

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

**Rise in body or in spirit... (as indicated below)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 236, v. 2)

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 25

One: To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

All: O God, in you we trust.

One: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

All: Lead us in your truth, and teach us,

One: For you are the God of our salvation;

All: For you we wait all day long.

One: Jesus is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

*OPENING PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we run away from things that we fear, even if they are your mysterious ways. We are sometimes frustrated by your silence or by your will which we think should be different. Forgive us and help us become people who run to tell others the good news: that Jesus is alive; and that because he lives, we can too. Thank you for your risen son, our savior,
Silent Prayer - *(How has God brought life from dead places in your life?)*

AMEN.

*KYRIE ELEISON 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear this good news. Our Lord, who walked this earth and faced temptation, understands our struggles and temptations. Jesus stands ready to listen, to forgive, and call us to new life.

All: We believe the Good News that in Jesus Christ, we have a share in the resurrection victory! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE (Hymnal 238, v.1)

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;

endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Dr. George White

(Children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children's Church with Ms. Lauren.)

ANTHEM

Sing, Joyous Christians

Antonio Lotti/ed. Walter Buszin

Sing, joyous Christians! Sing forth your alleluias! Christ, our Redeemer, from death is risen, Alleluia! Death and hell are conquered, Alleluia! Christ, have mercy, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

(Pew Bible p. 84)

THE SERMON

Escape to Emmaus

Dr. Lee Zehmer

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

What is God saying to you through Scripture, sermon and song?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 240

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

[Sing the refrain after vs. 1 and vs. 4 only.]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE –The Apostles' Creed (Contemporary)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please touch the plate as it is passed to offer your time, talents, and tithes to God.

OFFERTORY

Easter Hymn

arr. John Ferguson

*RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of great mercy and love, accept our offerings that we bring forward now to share in the work and ministry of the church. Through these gifts may the Good News be proclaimed and shared with all the world. May the joy of our giving and living be a blessing for us all. May we live this day and always in the promise of Easter faith. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 591)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah! Halle-lujah! Halle-lujah!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Crown Him With Many Crowns

arr. Jason Payne

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Steve and Angela Harris and in honor of Ensign Jacob Harris' 26th birthday while deployed as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) aboard the USS Higgins/DDG 76 supporting current world events.

Guests... WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God's love for you today.

Please sign the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you with more information about FPC.

Nursery Care Today: Elizabeth Cycak **April 19:** Liz Briggs
Elder/Deacon on Duty Today: John Abernathy, Beth Janicke
Elder/Deacon on Duty April 19: Ann Hunsucker, Steve Roberts
Monitor/Greeter Today: Kinch Edwards **April 19:** Mike Hunsucker
Acolytes Today: Taylor Chubb, Jamison Deese
Acolytes April 19: Millie Goodner, Mason Goodner

Remember the following in prayer: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Shirley Burton, Beth Easley, Michele Horne, Rev. Barry Lambert, Keira Esposito, Ashley Platts, Nancy Lowery, Colleen Lathan, Manfred Liewald, Donna Martin, Allen Tice

Help for HOPE: Our April Collection is jars, cans, or packs of FRUIT. Any brand and variety (peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, applesauce, etc.) is needed. Drop off your donations in the Narthex by April 19.

Ladies Night Out is Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00 pm at Fratelli's, 975 Market St. in Baxter Village. To carpool, meet at 5:30 pm behind Family Trust/Warren Norman at the corner of India Hook and Celanese. Notify Linder Tucker by Monday, April 13 at 6:00 pm to make reservations.

Rolling in Rock Hill: Join our team to paint a local family's home exterior on Saturday, April 18. Contact Richard Quandt or Ken Roberts to volunteer.

A Mahjong Beginners Class will be Monday, April 20. 5:30 pm: shared appetizers; 6:00 pm: instruction. Sets will be provided. Register by QR code.



Family Promise: Thanks for all the wonderful volunteers at FPC who host families experiencing homelessness. Our next opportunity is April 26 - May 3, 2026. We will need overnight hosts, dinner providers, and greeters to open the building, visit with our guests and help other volunteers. Please consider how you might serve. Use the QR code to volunteer.



The Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction for the Youth Dominican Republic Mission Team will be on Sunday, April 26 at 12:30 pm. **Please note the NEW TIME!** Tickets can be purchased in the Narthex: \$15/Adult & \$8/Child and during the week in the Church Office.

Needed! Tomato cans and olive oil bottles! Leave the labels on them. The decorating team will use them for the April 26 lunch! Place your clean cans and bottles in the kitchen or on the Italian Night table in the Narthex.

Spring Fling 2026 We will once again host the Special Needs students from our three high schools with a Spring Festival on Friday, May 1. Contact Ann Hunsucker to help.

Save the Date!! We will be serving at the Plentiful Harvest Kitchen on Sunday, May 31! Shifts are available from 2-4 pm to cook and 4-6 pm to serve and clean-up, with 3-4 volunteers per shift. If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Jennifer Abernathy.

FPC Women's Retreat will be held at the SC Inn May 29 – 31. Priority registration through April 12 for those attending FPC. After April 12, any remaining spaces will be opened to friends of FPC. Register by QR code.



This QR Code may be used for all online contributions to the church. There is a 1% processing fee for Checking/ACH transfers and 3% fee for Credit Card transaction.



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 12

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am NO Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 12:15 pm Mission & Outreach Committee
 5:00 pm Children's Choirs

Monday, April 13

9:00 am Property Committee
 6:00 pm Nominating Committee

Tuesday, April 14

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class
 6:00 pm Ladies Night Out
 6:30 pm Rock of Ages

Wednesday, April 15

6:00 pm Yoga
 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Thursday, April 16

4:00 pm Seniors Exercise Class

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am Rolling in Rock Hill Paint Day

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 12:15 pm Christian Ed. Committee
 3:30 pm Handbells
 5:00 pm Children's Choirs
 5:00 pm All Youth Mission Night

Members of the Session

Susan Roberson, Clerk

Class of 2026

John Abernathy
 Jimmy Campbell
 Scott Harris
 Elizabeth Owen
 Susan Roberson

Class of 2027

Paul Horne
 Ann Hunsucker
 Chip Hutchison
 Julia Nichols
 Sheryl Smith

Class of 2028

Clair Roberts
 Bo Redmond
 John Blackwelder
 Cynthia Johnson
 Rob Joiner

Members of the Diaconate

Beth Janicke, Moderator

Class of 2026

Jennifer Abernathy
 Heather Dellinger
 Kathy James
 Margaret Joiner
 Dave Keely

Class of 2027

Beth Janicke
 Allen Katz
 Joan Musselwhite
 Steve Roberts
 Sherry Hutchison

Class of 2028

Cameron Lawson
 Carolyn Johnson
 Jonathan Nichols
 Richard Quandt
 Betsy Forrest

Deacons of the Month for April

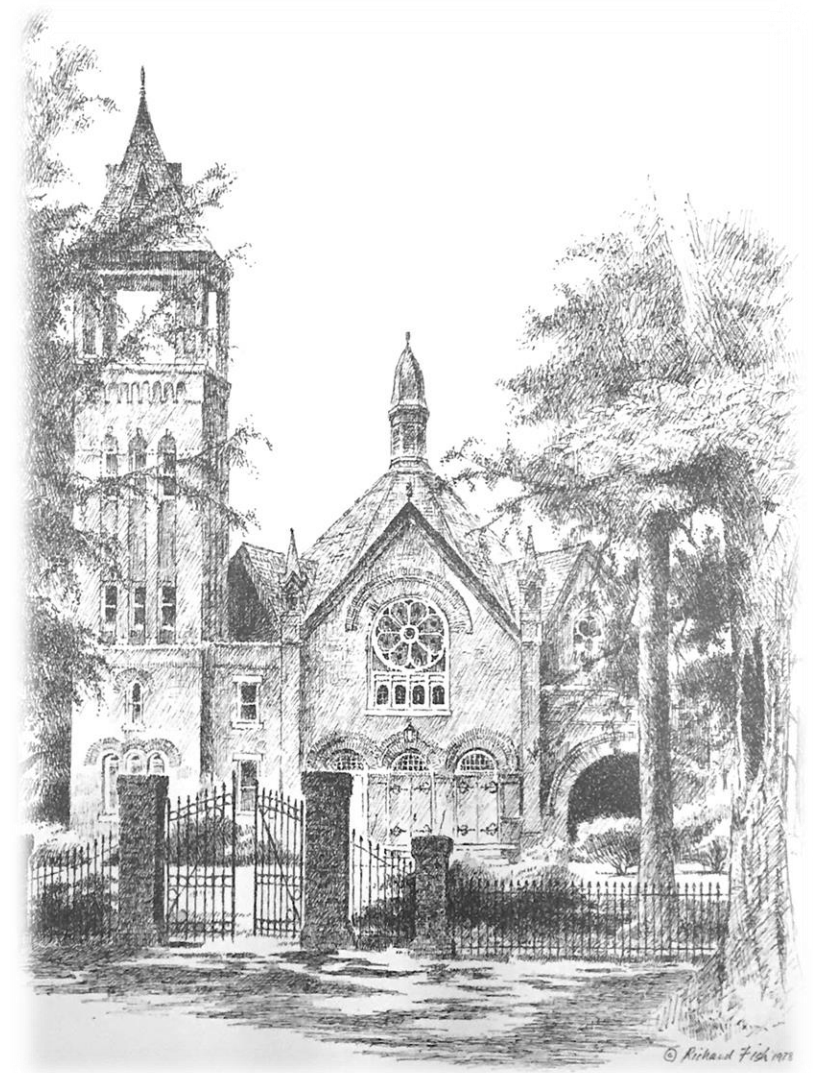
Margaret Joiner, Steve Roberts, Jonathan Nichols

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Thursday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Friday: Closed



First Presbyterian Church

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We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

- Worship* the living God with joy and thanksgiving
- Teach* the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ
- Serve* others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Fellowship* with one another to energize our life together as a congregation
- Nurture and Embrace* all of God's children.

Dr. A. Lee Zehmer – Senior Pastor
 Rev. Kara Wheeler – Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
 Dr. Donald M. Rogers – Director of Music
 M. L. Marley – Organist
 Angela Harris – Director of Cherub Choir
 Ashley Platts – Director of Handbell Choirs