

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

April 21, 2024 at 10 am

"To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi. . ." (Philippians 1:1)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

Rejoice in the Lord always,
Again I say rejoice;
Rejoice in the Lord always,
Again I say rejoice.
Rejoice, rejoice,
Again I say rejoice;
Rejoice, rejoice,
Again I say rejoice. *[Repeat once]*

*"Rejoice In the Lord Always," by Evelyn Turner;
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

This is a day when God's people gather together.

This is a day when we remember that God makes us family.

This is a day when we see friends, old and new.

This is a day when we give thanks for all that is good.

This is a day when we confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

**This is a day when we sing our praises,
and bring our concerns to God in prayer.**

This is a day when we wait to hear God's word—
and commit ourselves to be transformed by it.

This is a day to worship God.

Let's joyfully worship God together.

“COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING”

Come people of the Risen King,
 Who delight to bring Him praise;
 Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
 To the Morning Star of grace.
 From the shifting shadows of the earth,
 We will lift our eyes to Him,
 Where steady arms of mercy reach,
 To gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
 One heart, one voice;
 O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
 And those weeping through the night;
 Come those who tell of battles won,
 And those struggling in the fight.
 For His perfect love will never change,
 And His mercies never cease,
 But follow us through all our days,
 With the certain hope of peace. *[Refrain]*

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
 Men and women of the faith;
 Come those with full or empty hands,
 Find the riches of His grace.
 Over all the world, His people sing;
 Shore to shore we hear them call
 The truth that cries through ev'ry age:
 Our God is all in all. *[Refrain]*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Heavenly Father,
 You have gone to great lengths to redeem us by Your Son Jesus Christ,
 and you invite us into a life of hope, joy, and freedom.
 And yet, we forget, Lord.**

**We forget that You have sanctified us for greater things.
 We confess that we abandon You when our comfort is threatened.
 We admit that we get consumed with serving ourselves
 and our own interests.**

Forgive us of our sins—our violation of your will and holiness.

**Father, cause us to turn our gaze squarely back on You.
Speak to our fearful hearts.
Open our eyes and ears to a greater awareness of You,
and to the adventure of joyful living for your glory each and every day.
May we represent you well this week,
acting as your hands and feet in the world around us.
We pray this humbly in Christ's Name. Amen.**

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

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HYMN #485: "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "Joyful Living: Getting to Know the Philippians—And Their Letter"

Philippians 1:1-2

This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus.

I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons.

² May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

WE RESPOND 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 Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* *Please stand if you are able*

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HYMN #464: "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Apr 23	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Handbell Rehearsal (5:00 pm in the Sanctuary)
Wednesday, Apr 24	Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
Thursday, Apr 25	Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)
Sunday, Apr 28	Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

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