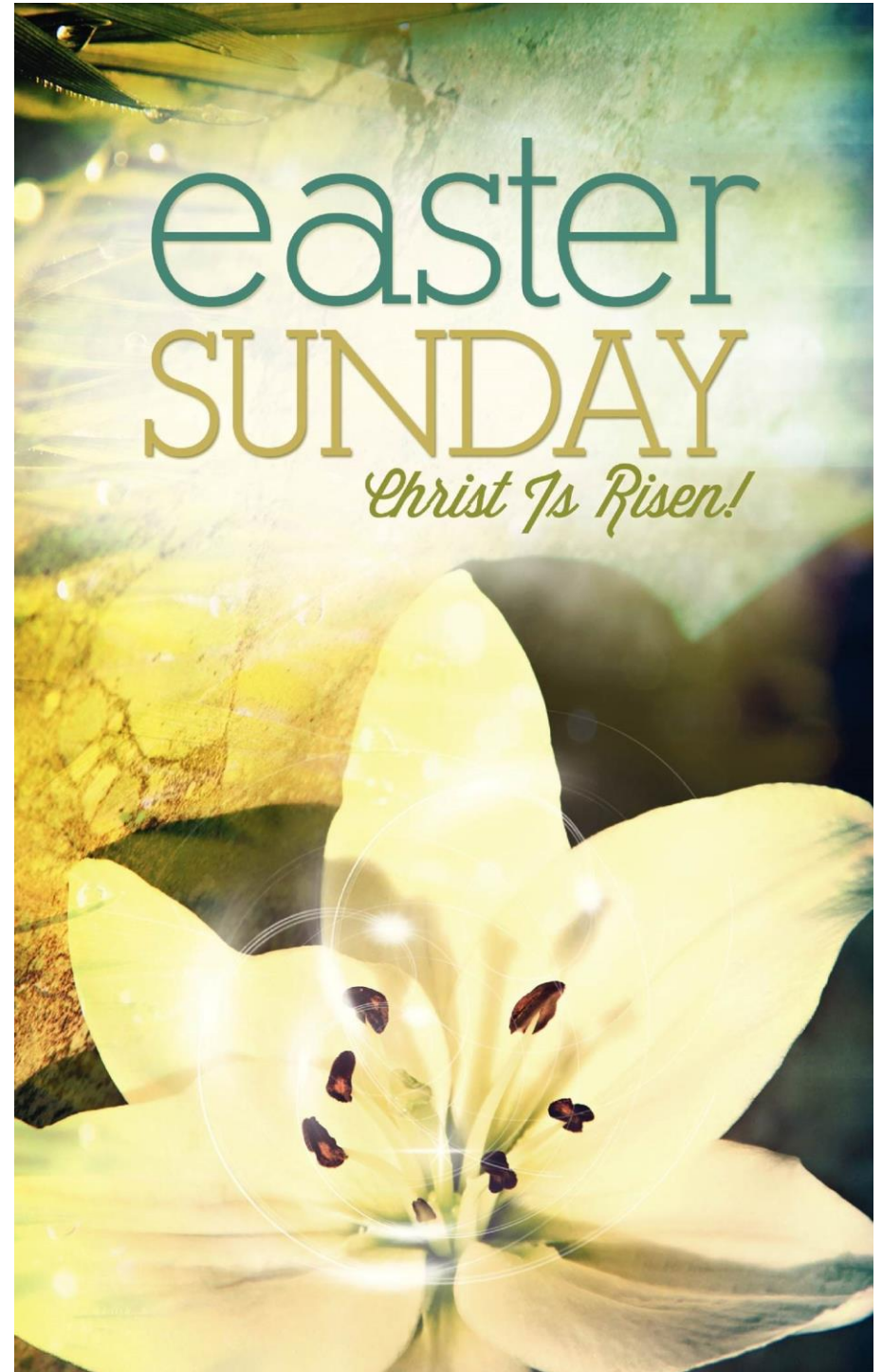
Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN "Hallelujah Chorus" No. 37 (Red Hymnal)

*POSTLUDE "Toccata" C. M. Widor

***Those who are able, please stand.**



Presbyterians celebrate an “open communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

We greet all visitors in the name of Christ our Lord and are grateful for your attendance today. If you are looking for a church home, please consider joining us. We are a giving, caring, serving congregation. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to the pastor after worship. He would love to share with you the ways you may join us.

Dr. Don McGarity, Minister; Bob Bell, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

Announcements

- Fellowship Supper/potluck Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:45
- No choir rehearsal Wednesday, April 3rd
- Ushers for April 7th: David Culpepper, Jeanne Hilgendorf, Warren Hilgendorf, Marilyn Culpepper
- **Liturgist** for April 7th: Sandi Hilgendorf
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org
- Send prayer requests to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis
Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Finance-Chuck Eckel, Jim Culbreath

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins



Dianna Sandonato has been asked by the Mission Committee to serve as the liaison to the FUMC Food Pantry Outreach. Help is needed.

Ways to help:

- Weekly “Grab and Go” - assist children over summer break.
- Help keep the blessing box full at FUMC (please see item list below)

Please sign up if you are available for any or all of these. Contact Dianna Sandonato for more information.

List of Items for the Blessing Box

Food:

- Protein/Energy/Cereal bars (out of the box)
- SELF opening cans or Pouches of Meats/Tuna Fish/Chicken/Fruit/Vegetables Etc...
- Dry Milk or shelf safe milk
- Individual boxes or Packages of Cereal/Nuts/Trail mix/Crackers/Bread sticks (with or without cheese)
- Peanut butter in plastic jars/Jelly/Nutella etc.
- Any shelf safe food items that do not require refrigeration/can openers/or heat source to be able to be eaten.

Personal Items:

- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste(small)
- Bath Wipes (that do not need rinsing)
- Comb or Brush
- Wrapped plastic silverware
- Small Kleenex Pouches
- Travel size Mouth wash/Deodorant
- Any item that can be used to help a homeless person who may not have the resources to clean themselves properly.





The lilies that adorn our Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by:

Dianna Sandonato in honor of the 3 M's Martha -Marilyn - Marne for all your love and support.

Dianna Sandonato in memory of My angel Dominic, the love of my life.

Bob and Marne Helberg in memory of Bob and Bonnie Helberg Sr., Bob Helberg Jr's parents.

Bob and Marne Helberg in memory of Lloyd and Marge Rettig, parents of Marne Helberg.

Tutu and Poppie in honor of Bailey Fletcher and Abbott Grace Fletcher.

Jo Kinsey in memory of her niece, Victoria Rose Wilson/Chambery.

Jo Kinsey in memory of James D. Wilson Sr., Ruth C. Wilson, Linda Ruth (Wilson) Cain

Dr. Don McGarity in memory of J.M and Frances M. Williamson

Dr. Don McGarity in memory of Williaw Robert and Annie Mae McGarity

Betty Culbreath in memory of her husband, Eric Culbreath.

Betty Culbreath in memory of her grandson, Ashley Smith.

Susan Lincoln in memory of her husband, Don Lincoln; her father, Edward O. Harrison; and her grandfather Elmer L. Mallette, all with April birthdays.

Ronald and Margaret Poppell in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Ronald and Margaret Poppell in memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Poppell, Mr. And Mrs. Russell Lee.

Bob and Karol Kaylor in loving memory of Dan Musgrove.

Hilgendorf Family in memory of Aunt Marion in WI.

First Presbyterian Church in honor of Dr. Don McGarity.

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(Easter lilies may be taken home after today's service.)