

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!  
We are thrilled to have you here.*

## Gathering Around the Word

### Centering Prayer

*God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.*

**Prelude** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* GEORGE SHEARING

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship:** (responsive) William Addison

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

### \*Morning Prayer

**\*Opening Hymn** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* #248/HYMN TO JOY

### \*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession:** (responsive)

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

*(Our prayer continues in silence)*

### \*Assurance of Pardon

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*(Our prayer continues in silence)*

**\*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** William Addison

**Psalter Lesson:** Psalm 16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Choral Anthem** *In Your House, O Lord* J. TURNER

*In your house, O Lord, in Your dwelling place, apart from all the world I come to seek Your face. In Your house of prayer, at the altar there, quiet and alone, I bow before Your throne, in Your house, O Lord. In Your house, O Lord, my worship I will bring, my hands for all you give, my songs of praises sing. May my heart be filled and my spirit healed. I will leave here changed, in Your house, O Lord.*

**Children's Sermon** Pastor Andy

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

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:1-2

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Rev. Andy S. Chambers

### Responding to the Word

**\*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.

### 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.

### Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory** *Jesus Loves Me* GORDON YOUNG

**\*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

#### Bearing and Following the Word into the World

**\*Closing Hymn** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* #260/HYFRYDOL

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Andy S. Chambers

**\*Choral Benediction** *You Shall Go Out With Joy* #80/TREES OF THE FIELD

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

**\*Postlude** *Postlude on "Gwalchmai"* GLENN MEDLOCK

*Thank you to William Addison for serving as liturgist and to Holly Cody for live streaming at Presbyterian Communities.*

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**Prayers for the Week**

**Morning Prayer:** *Holy One, you have made known to me the ways of life and have promised to fill me with the gladness of your presence. Keep me mindful of your guidance and your promise as I travel through this day, that my heart may be glad. Amen.*

**Evening Prayer:** *Thank you, God, for giving me your counsel today. Tonight, as I sleep, may the dreams of my heart also serve to instruct me in your ways. In you I have a good heritage, and my heart, my soul, and my body rest in you. 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		

Please continue to hold our Global Missionaries in prayer: Donald Marsden (US); Pam (Turkey); Ellen Smith (US); Larry and Inge Sthreshley (Congo).

**This Week at FPC**

**Sunday, April 12**  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages (regular classes/schedule resumes)  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**Monday, April 13**  
5:30 p.m. – Congregational Life Committee (library)  
5:30 p.m. – Racial Equity Subcommittee (workroom)

**Tuesday, April 14**  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – The Classics gym walk (CLC)  
10:00 a.m. – MahJongg (Rm. 110 – CLC)  
4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit items for the Steeple People newsletter*

**Wednesday, April 15**  
4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit items for the Sunday bulletin*  
5:30 p.m. – Budget & Finance Committee (library)  
5:30 p.m. – Choir practice (choir room)

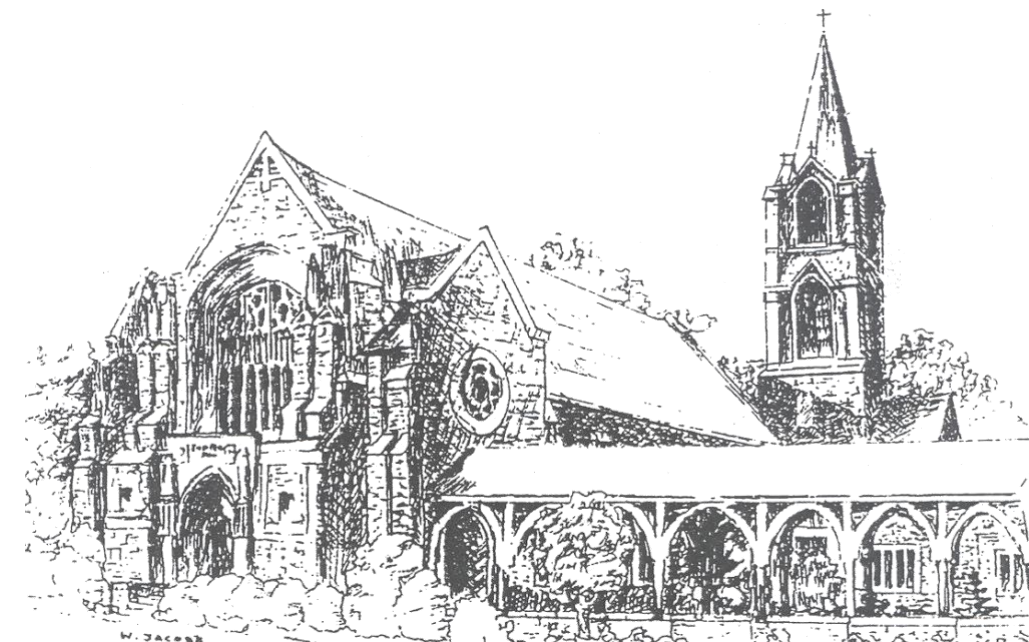
**Thursday, April 16**  
4:00 p.m. – *Deadline to submit items for the emailed Worship News*

**Friday, April 17 – Church office closed**  
9:30 a.m. – **The Classics** Ninety Six Fort Hike (meet @ CLC parking lot)  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – PC OT School Spring For Evergreen (CLC)



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*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

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