

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**April 7, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

## ***Welcome to worship***

\* \* \* *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* \* \* \*

## ***Gathering***

**Prelude** Prelude on "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"  
SUO GÂN, arr. David Evan Thomas

## **Greeting and Welcome**

Please sign the *Opportunity for Friendship* register and pass it to the person next to you.

## **Minute for Mission**

Juliet Parlette

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Call to Worship**

(8:30 a.m.) *Judy Felten*  
(11:00 a.m.) *Wendy Shannon*

*Peace be with you.*

**How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

*Receive the Holy Spirit.*

**It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

◆ **Hymn 231** Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers SUO GÂN

## **Call to Reconciliation**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.*

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

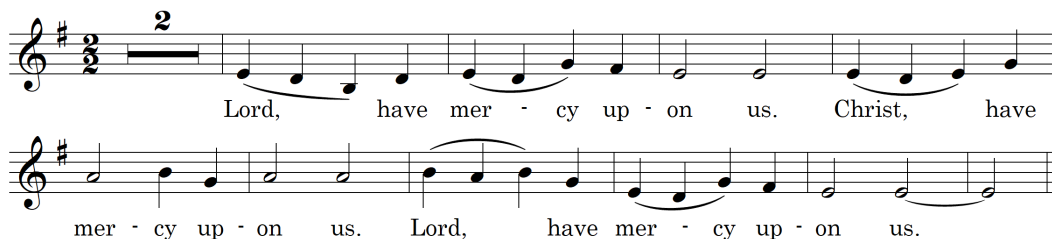
**You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit,  
with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still  
struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ.  
Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out  
fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in  
Jesus' name. Amen.**

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

## Silent Confession

**Kyrie** (Pres. Hymnal 1990 #565)

David N. Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

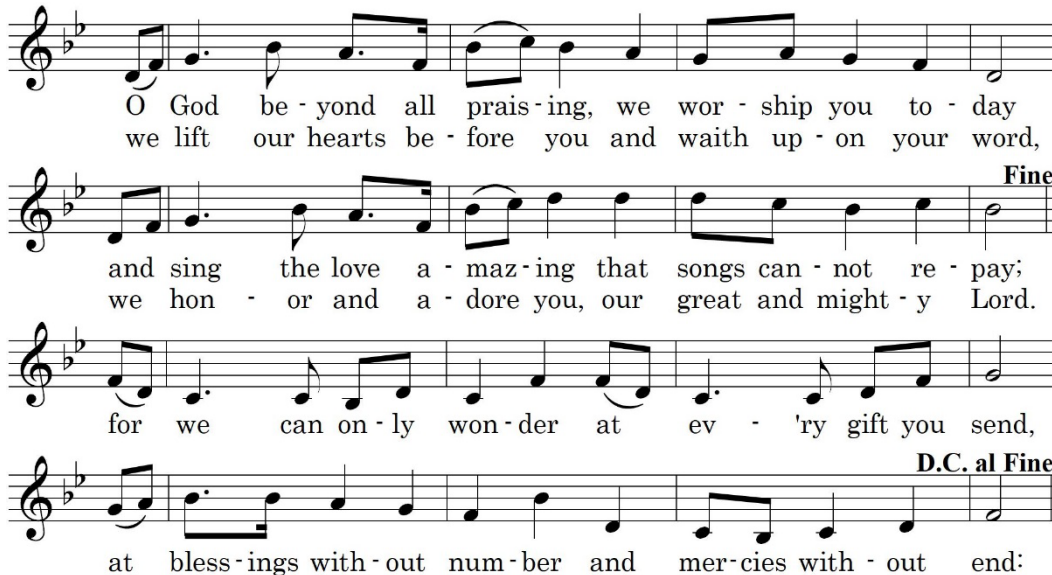
## Words of Life

*We have an advocate with God – Jesus Christ, the righteous one – who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ◆ Hymn of Praise

THAXTED



O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and waith up - on your word,  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:

## Time for Young Worshipers

### ◆ Passing of the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

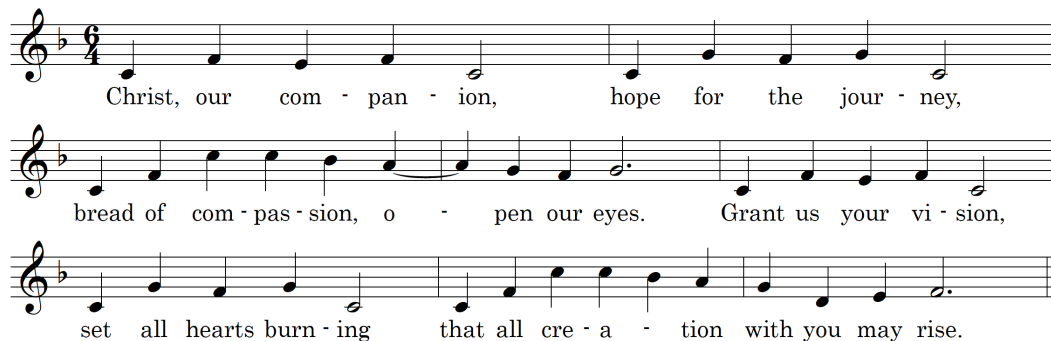
**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination (GTG 252)

RAABE



Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,  
set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

### Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 133

### Reading from the New Testament

Acts 4:32-35

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### ◆ Acclamation of Praise (GTG 587)

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### Message

*Life After Easter*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

## Our Response

### ◆ Hymn 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

### ◆ 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 on 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.**

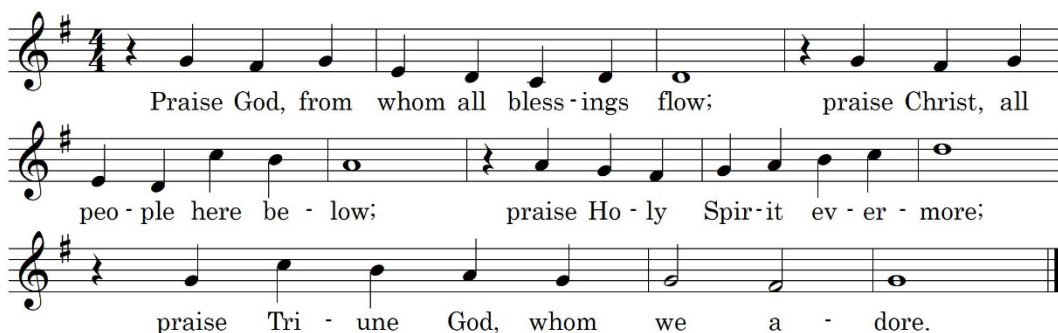
## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

Chorale Prelude on CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, BWV 625 J.S. Bach

### ◆ Offertory Response (GTG 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all  
 peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more;  
 praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore.

### ◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and, above all, the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

# Celebration of the Lord's Supper

## Invitation

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lee J. Afdahl

*Minister* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you. *Minister* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord. *Minister 3* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Sanctus (GTG 572)

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

## Memorial Acclamation (GTG 573)

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

*... Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.*



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

## The Lord's Prayer

### Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served using the center aisle. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you.

## Music at Communion

Excerpts from Partita on EASTER HYMN

William Bates

*III. Meditation, IV. Trio, V. ...When Doubts Arise... (John 20:25b)*

## Prayer after Communion

### *Sending*

#### ◆ Hymn 237

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

#### ◆ Benediction

#### Postlude

Chorale Prelude on CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

Johann Pachelbel

The flowers are given for the Glory of God by Sylvia Swede  
in loving memory of Benjamin & Charlotte Swede, and Don & Nathan Koch.

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# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of April 7, 2024




- † **Sunday, April 7, 2024**  
Worship—8:30 & 11am  
Message: *Life After Easter*  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room  
Current Events Discussion—S.J. Lounge  
Worship livestreamed—11am
- † **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**  
Esther Circle—1pm
- † **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**  
Prayer Shawl Group—1pm  
FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm  
Calvin Choir—4:45pm  
Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm  
Menu: *Tomato Tortellini Soup*  
Adult Study—6:30pm  
Topic: *Joseph*
- † **Thursday, April 11, 2024**  
Jubilate Deo—6pm  
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Friday, April 12, 2024**  
Sitter Service—5:30-9pm
- † **Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
Worship—8:30 & 11am  
Message: Rev. Dr. Larry Boutelle  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room  
Current Events Discussion—S.J. Lounge  
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**Hymn Festival**  
with Bruce Neswick

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Send the People's Song through the roof this Easter season!

April 21, 2024 4 PM  
Sunday



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**FPC SITTER SERVICE**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024  
5:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Sitter Service is coming ...  
Don't forget to get your child(ren) signed up by April 9!




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**Finally, What We Have Been Waiting For ...  
CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

**Picture directories are available** between and after the 11am service in the Atrium **today** and April 14. All individuals or family units who were photographed or submitted their photo to be included in the directory are entitled to a free copy. Other members will also be able to pick up a directory (first come, first served) for a cost of \$7. The roster at the back of the directory includes address and contact information for our full membership. When you pick up your directory, we ask that you confirm your personal contact information on record and let us know your preferred method(s) of communication.

# Church



# Family



## Congratulations.

Congratulations go out to **Rev. Jay Rowland** who has accepted a pastoral call at First Presbyterian Church in Wildwood, Florida. He began his duties there on April 1.

## Condolences...

We offer our condolences to **Nadine and Fabian Luna** and family on the death of Nadine's mother, **Beverly Oyer**, on April 1. Words of condolence can be mailed to Nadine and Fabian at 1335 Pisgah Rd; Greeneville TN 37743.

## Anniversaries..

♥ Bernie Swenson & Terri Vrtiska

## Birthdays...

### Celebrating this week:

◆ Shirly Service; David Marcoux; Ingrid Neel; Lucinda Cutrer; Paula Gyura; David Hruska; Ethan Hunter; Sarah Pedelty; Anne Gyura; Kathy Tremaine; & Faith Evers.



### EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

*Judy Felten, Chancel Guild*

We thank these members and friends for contributing to the Easter flower fund. Deacons delivered the flowers to our C.A.R.E. members this past week.

Ken & MaryLynn Aalderks  
Lee Afdahl & Van Jacobsen  
Dick & Jan Bennett  
Allen & Marcia Dollerschell  
Heide Buettner  
Holly Ebel  
Char & Scott Ellefson  
Judy Felten  
Mike & Mary Jo Harper  
Dwight & Lea Jennings  
Dave & Alice Kerr

Brad & Sara Kluck  
Cindy Kunzman  
Mark & Michelle Mueller  
Margie Schaaf  
Larry & Wendy Shannon  
Tony & Judy Smithson  
Sylvia Swede  
Tom & Marilyn Theismann  
Dee Tiedeman  
Janine Yanisch

### Next Lunch Bunch



The next gathering for **Lunch Bunch** will be on April 28 at The Workshop beginning at 12:30pm for a casual time of fellowship with one another. Please sign up in the atrium if you plan to attend.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor  
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus  
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
Emmanuel Bogani, Custodian  
Paul Herr, Security

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager  
Sarah A. Stender, Assistant Director of Music  
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players Bands  
Juliet Parlette, Communications Associate  
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host  
Beth Herr, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person at 8:30am; and in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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inclusive community celebrating God with:  
†Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love*

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