
THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in honor of my four Tennessee grandchildren
Dustin and Harlan Py and Claire and Brinley Vittori
by MaryGail Py.

Serving Today

SOUND: Olin Babb
GREETERS & USHERS: Carol Dixon and Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary
LITURGIST: Russ Pearson
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: MaryGail Py
MUSIC: Carolyn McPherson, organ & piano
Jamie Davis and Claudia Mihovk, handbells

Brass Quintet

Brock Jones, trumpet
Jacob Pitts, trumpet
Scott Farquhar, horn
Hunter Mullins, trombone
Devin Lowe, tuba

Prayer Families of the Week

Bill and Nancy Bovender; Bob and Kathy Stoots; Jane Boyd; and Sam and Emily Stevens.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received this morning. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and note on the memo line: For One Great Hour of Sharing. You may also give online at <https://firstpreskingsport.org/contribute/online-giving/>

The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 21 for our Easter Holiday.

Living Waters Speaker for CNS Program

Steve Young from the Living Water's Nashville Office will be speaking after CNS on **Wednesday, April 23** at 6:00 p.m. about clean water projects in Haiti and/or Guatemala for FPC Outreach sponsorship consideration. Please come support him and learn what we can do to help. On the Menu: Meatloaf, creamed corn, peas, rolls and dessert. *To sign up, fill out the pew pad this morning, call the church office at (423) 245-0104 or register online: www.firstpreskingsport.org.* Reservations are due noon Tuesday.

First Workday

We will have a workday on **Saturday, April 26** starting at 9:00 a.m. All members and friends are invited to participate. Jobs are listed on a poster in the foyer and in the newsletter. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer so we have an approximate number of people that are going to be coming. Thank you for your help.

Summer Worship

A combined summer worship service at 10:00 a.m. will begin **Sunday, May 18** and conclude **Sunday, July 27**. Our regular schedule will resume Sunday, August 3.

Birthdays This Week

April 20: Mark Ward
April 21: Ansel Scott, Baxter Scott
April 23: Sara Lou Ring, Cotton Fortner
April 24: Shelby Demuth, Sandra Heard
April 25: Hayden Correll, Cis Taylor
April 26: Ethan Walker, Mac Hobbs
April 27: Madelyn Baggett, Russ Pearson, Delaney Young

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*Seeking to see the face of Christ...
Striving to be the hands of Christ*



Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Resurrection of the Lord

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF A NEW DAWN

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Is Calling" J. S. Bach
Brass Quintet

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Russ Pearson

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.

*PROCESSIONAL OF CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our prayers are anemic; our faith is shallow; we live as victims rather than as victors. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms. We fail to be good stewards of creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear...

(Silent prayer)

KYRIE *Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.* D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through the power of the resurrected Christ, our sins 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

I Corinthians 15: 3-9

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 1-12

SERMON

"The Good News Must be Our Good News"

Dr. Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*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.

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

"On the Third Day"
Handbells, brass, choir and piano

Allen Pote

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us to live as Easter people, remembering your great act of love every day. Open our mouths to freely proclaim the good news of every day. Accept our offerings. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Amen.

THE SENDING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 248

"Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

(Please remain seated for the final hymn and concluding praise)

CONCLUDING PRAISE

"My Spirit Be Joyful"
Brass Quintet

J. S. Bach

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***Those who are able please stand**