

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Choral Anthem

“Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”

D. Fishel

*Alleluia, alleluia, shout for joy loud and long; alleluia, alleluia, sing to God a glorious new song!  
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord! Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name!  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord! Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name!  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen!  
We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.  
Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to the Savior:  
Alleluia, alleluia... sing to God a glorious new song!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE SENDING**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

***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.  
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.  
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Ris'n with Christ, we join the chorus, serve with joy in all our ways,  
Filled with wonder, raise our voices, till the earth resounds with praise!***

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Sonata in D Major”

G. Tartini

**We offer special thanks to our guest trumpeter, Chris Doty**

**\*Those who are able please stand**

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**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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NOTE: If you bought Easter geraniums, please feel free to take them home today. They can also be picked up this week at the church. **The church is closed on Monday, April 10.** Remember that you also have the option of donating your flowers to be planted around our church.

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...*

*Striving to be the hands of Christ*



*Celebration of the Resurrection*

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

11:00 a.m.

# Resurrection of the Lord

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

BELLS OF A NEW DAWN

PROCESSIONAL OF CHRIST CANDLE Selections from "Suite in D Major" G. F. Handel

*Following the placement of the Christ Candle on the altar, please come forward by rows to flower the cross*

\*HYMN OF GOOD NEWS "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN  
Chris Doty, Trumpet

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
His the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

People: **The grave is empty. Christ is risen!**

Leader: Humanity's sin could not condemn him.

People: **He shattered sin's power over us. Christ is risen!**

Leader: Death could not contain him.

People: **He conquered death for all eternity. Christ is risen!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us for failing to trust you; for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Son; for withholding grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us.

CHORAL VERSE (231 SUO GAN)

*Christ has risen for the people whom He died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace His grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in the upstairs room.  
He, whose word inspired creation, can't be silenced by the tomb.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us. Friends,  
hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake my soul and sing of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to Whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all!*

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 15: 3-11

GOSPEL READING Luke 24: 1-12

SERMON "Waking Up to a New World" Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO 250 "Hymn of Promise"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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.**