

<b>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Today</b> (04/05)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service— <i>Easter Sunday</i>
<b>Monday</b> (04/06)	8:00a	<b>Church Offices Closed</b>
	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
	1:00p	Fellowship Committee Meeting
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
<b>Tuesday</b> (04/07)	11:00a	W&M Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> (04/08)	9:00a	WW Meeting
<b>Sunday</b> (04/12)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service — <i>Communion</i>

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars for Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

**DON'T FORGET!** Payment for your geraniums are due. If you have already paid, thank you.



# First Presbyterian Church

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April 05, 2026—Resurrection of the Lord

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Day has dawned and shadows are left behind. The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

**All: *This is the day that our God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.***

One: God opens to us the gates of righteousness. We enter to give thanks to our God.

**All: *We give thanks, for our God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.***

One: Set your mind on things that are above. Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

**All: *We have been raised with Christ. Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the message of Easter has come again before we were ready to receive it. The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little of us. We could join in the hosannas. But the betrayal and denial, the suffering and shame, the agony and death, have left us fearful and shaken. We have become enemies of Jesus without intending to be disloyal. We have left him in the tomb, lest he upset our daily lives. The Jesus of long ago seems more comfortable to us than the Christ who is risen today in our midst. We confess our reluctance to let Christ claim us and change us. O God, we need forgiveness! *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

### \*RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God raised Jesus from death. Disciples who had deserted Jesus felt the embrace of forgiveness. The spirit of Christ has come among us today, claiming us for our new life together. God wants to forgive us. God intends that we move from death to life. All of us are invited to share in the promise of the Easter season. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Matthew 28:1-10

### SERMON

*“New Beginnings”*

Rev. John Pruitt

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 246

*“Christ Is Alive!”*

TRURO

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“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.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

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

### \*HYMN NO. 238

*“Thine Is the Glory”*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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**Serving Today (Apr 05) — Easter Sunday**

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Maddrey, Priscilla Henderson

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**Serving Next Sunday (Apr 12) — Communion**

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Maddrey, Priscilla Henderson

Element Prep: Wanda Sampson, Nancy Sharp

Assisting Elders: Nancy Sharp, Linda Volcek,  
Kerry Kerr, Dee Barham

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