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First Presbyterian Church
Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day
April 5, 2026

Prelude *“O Sons and Daughters of the King”* Jeffrey Blersch

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Christ is Alive!”* Jane Holstein

Call to Worship Ian Poole

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed.

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer Ian Poole

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 123 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”* EASTER HYMN

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(A moment of silent personal confession)

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) Hymn No. 579

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.

Prayer for Illumination..... Ian Poole

First Scripture ReadingJohn 20:1-10NT Page 114

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Coronation”* Craig Courtney

Second Scripture Reading.....John 20:11-18NT Page 114

Sermon..... Wild Hope..... Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 332..... *“Live Into Hope”* TRURO

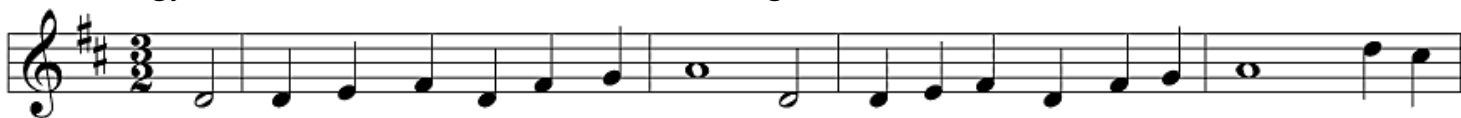
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed Ian Poole

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 on 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.

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings Ian Poole

Offertory *“Easter Dawn”* Aloÿs Claussmann

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* Prayer of Dedication Ian Poole

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (all are invited to participate)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer Traditional, Hymnal Page 16

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

You are invited to hold the elements until all are served.

Closing Prayer

* Closing Hymn No. 104 "*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*" TALLIS' CANON

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*"..... Phil Lehenbauer

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received this morning during worship. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Today is Communion Sunday and the FPC Blessing Box food collection. The first Sunday of each month you are encouraged to bring food for the Blessing Box or give a check made out to the church with Blessing Box on the memo line. Please remember those less fortunate.



The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, April 6, in observance of Easter Monday.

Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center: The Mission Committee has planned a 1-day volunteer mission opportunity on Friday, April 10, at Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center in Little Rock. We will meet here at First Presbyterian Church Hot Springs (213 Whittington Ave.) at 8:00 a.m. and plan to return around 3:00 p.m. We hope you will plan to join us for this volunteer mission opportunity!

April's Family Night Supper will be a Sunday Lunch. Join us next Sunday, April 12, at 11:30 a.m. immediately following worship for a Potluck Salad Lunch. Bring your favorite salad to share and the Fellowship Committee will bring the desserts. We hope you all will plan to be there!

Welcome Visitors! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

Children are always welcome in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project! The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary.

Save your Dimes! All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<p><u>April 1</u> Linda Glover Ric Poole</p> <p><u>April 2</u> Betty Kate Carney Carter King Cathe Talpas</p> <p><u>April 3</u> Jordan Garner</p> <p><u>April 7</u> Cookie Moore</p>	<p><u>April 11</u> Lilly Hardin</p> <p><u>April 12</u> Kent Westmoreland</p> <p><u>April 13</u> Gail Baum</p> <p><u>April 15</u> Connie Hope</p> <p><u>April 16</u> Adam Woodworth</p>	<p><u>April 22</u> Tom Brown</p> <p><u>April 23</u> Eliza Bailey</p> <p><u>April 28</u> Brooks Rice Donald Simmons</p> <p><u>April 29</u> Elaine Pathmann</p> <p><u>April 30</u> Susan Lee</p>
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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<p><u>April 2</u> Susan and Adam Woodworth</p> <p><u>April 3</u> Sandra and Jim Matheney</p>	<p><u>April 7</u> Jeanette and Gary Cline</p> <p><u>April 30</u> Char and David Paul</p>
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We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special "Birthday Blessing" to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.



Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Lunch Hour:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday/Communion

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

Monday, April 6 – Church Office Closed

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking (They will be meeting)
- 1:00 p.m. Jackson House Grocery Bagging
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts/Eagle Court of Honor

Wednesday, April 8

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. PW Mission Sewing Project

Friday, April 10

- 8:00 a.m. Mission Trip to Ferncliff - Meet at FPC
- 9:00 a.m. P.E.O. Chapter Meeting

Sunday, April 12

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Potluck Salad Lunch (Bring a salad to share)

Prayer Requests: Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, jsar43@gmail.com / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, paulpatmills@yahoo.com / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office office@firstpreshotsprings.org. A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*

Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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