

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

March 31st, 2024

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Jubilate

G. Young

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

One: Hear the Good News: The grave is empty! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed!**

One: The time for tears is past; the time for sorrow has ended.

All: **We have seen the salvation of our God.**

One: Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.

All: **Let us break forth into joyous songs and praises.**

One: We shall weep no more, for the stone has been rolled away. Christ is risen from the dead.

All: **He is risen indeed!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

#245

Sung to the tune: EASTER HYMN (*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*)

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we are too often overcome with sadness – at the state of the world, at the state of our country, at the state of the environment, at the state of race relations, at the state of our lives, and on and on. We are overcome with sadness because we are focused on the world around us, rather than on you. Forgive us, Lord. On this Easter Sunday may we be reminded that the stone is still rolled away, that the tomb is still empty, and that you still reign in heaven. Send us your Spirit to help us remember these things, so that in the midst of the state of everything, we may remain focused on you and be overcome with joy. Amen.

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: On the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He said, "Peace be with you," and they were filled with joy.

All: **Let us receive God's forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead!**

✠ RESPONSE

Christ Arose!

CHRIST AROSE

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

#241

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

p. 652 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

p. 114 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

G.F. Handel

✠ Response

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

#248, v. 3

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

✠ HYMN OF SENDING

The Day of Resurrection

#233

✠ BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE

Christus Resurrexit

G. Young

✠ PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Charles White – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

John Lasater – Organist

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Kim Hudgens, Lisa and John Henley, and Elizabeth Peebles

Technicians: Mathew Lowe (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: Today we conclude our Lenten sermon series, *Jesus' Most Pointed Questions*. We will continue the question theme through Pentecost with our Easter sermon series, *Our Most Critical Questions*.

March 31	John 20:1-18	Jesus' Most Pointed Questions: <i>Why Are You Weeping?</i>
April 7	Luke 8:22-25	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>Is It Okay to Question God?</i>
April 14	Matt. 4:1-11	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>What Do We Do When We Face Temptation?</i>
April 21	John 3:1-18	Our Most Critical Questions: <i>What Does It Mean to Be Born Again?</i>

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth (Ruthie) Campbell, by Fay and Willard Carr.

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: Everyone is invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" this morning! Prior to the service, come and place a flower on the cross as you enter the sanctuary before you take your seat. If you forgot a flower, we have some for you down front.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS: On NEXT Sunday, April 7th, we will celebrate the Kirkin' o' the Tartans during the morning worship service. The Kirkin' o' the Tartans service celebrates our Presbyterian Scottish heritage in worship. If you are interested in participating by carrying a tartan and/or if you have a tartan at home, please contact Charles White at cwhite90@utk.edu.

SUPPORT

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, Monday, April 1st.

WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

2ND WEDNESDAY @ 2ND: Join us next **Wednesday, April 10th** as we explore with KARM's Pastor Mychal Spence the organization's programs which reach out and help the homeless and hurting – both inside and outside the ministry's walls. Dinner will be catered by members of KARM's Abundant Life Catering program which trains chefs and others who will be working in the restaurant industry. Dinner will include pot roast, sautéed green beans, green salad, yeast rolls and assorted cookies for dessert. (Voluntary donations are appreciated).

DISCOVERY LUNCHEON: If you are interested in joining 2nd Presbyterian Church, know someone who is, or just want to know more about being Presbyterian, we invite you to come to our Discovery Luncheon following worship on **Sunday, April 28th**. Pastor Tim will lead us in learning about the Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Tradition, and 2nd Presbyterian Church. Following the luncheon, those wishing to unite with this congregation in membership will be given the opportunity to do so. There is no cost for the lunch, but we do ask that you make a reservation in advance by calling the church office or registering with the QR code by Thursday, April 25th at noon.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN of Second Presbyterian Church have two exceptional opportunities for women ages 18 years old and older.

- 1) Presbytery of East Tennessee annual spring gathering in Chattanooga on **Sat., April 20 from 9:00 a.m.–2 p.m. We will carpool to this event.**
- 2) National churchwide gathering of PW in St. Louis, Missouri, on **Aug. 8-11, 2024.** Delegates (church members only) would receive financial assistance.

Contact Helen Grant or Mary Farmer immediately if you are interested.

GROW

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*.

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of Colossians. This will allow us to go deeper into discussion of the texts from the *Christianity Made Simple* sermon series. Those wishing to join via Zoom can do so by clicking the link on the home page of our website. Join us for fellowship and study in the library or on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. We will resume on April 17.

GO

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received today. This offering will be divided between disaster assistance, hunger programs, and self-development of people.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Easter Sunday, March 31st

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 - Faith, Science & The Future (Barbour Room)
 - Elementary School (Assisting with Easter Egg Hunt)
 - Middle & High School (Assisting with Easter Egg Hunt)
- 9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Preschool Playground)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 1st – Church Closed (Easter Monday)

- 3:00 p.m. Budget Finance Support Team meeting (Zoom)
- 5:30 p.m. Vision Task Force (Barbour Room)

Tuesday, April 2nd

- 4:30 p.m. CONNECT Team meeting (Barbour Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Support Team meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

Thursday, April 4th

- 1:00 p.m. GO team meeting (Barbour Room)

Sunday, April 7th – Kirkin' o' the Tartans

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS

The families of Bonnie Beals and Pat Winger;
Sue Jacox, Dick Smith, Frances Yow, Donna Downen,
Doux Robertson, Gerry Turner, Arlys Milligan, and Brice Gilmer

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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