

**Service For the Lord's Day**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2026**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**

**PRELUDE**

**Liturgist: Suzie Cornelio**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**LEADER:** Do not be afraid. Jesus is risen!

**ALL: Alleluia! The Lord is Risen Indeed!**

**LEADER:** The crucified one is risen from the dead.

**ALL: We are witnesses: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:** John 20: 1-18

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

**Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken

away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** O Lord, you love us!

**ALL: Why aren't we shouting?**

**LEADER:** WE don't have to earn it!

**ALL: Why aren't we singing?**

**LEADER:** The stone's rolled away!

**ALL: Why aren't we dancing to your good news music?**

**LEADER:** Let us worship God!

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

**Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

**Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.**

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! Hymn #248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us, sing Hosanna everyone!

### **CONFESSION & PARDON**

**Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.**

*And now, in a moment of silence, those sins which are ours alone.*  
**Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**            "Glory Be to the Father"            Hymn #581

"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."

**ANTHEM**            "Holy City"            Chancel Choir

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

##### ***Old Testament Reading***

Jeremiah    31:1-6            p.559, OT

##### ***New Testament Reading***

Acts            10:34-43            p.99, NT

##### ***Gospel Reading***

Matthew      28:1-10            p.26, NT

**Jeremiah    31:1-6            p.559, OT**

## **The Joyful Return of the Exiles**

**31** At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup> the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.”

**Acts            10:34-43      p.99, NT**

## **Gentiles Hear the Good News**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained

by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Matthew 28:1-10 p.26, NT**

### **The Resurrection of Jesus**

**28** After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

“A Death Like His, A Resurrection Like His” Cliff Lyda

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Hymnal p.35

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy**

**catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (with the Lord's Prayer)

Hymnal p.35

**Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Hymn #606

“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.”

**ALL: In Christ's name we thank you. Amen**

**THE COMMUNION**

**HYMN**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #232

Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and the grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our salvation have procured. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

## **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### **POSTLUDE**

Tommy Clay, Jr.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook, Realm & 386-385-3040.)**

#### **Church Activities**

**Small Groups**-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 4:00 pm; Wed. 5:00 pm.

**Presbyterian Women**-Circles meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10:30am & 6:30pm.

**Social Connections**-Thurs. 1pm in Zoom Rm. Contact Shaaron Kohl 864-378-7032.

**Quilting Group**-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room, Welcoming new members.

#### **Outreach Ministries**

**Bread of Life**- March needs are Bottled Water, Mild Chili Seasoning packets, Barbeque Sauce, Salad Dressing packets (any flavor).

**Shower Ministry**-Thurs. from 2-6pm

**PC3 Ministry**-Monday 2-6pm

**Meridian/Grace Market Place**-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm a representative for assistance.

**CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)**-Mon. 8-12; Tues. 8-6, Wed. 8-6, Sat. 8-6.

#### **Church Calendar**

<b>4-17</b>	RCMA	8:00am	WH
<b>4-18</b>	ARK/pets	9:00am	WH/Parking

<b>4-25</b>	Kiwanis/Bass	5:00am	Parking
<b>4-24-26</b>	Bartram	9:00am	WH/Parking
<b>5-22-24</b>	Blue Crab	8:00am	Parking

**Kairos Prison Ministry**

4-4-26 11-4pm team mtg and lunch  
 4-17,18-26 1-6pm meal prep  
 4-19-26 10-1pm meal prep  
 Overnight housing with showers 4-16-18-26 2pm-7am (possible 10 guests)

**Financial Report**

2026 Financial Report/Operating Budget

	Total Received	Total Spent	Surplus (Deficit)
<u>January</u>	\$22,695	\$ 18,906	\$ 3,789
<u>February</u>	\$16,471	\$ 18,873	(2,402)
<u>Year to Date</u>	\$39,166	\$ 37,779	\$ 1,3887

**The Brick Opportunity** *to build a space rooted in legacy, community, and faith, one brick at a time. (#31)* For more details go to our website [fpcpalatka.com](http://fpcpalatka.com).

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