

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Prayer

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, “He is risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
piano, organ, handbells

BY JOEL RANEY

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Resurrection Fanfare

BY JOHN CARLSON

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

But not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

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Christ is risen today.

Morning Prayer

*Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

#232/EASTER HYMN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession: (responsive)

The stone is rolled away!

We assume it is a mistake,

The angels say, “He is not here!”

We assume their news is fake.

The women tell the story,

but we do not understand.

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world.

Teach us to see what you see.

Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

Amen.

(Our prayer continues in silence)

*Words of Forgiveness (responsive)

The angels tell the women, “Remember what Jesus told you.” So, church, remember this: You are seen. You are forgiven. You are held in God’s grace, All of this is true. Grace and mercy abound for you. Remember this.

Amen!

*Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lee Atkinson

First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

p. 957

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

We Believe

BY DAN FORREST

We believe in God supreme, ever present, never seen; God, most high, who reigns above; father nigh, whose name is love. We whose prayers to God ascend praise creation’s source and end. We rejoice in Jesus Christ — God’s own son, our sacrifice; very God, yet virgin born; sinless, yet for sinners torn. We whom Jesus died to win, know he lives to come again.

We adore the spirit free – author of our unity. Giver of the sacred word, wellspring of the second birth. We whom he indwells and fills yield our hearts and minds and wills. We the church, affirm, our faith in the Triune God of grace; kingdoms fall, and ages change; faithful, changeless, God remains! One in Christ, we lift one voice! We believe, and we rejoice!

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Andy

All preschool and elementary children are invited to come down front.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

p. 860

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

Responding to the Word

*Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

#240/ALLELUIA NO.1

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Invitation to the Offering/Minute for Mission

Lee Atkinson

Offertory

It Is Well

piano and handbells

BY JOEL RANEY

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Lee Atkinson

Prayers of the People and 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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

#238/JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

*Choral Benediction

You Shall Go Out with Joy

#80/THE TREES OF THE FIELD

(The congregation is invited to sing along with the choir) STUART DAUERMAN

*Postlude

The Trumpet Shall Sound

ARR. LANI SMITH

Thank you to Lee Atkinson for serving as liturgist and to Ron & Nancy Dove for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.

Prayers for the Week

Morning Prayer: *Jesus, victorious Lord, I exult in your resurrection. As I sing "alleluia" with my voice, let my life embody "alleluia" as a testimony to your love and a witness to your eternal life. Amen.*

Evening Prayer: *Lord, the days of sadness are over, for you have risen from the dead. As you conquered the grave, free your servant from fear of harm or death, that I may rest in peace this night and in the morning rise to sing "alleluia." Amen.*

Please Remember in Prayer

| <u>Church Family</u> | <u>Friends of Church</u> | <u>Bereavement</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Margaret Addison | Stuart Britt | The Wardlaw family |
| Laura Ashley | Andy Dill | The Threatt family |
| Neile Chambers | Julie Young Keadle | Latha Gearheart & family |
| Sarah Tyler Cockrell | Alan Pinson | Cindy Jacobs & family |
| P-Nut Dowdle | Kim Purcell | Sonya Atkinson & family |
| Kathy Hamer | Trecie Davis Richey | Pam Warren & family |
| Linda Hunter | Neil & Lynda | Marvine & Bill Tyler |
| Gin Jacobs | Counterman | Danny & Hunt Cook |
| Liz Pinzon | | The Goodbar family |
| Kim Randall | | |
| Dot Smith | | |

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Church-wide continental breakfast in the courtyard and flowering of the cross
10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship Service

Monday, April 6 – Easter Monday - Church office closed

5:30 p.m. – Community Outreach Committee (library)

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – The Classics gym walk (CLC)
10:00 – Mah Jongg – Rm. 110 (CLC)

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation @ The Fellowship Brew (Rm. 111/CLC)

Thursday, April 9

9:45 – 11:00 a.m. – Women's Morning Bible Study (CLC Dining room)

Friday, April 10 – Church office closed



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to OnRealm, where you may make your offering or tithe. (Text/Data rates may apply).

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2026

Marty Ademy
Emily Holder
Bob Link
Holbrook Raynal
Andy Sullivan
Stan Walsh

Class of 2027

Lee Atkinson
Danny Cook
Amanda Donley
Chad Gambrell
Jean Johnson
Bob McLean

Class of 2028

Austin Barnes
Cyndi Coker
Charlie Gustafson
Harold Nichols
Ashley Powell
Jettie Young

Announcements



We're starting a new thing here at FPC Clinton . . . We are thrilled to bring to you the Fellowship Brew! Join us for our first brew in our new space at the CLC – Room 111 – Wednesday, April 8th @ 10:00 a.m. Coffee, teas and home-made breakfast snacks will be available. Join us for meaningful mid-week conversation and fellowship, and feel free to bring a friend along!



The Women's Morning Bible Study Group will meet Thursday, April 9th at 9:45 AM in the CLC dining room. We will study Lesson 8, "Remembering Jesus' Baptism." The scriptures are Luke 3:1-22, Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-11, and John 1:19-34. Our hostess is Leigh Ann Bryant; our leader is Elizabeth Lusby, and our teacher is Kay Cleveland.



The Classics will "walk where battles were fought and heroes were forged" at the **Ninety Six National Historic Site–Star Fort** on **Friday, April 17th**. Please meet in the CLC parking lot at 9:30 a.m., and we will travel together. On the agenda is a visit to the visitor's center and museum where we will view a 22-minute video, and a 1-mile paved trail hike around the battlefield. Following the hike, we will eat lunch at the Mayberry Diner in Cross Hill. Entrance to the park is free but each is responsible for his/her own lunch. Please contact Lisa in the office by April 13 if you plan to participate.

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Resurrection of the Lord
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