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In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

April 17, 2022
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Easter

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

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

Prelude

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Craig Phillips

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Mark Hopkins

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid: Jesus is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The crucified one is risen from the dead.

We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed.

*Hymn 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, even on this Resurrection Day, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor, pass by the hurting, and are deaf to the cries of the oppressed. Forgive us and help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

Hymn 104, stanza 1

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

**Those who are able may stand.*

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today probably began in Latin and was translated into German before reaching English, when it was combined with the present tune. The style of the tune is a reaction to the more restrained psalm tunes that preceded it.

At “The Peace,” worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

Children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

The anthem is a poetic telling of the resurrection story in an English version by Beverly Easterling, set to music from J.S. Bach’s Cantata 129.

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright is from a longer Latin text, one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. The tune has Christmas associations, which links the two great Christian festivals.

Scholars debate whether this powerfully poetic text is an early Christian hymn which Paul is quoting or his own composition. It is one of the best-known and most influential passages in the Pauline corpus.

***The Peace**

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 118:21–29, page 554
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Awake, O Wintry Earth* Johann Sebastian Bach
Awake, O wintry earth, fling off your frozen sadness.
With sweetness, flowers bring mirth; bright springtime’s ancient gladness.
Once more we sing the tale; through darkness, sunlight spread
to warm the winter’s pale; and tell that death is dead.
Descended to the grave, three days the Son lay sleeping.
Yet Christ returned to save our hearts from woe and weeping.
O earth, break forth and sing, renew your bright array
to celebrate this spring and mark the Savior’s way.

Second Lesson John 20:1–18, page 990
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *In the Garden* Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 121** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*
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***Affirmation of Faith** *Philippians 2:5–11*
Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* Richard Shephard
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance,
to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance;
Refrain: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
this have I done for my true love. (cont.)

For thirty pence, Judas me sold: his covetousness for to advance.
Mark whom I kiss, the same behold: the same is he shall lead the dance. *R*
Before Pilate the Jews me brought, where Barabus had deliverance,
they scourged me and set me at naught, judged me to die, to lead the dance. *R*
Then on the cross hanged I was when a spear to my heart did glance;
there issued forth both water and blood, to call my true love to my dance. *R*
Then from the tomb I took my way, for my true love's deliverance,
and rose again on the third day, up to my true love and the dance. *R*

***Doxology** Hymn 592
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**

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 108** *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** *Hallelujah from Messiah*
George Frideric Handel

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony V* Charles Marie Widor

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*In 1968, Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. **Christ Is Alive!** was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event.*

The congregation is encouraged to join the choir in singing. Please leave copies of Hallelujah in pews for future use.

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door. Our fully vaccinated nursery staff is excited to welcome our youngest members.

Children's Church is an important developmental time for children, but there are times when children remaining in worship, watching and learning from their parents, is even more valuable. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on Communion Sundays, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Children's Church will resume after Easter.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)
Easter Special Offering

Today we will receive the OGHS special offering. The three programs it supports are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, these programs provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. PDA funds are currently providing assistance to Ukrainians for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. You may donate by check to FPC with "OGHS" noted on the memo line, or by scanning the QR code above (please select "General Fund" under "Select a Fund," and in the optional memo write "One Great Hour of Sharing.")

Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

There is no Sunday School this morning. Everyone is invited to gather as a church family for fellowship in Fellowship Hall.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*

Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Acolytes

11:00 a.m. John Chromiak, Josephine Crim

Call to Worship Liturgist

11:00 a.m. Jennings Holloway

Lay Reader

11:00 a.m. Matt Bishop

Instrumentalists

Brandon Craswell, Trumpet

Geoff Wood, Trumpet

Jean Martin-Williams, Horn

James Naigus, Horn

Matt Shiples, Tuba

USHERS

8:45 a.m. Carl Bergmann, Terry Nestor,
Mary Peace, John Simpson

11:00 a.m. Stephen Covington, Dick Ferguson,
Ed Ferguson, Jimbo LaBoon, III, Jeffrey Trapnell

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Bryan Owens, Jack Palmer

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Rebecca Carlton

FLOWERS

Easter lilies are given to the glory of God. The flowers are given in memory of the birthday of David H. Donnan by Kitty Donnan.

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium and at 11:00 a.m. is on Facebook and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

40 Day Lenten Journey Discussion Tuesday, April 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Breakout Area

During Lent you were invited to learn about the PC(USA) Matthew 25 initiative through a collection of online resources. Now, we'd like to invite anyone interested to join us for dinner and a discussion about how we can live into being a Matthew 25 church. Please e-mail frontdesk@firstpresathens.org to RSVP.

Montreat Women's Connection Conference

Again this year we have reserved the Georgia Lodge for any of our members who would like to go to the conference (August 12-14). You can sign up to stay at the Georgia Lodge **by April 30** using the link on FPC website (cost \$70). Registration and information about the Women's Connection can be found at montreat.org/events/wc-2022. Please contact Carol McKay (carol_mckay@att.net) or 706-354-8604) or Nancy Hernandez (nfergie2@gmail.com or 706-338-5383) if you have any questions. If you need scholarship assistance, contact Carol Strickland at cstrickland@firstpresathens.org.

**Easter Lilies are placed in the sanctuary
to the glory of God and in honor of:**

Ryan & Amy Baer	FPC Staff & Ministers
Roger Burbage	Carlton Newton Mell, Jr.
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Dagny, Adelaide, and Marin Coleman	Holly and Jeremiah Shepherd
Kitty Donnan	Noel and Dean Shepherd
FPC Session	Laura Toney

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JeAnne Burg	Bob & Sue Marion
Katherine Smith Camp	Dr. Elizabeth Marshall
John & Inez Chittom	Evan Andrew Marshall
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Rev. James Renwick Kennedy, Jr.	Carolyn and Sid Wilfong
William W. Kidd	Nancy Conley Wilson
Rev. Dorothy H. Kipp	

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 17 - Easter, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

9:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 18 - Church Office Closed

5:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Tuesday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga via Zoom (*Zoom ID: 558-324-3907, PW: 6136*)

1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Parlor

Wednesday, April 20

1:15 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Thursday, April 21

9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel

5:30 p.m. All God's Creatures, Courtyard

Saturday, April 23

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Del Dunn, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 24

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Carol Strickland preaching

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School and Godly Play

5:00 p.m. John Coble Organ Recital Reed Memorial Augusta

7:00 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group, The Pit

Volunteers Needed for Family Promise Host Weeks May 15-May 29

First Presbyterian will be the host church for Family Promise families May 15 - 29 and we need your help to fill the volunteer slots. The families will be at the Milledge Avenue Baptist Church static site. If you are able to help, please sign up in the church Atrium or by using the link here: tinyurl.com/FPChostweek2022. Training required for new volunteers is very simple: you just have to watch an online video. For more information or questions, please contact Susan Boatwright at boatwrightsusan@gmail.com or Jean Bock at jbock@bellsouth.net.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Lyra Davidica, 1708

Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749

Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740

Desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1955

Descant

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

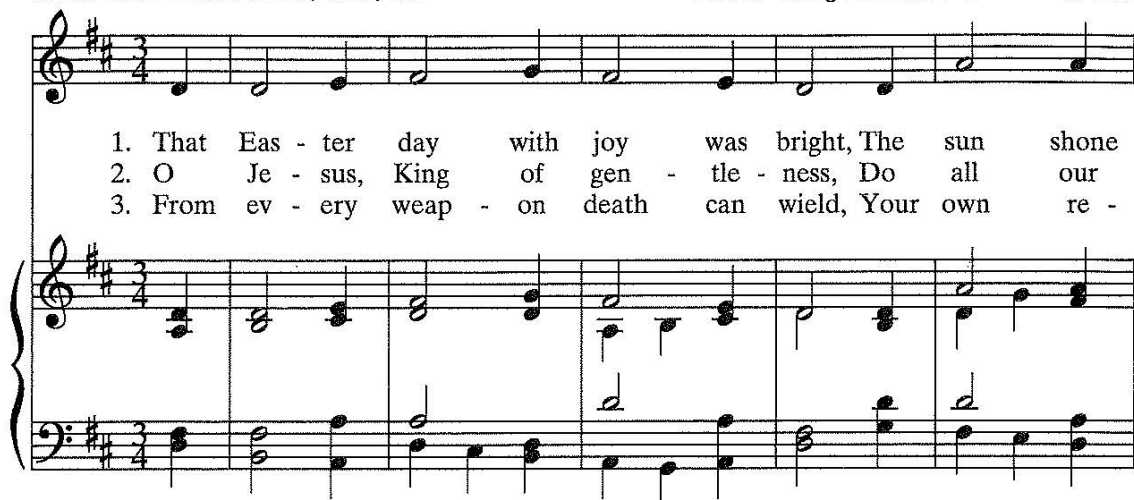
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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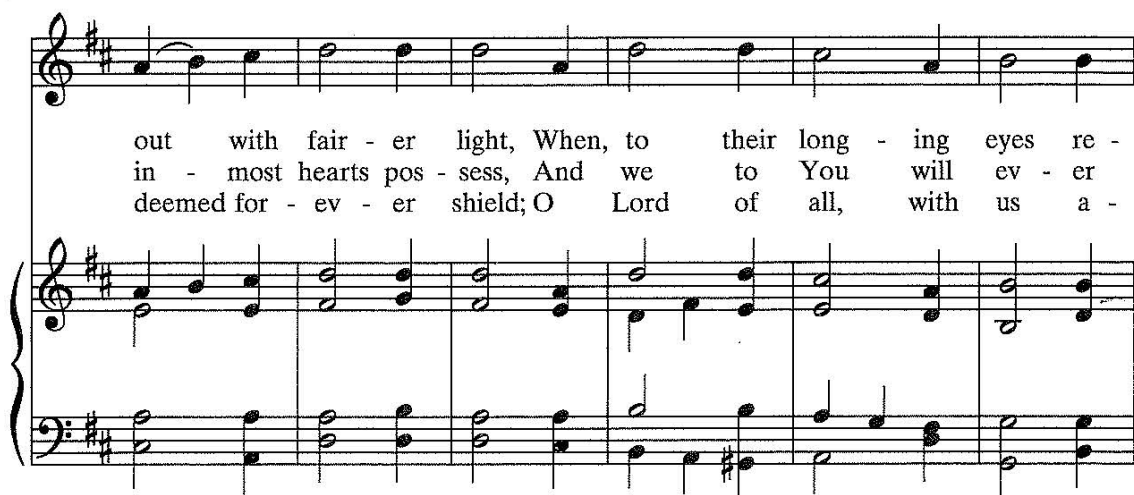
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Latin hymn, 5th century
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1852; alt.

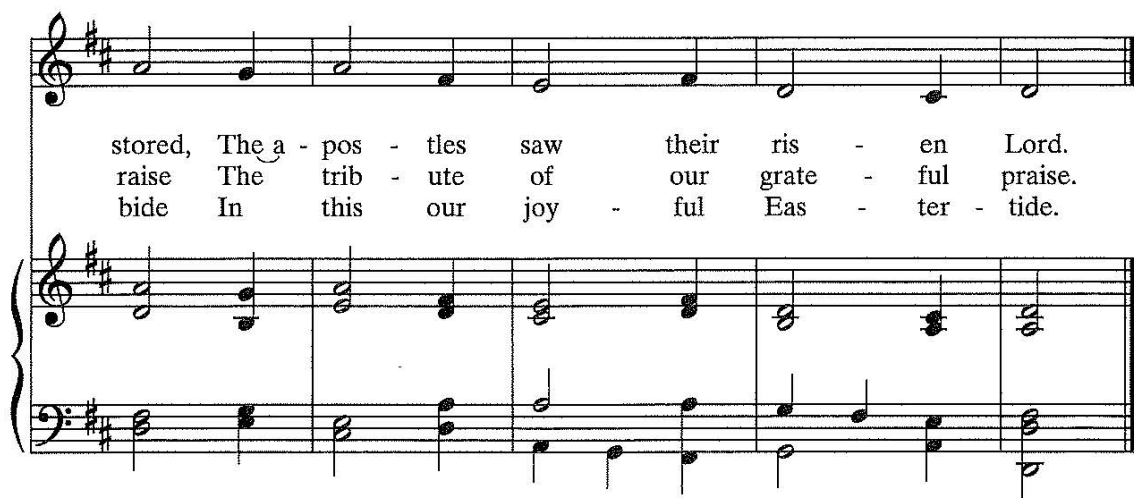
Trier ms., 15th century
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910



1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, The sun shone
2. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our
3. From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, Your own re -



out with fair - er light, When, to their long - ing eyes re -
in - most hearts pos - sess, And we to You will ev - er
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with us a -



stored, The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
raise The trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

Christ Is Alive!

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TRURO LM

Thomas Williams, 1789

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
 Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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