

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 10 am

*"Jesus performed many other signs . . . which are not recorded in this book.
But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31, NIV)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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CHRIST AROSE (LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY)

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior;
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose, He arose. Hallelujah, Christ arose.*

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord. *[Refrain]*

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord. *[Refrain]*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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PASSING THE PEACE: THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

"He is risen!" "He is risen indeed!"

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

He's not here!

The tomb is dark, but empty. . .

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness!

The stone has been rolled away . . .

The one you are looking for has overcome death!

The burial clothes have been pushed to the side . . .

The one you are looking for is alive!

Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God!
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first of all those who die.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

And so, on this Easter morning, let's worship our Risen Savior.

Based on 1 Corinthians 15.

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HYMN #113: *CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!*

Christ the Lord is risen today, *Alleluia!*
Earth and heaven in chorus say, *Alleluia!*
Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Alleluia!*
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, *Alleluia!*

Love's redeeming work is done, *Alleluia!*
Fought the fight, the battle won, *Alleluia!*
Death in vain forbids him rise, *Alleluia!*
Christ has opened paradise, *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!*
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*
Once he died our souls to save, *Alleluia!*
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? *Alleluia!*

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! *Alleluia!*
Praise to You by both be given; *Alleluia!*
Every knee to You shall bow, *Alleluia!*
Risen Christ, triumphant now. *Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *AND* ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

Almighty God,
by raising your Son from the grave,
you broke the power of the grave,
you broke the power of death,
and condemned death itself to die.

As we celebrate this great triumph
may we also make it the model for our living.

It's easy to sing "Alleluia"
but harder to accept your kingship when we want to go our own way.

Help us to identify in our lives
all that should rightly die—
every attitude, and word, and action that violates your will,
everything that dims the brightness of your grace,
everything that prevents us from taking delight in you.

Transform us that we might conform ourselves to Christ's example,
and that we might be obedient to your leading.

Resurrect in our lives:
Faith,
Hope,
and Love,
as surely as you raised Jesus Christ from the grave.
Amen.

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

CHOIR: *SEE WHAT A MORNING*

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Seeing and Believing"*

John 20:1–8

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *AND* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. *[Refrain]*

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. *[Refrain]*

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BENEDICTION

CHOIR: *THE ANGELS ROLLED THE STONE AWAY*

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, April 22	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, April 23	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Saturday, April 26	Hosting Presbytery (11:00–4:00)
Sunday, April 27	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	May 11: Mother's Day Breakfast (9:00–9:45)

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