

First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



First Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

Prelude *“Allegretto”* John E. West

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”* Traditional

Call to Worship Ian Poole

We have not seen the risen Christ,

But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Prayer Ian Poole

Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in our lives. As we gather this morning, we are reminded of the times we have doubted and feared. Banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 106 *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* ALLELUIA NO. 1

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We listen to the news, read the newspapers, and wonder if peace will ever reign in your world, Lord. Today we have been invited to be with the disciples in that upper room where they also wondered about peace and hope. You broke through. You shattered the darkness and they were astonished again. Help us to believe that you will bring peace. Forgive all those times when we treat this moment of revelation as though it was impossible. Give us the courage to reach out to you and touch our hearts once again. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name.

(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 ReadingPsalm 16:1-11OT Page 495

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Break Forth, O Joyful Heart”* Dan Forrest, Jr.

Second Scripture Reading.....John 20:19-31NT Page 115

Sermon..... *“Faithful Thomas”*Rev. Leslie Roper

* Hymn No. 399..... *“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”* DUNLAP’S CREEK

* 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*“Andante Tranquillo”* John E. West

* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings FlowLASST 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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)..... 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.

* Closing Hymn..... *"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"*..... PROMISE



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... *"Allegro"*..... John E. West

*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

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Chanty Davis.

Today is our Potluck Salad Lunch immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

Next Sunday, April 19, is "Birthday Sunday" where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of April. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us!

The Next Presbyterian Women's 5th Wednesday Night Out will be at Bubba Brews (1252 Airport Road) on Wednesday, April 29, 5:30 p.m. There will be a 20% gratuity added to your bill. If you leave a tip on the table, you will be tipping twice. All women are invited to join us for great fellowship and a fantastic view. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen. Judy Hoefer needs to call in a count by Monday, April 27, to ensure adequate kitchen and serving staff, so please sign up if you plan to come.

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."

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.*



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 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

Monday, April 13

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
- 12:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Whittington Valley Neighborhood Assoc.

Wednesday, April 15

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open until 2:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 16

- 12:30 p.m. Anniversary Committee Meeting

Friday, April 17

- 11:30 a.m. PW Spring Gathering Lunch

Sunday, April 19

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

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