



EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

16 EAST FIFTH STREET

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 1, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

One: HE IS RISEN!

All: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

Let us contemplate with joy the symbols of our Risen Savior as they enter the sanctuary. The paraments are white, the color of the redemptive work of Christ. The candles are lit again symbolizing that the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. The black drape is removed and placed at the foot of the cross: sin and death have been conquered forever. We clearly see an empty cross and know a Risen Savior. We joyfully respond:

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter Anthem

Billings

**CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Hear the good news! Do not be afraid.

All: **Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship God.**

**OPENING PRAYER

One: Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness. Now dry our tears and strengthen our spirits as we worship you this day so that we may feel emboldened to speak of you and share our faith to a hungry and hurting world.

All: Amen.

**HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**KYRIE ELEISON

**TIME FOR SILENCE *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

**GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal 581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Hackenburg, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM

Acclamation For Easter

Jon Paige

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who

with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

**THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 606

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever as you taught us to pray, Our Father...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 16 (traditional)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion is available to all who are baptized in a Christian church, regardless of denomination. Please partake of the bread and juice as the trays are presented to you. Then present the tray to the next person in your row. Ushers will assist in passing the trays to the following rows.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**CHARGE

**BLESSING

One: May the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever. Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

(verse 4 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Class of 2018

Shane Arthur
Faye Brown
Nancy Sandoval

Class of 2019

Jeff Dillard
Denise Hackenburg
Brian Harris
John Shives

Class of 2020

Jimmy Bryant
Nancy Crowe
Mary Shelby
Wally Spragins

WORLD MISSIONS

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.
Sunday Evening Worship, 5:15-5:45 pm in the Loy Building

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Pet Spears and Nancy Crowe are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am.
Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.
Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.
Four year old classes will be held in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Class is 8:30-11:30 am.
Contact the church office for further information.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men.
Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers
Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers
Contact the church office for more information.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor
Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant
Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director
Charles Harris, Organist
Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist