

| <b>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</b> |        |   |
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| <b>Today</b><br>(04/12)       | 9:30a  | Sunday School                                       |
|                               | 10:30a | Worship Service— <i>Communion</i>                   |
| <b>Monday</b><br>(04/13)      | 9:00a  | Bulletin Information Due<br>Website Information Due |
|                               | 6:30p  | Triad A Capella Connection                          |
|                               | 7:00p  | Stated Session Meeting                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>(04/15)   | 9:00a  | WW Meeting  |
|                               | 7:00p  | Choir Rehearsal                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>(04/19)      | 9:30a  | Sunday School                                       |
|                               | 10:30a | Worship Service                                     |

**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.



# First Presbyterian Church

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April 12, 2026—Second Sunday of Easter

*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.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come again to celebrate resurrection. God gives us new birth into a living hope.

**All: *Death has no power over us. Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.***

One: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ! Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

**All: *Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice. God shows us the path of life.***

One: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you. Come to receive life in Christ's name.

**All: *We rejoice in God's amazing good news. In God's presence, we find fullness of joy. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 233

"The Day of Resurrection"

LANCASHIRE

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. *(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 never abandons us, no matter how far we stray. We have a godly heritage which is ours to claim. God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy. Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice. The Living Christ is in our midst. We are granted new birth into a living hope. Praise God! 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.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Exodus 15:1-11

John 20:19-31

### SERMON

*“Eyewitness Testimony”*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 829

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

### \*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.

### 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

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God’s Gifts

The Communion Prayer

### \*HYMN NO. 236

*“The Strife Is O’er”*

VICTORY

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (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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#### Serving Next Sunday (Apr 19)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

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