

*Service for the Lord's Day
April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Humor Sunday
Preparation*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. Jan Bender
(Dutch Carol, Vruuchten)

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Molly Leake

CHORAL INTROIT "Jesus Stand Among Us" Anonymous
Jesus stand among us In Thy risen pow'r. Let this time of
worship be a hallowed hour.

† CALL TO WORSHIP
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Now, our mourning becomes dancing by God's gracious love.
**Our sobs become belly laughs, and new songs are written from our
sighs.**
The punchline sat in the grave's shadows,
until God played the best joke ever on life.
So, break out loud guffaws, fill the room with giggles,
May our joy sound like April Fool's noisemakers!
Come, stoic old folks and snickering kids, come, all you curmudgeons and
worriers.
**We join the God who laughs with us, Who raised Jesus with a wink and
a grin, Welcoming everyone to joy everlasting!**

† HYMN 238 "Thine is the Glory" (v.1-3) Judas Maccabeus

† CALL TO CONFESSION
Before we can truly laugh, we must first let go of what weighs us down. Before
joy can rise in us, grace must clear some space. So let's be honest— not
because God doesn't know, but because we forget that mercy is already
leaning in, smiling, waiting for us to fess up and fall into arms wide with
forgiveness. Let us pray together.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious and jovial God, we confess that sometimes we take ourselves
too seriously. We walk through life stiff with worry, grim with guilt, and
frowning with fear. We forget that you created laughter, and that joy is a
fruit of your Spirit. Forgive us for putting a lid on your joy, for muting
your music, and for walking around like the resurrection never
happened. Remind us that Easter is the world's biggest surprise party,
and we're all invited. Tickle our hearts with your grace, nudge us with
your mercy, and teach us to live with eyes wide open for holy hilarity. In
the name of the Risen One who laughed in the face of death, Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, Hear the good news: God doesn't hold a grudge—God holds us.
Christ didn't come to scold us—he came to save us, to shake us out of our
sorrow, and to set loose joy in our hearts like confetti in the wind.
So laugh, dance, rejoice— **for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be
to God! Alleluia! Amen!**

† ACT OF PRAISE 589 "Alleluia"

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
As God's forgiven people, turn to one another with a smile, a chuckle, a holy
high-five, or even a fist bump of the faithful, and pass the peace to one
another.

Proclamation

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Alice Smith

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter
morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us
faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!"
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:14-29

ANTHEM *This is the Day* Eric H. Thiman
(This is the day the Lord hath made, He calls the hours His own: Let heaven
rejoice, let earth be glad, And praise surround the throne, Today He rose and
left the dead, And Satan's empire fell; Today the saints His triumphs spread,
And all His wonders tell. Blest be the Lord, who comes to men With messages
of grace; Who comes in God His Father's name, To save our human race.
Hosanna in the highest strains The Church on earth can raise; The highest
heavens in which He reigns Shall give Him nobler praise. Amen)

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31

MESSAGE "Surprise" Rev. Nick Setzer

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
We believe in a God who enjoys a good laugh, who made platypuses and
penguins just for the fun of it. We believe in a Savior who knew how to
surprise people— with healing, with hope, with resurrection. We believe in
the Spirit, who gives us the gift of holy giggles and grace. We believe that
joy is a form of resistance, and laughter is a taste of the kingdom to come.
Amen.

† HYMN 250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower" (v.1-3) Promise

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *At the Name of Jesus* arr. Michael Burkhardt
(King's Weston)

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Generous God, you've filled our lives with laughter, our hearts with hope,
and our pockets with more than enough loose change and holy possibility.
We bring these gifts not out of guilt, but out of gratitude—because you keep
surprising us with love, grace, and the kind of joy that makes us snort when
we laugh. Use what we offer— our coins and our kindness, our time and our
talents, our dollars and our dancing—to tickle the world with resurrection joy
and to spread your love like laughter in a quiet room. In Jesus' name, Amen.

† HYMN 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" (v.1-4)

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"
(Sung by all) William J. Gaither
Jesus we just want to tell You. Jesus, we just want to tell You. Jesus, we just
want to tell You. Thank you for eternal life.

† POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "Dutch Carol"* Steven Branyon

† Stand as you are able

Today we will hear from one of our own. Janet Moore will be sharing her
talents with us on the trumpet. Join me in thanking Janet for her continued
faithfulness to First Presbyterian.

YOUTH BBQ AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER THIS FRIDAY!

We will be hosting a BBQ and Bake Sale THIS Friday night, April 17th from 5:30-
7:30pm in the Family Life Center. Our older youth and our middle school
youth will be raising money to offset costs for their summer Montreat
conferences. Enjoy the Airstream Festival downtown then come enjoy BBQ
and baked goods with us. Please spread the good news! The BBQ plates are
\$12 per plate (eat in or take out!) You can pre-purchase tickets by contacting
one of our youth or calling the church office.

Preschool Art Show and Silent Auction

Please join us April 30th from 5-7 in McNeel for a special fundraiser
hosted by the Preschool. Come see the children's art, as well as bid on
special art pieces and other items. Proceeds go towards the church
and preschool needs. Thank you for your support!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE IS OUR THEME FOR 2026 VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL, JUNE 22-25. FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS
THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (PHILIPPIANS 4:13) **NEXT PLANNING
MEETING IS ON MAY 3, 2026.**

Dear Church Family,
Words truly cannot express how grateful we are for the prayers, kind thoughts
and heartfelt cards you have shared with us over the last three months. During
some very difficult and uncertain days, your love and support became the
highlight of each day. We genuinely felt your prayers surrounding us, and every
card brought comfort and encouragement.

We deeply cherish our church family. While we have missed being with you in
person, please know that we stay connected and look forward to services online.
With all our love and gratitude!
Happy Easter,
Mike and Caroline Allman

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr., Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron(Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), Bruce Richardson & Julian Chinavare (friends of Jake Walden) & Julie Setzer (Jane Ratliff's daughter) has bone cancer.

RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND

Barbara & Bob Falls, Jane Spratt & Lorraine Stewart


FLOWERS: The sanctuary flowers are given by Stuart and Ree Dillon in celebration of our risen Lord, support for our military deployed all around the world, and a continued uplifting of the Allman family.

LITTLE DISCIPLES 12 th Donna Farris 19 th Chris Zesiger	NURSERY Susan Hill Jenny Hill
ACOLYTES 12 th Eliana & Oscar Setzer 19 th Carter Setzer/Rhodes Hill	CROSS BEARER Elizabeth Hiott Eliana Setzer

SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!
Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9th-12th)
Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15th-19th (6th-8th)
Please put these dates on your calendars for next summer now! We have lots of youth who are eligible to go!

Beginning today, the children's bulletins will have a secret code to unlock games related to the subject matter they heard about at church. Just another way to help our children learn about Jesus.

SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO
Scan: the QR code above to download the ListenWiFi app
Connect: your phone to the Wi-Fi Network
 FPCOY_AL_Audio-5G Password: fpc\$2356
Open: the ListenWiFi app
Click: "Venue Scan" on the app and the audio will connect to your device
Listen: Make sure your phone is paired to your bluetooth headphones or hearing aid.



CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Sun. 4-12** 9:00am Family Life Committee
10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship
2:00pm Presbytery Book Check in Parlor
5:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Youth
- Mon. 4-13** 5:00pm Handbells
6:00pm Ladies Bible Study
8:00pm AA
- Tues. 4-14** 12:30pm Staff Lunch
4:00pm Theology 101
6:00pm Grief Share
- Wed. 4-15** 10:00am Acts Study
2:30pm LIFT @ Trinity
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Men's Meat'n
8:00pm AA
- Thur. 4-16** 5:30pm Grapeful Girls @ Yorkville Marketplace
- Fri. 4-17** 5:30pm-7:30pm YOUTH BBQ & BAKE SALE
- Sat. 4-18** 8:30am PW Spring Gathering @ Oakland Ave. Presbyterian
- Sun. 4-19** 9:00am Finance Committee
9:00am Mission Committee
10:00am Adult Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Youth to Bethelwoods

BOOK CLUB APRIL 21 ST AT 6:30PM The book that we will be reading is "The Correspondent" By Virginia Evans. Please join us! All are welcome!	PATH NEEDS: Cereal and canned meats like Vienna sausages, chicken, tuna, etc. Please leave them in the PATH boxes at the back door parking lot.
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Session Members & Their Committees

Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT	Rick Beard.....Property
Jenny Hill.....Asst. Clerk & Family Life	Pete Carroll....Property
Eddie Lee....Worship & Personnel	Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW
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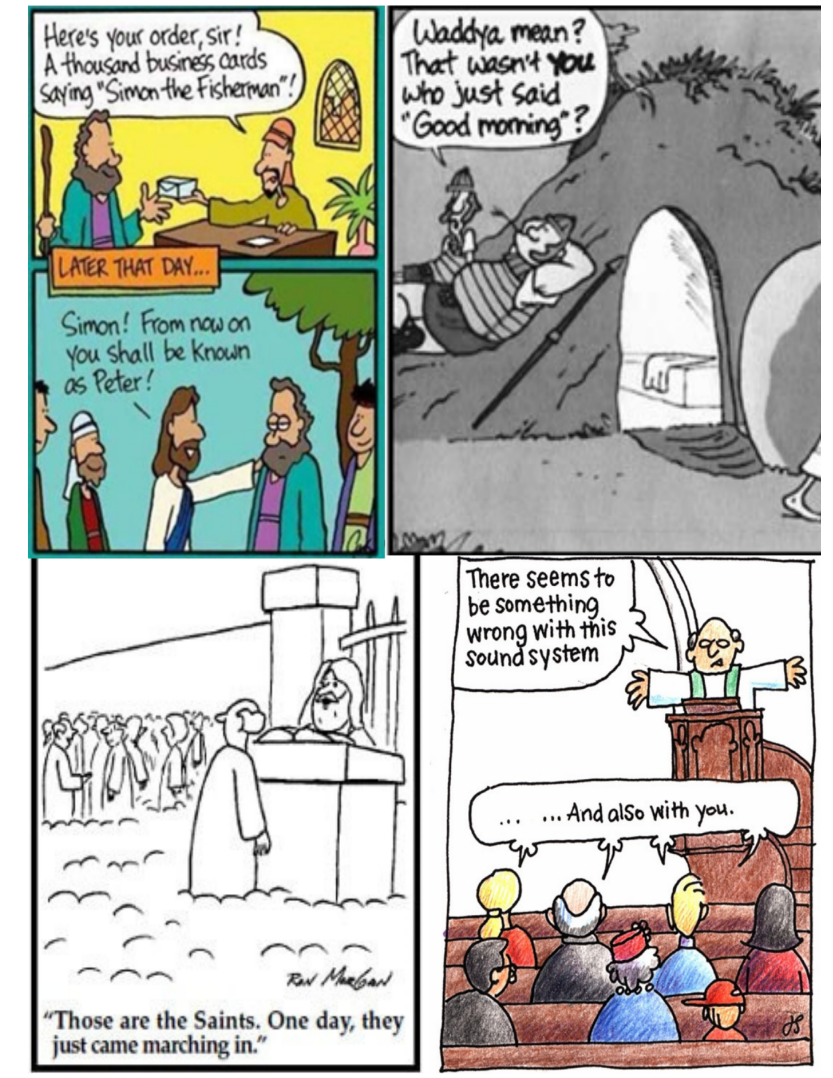
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