

First Presbyterian Church

*He is
not here,
but is
risen.*

LUKE 24:6

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The Resurrection of the Lord



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY April 20, 2025

GATHERING

(* Please stand in body or spirit. Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.)

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME – THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

“An Easter Medley”

Josh Humphreys - Saxophone

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

One: Rejoice and be glad!

All: This is the day the Lord has made!

One: Rejoice and be glad!

All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

One: Rejoice and be glad!

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

MORNING PRAYER

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the glory of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead, give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever in community and in the silence of our own hearts. We are amazed and renewed by this morning, through Christ, our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

* **HYMN**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 232

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we had heard the good news; how on the third day, Christ rose again, and yet still we look for the living among the dead. You rolled away the stone from the tomb, still we look for the living among the dead. You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things. Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise; and to believe the good news of salvation. It is in the name of Jesus Christ, that we ask it. Amen. *[Silence is kept for personal confession]*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you
Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

"Resurrection Victory"

-Larson

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

* HYMN

"Christ Is Alive!"

No. 246

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

One: With joy, we pray for all Christian assemblies united this morning at the empty tomb.
Help us see you, O God, in those we do not expect to encounter and remove all fear
from our hearts.

All: God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: With gratitude, we give you thanks for our newly baptized sisters and brothers in
every land. Guide them and keep them, open their eyes again and again to your
blessings.

All: God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: With humility, we pray for this planet, our home. Heal what we have scarred and
broken; renew the face of the Earth from north to south, from east to west, so that
your creation may speak to us of your goodness.

All: God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: With compassion, wipe away the tears of all who weep. Give us the spiritual tools we need to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort those who are in any trouble. Send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick.

All: God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ. With all of the saints in heaven and on earth, together hear us as we offer our prayers to you using the words you have taught us to pray:

All: 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.

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-27

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Why Are You Weeping?"

Ginna Taylor, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD

* PROFESSION 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.

From the Book of Confessions; Constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA, Part 1, pg. 7

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

**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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, oh God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

No. 248

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 65:17-25

The Glorious New Creation

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD

John 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'
³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'
¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'
¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Missions Committee Food Requests for Heart & Hand

These are items we will be collecting for Heart & Hand this month: Jiffy Mix, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, and Spaghetti Pasta. Please bring your donations each Sunday.



Nurturing Faith Ideas from the Presbytery of West Virginia

Please use these suggested scriptures, questions, and activities to help you explore your faith.

April 20, Resurrection of the Lord Sunday

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the good news of the angel that Jesus' tomb was empty; Jesus had been raised and was alive! With your friends and family, share the ancient greeting: "Christ is risen!" to which they may respond, "He is risen indeed." Be prepared to share the response if others greet you this way. See how many know the response when you greet them.

Your Contributions Support

Disaster Relief, Self-development of People, and Hunger

(Offerings received throughout Lent will be dedicated TODAY on Easter Sunday)

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Three Ways to Contribute to OGHS

1. Mail a check to the church, indicating "OGHS" on the memo line
2. Use our online giving portal on fpcscwv.org to make a payment by credit card or direct withdrawal from your bank account
3. Drop off a cash contribution in the mail slot at the church in an envelope clearly marked with your name and "OGHS 2025"



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Schedule of Youth Group Meetings

The Youth will meet at the Church next **Sunday, April 27**, from 1:00-3:30 pm for a lesson, food, fun and games. Invite your friends and join us.



May 3, 2025: from 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Boating and tubing if weather permitting
Pizza and drinks.

Mother or Father must attend this event.

South Charleston First Presbyterian Church Website:
www.fpcscwv.org makes available our Sunday morning live-stream worship services & bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group videos. Also posted are Announcements for the Month, information about upcoming mission projects, and our many fellowship opportunities.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE**

Church Family

Nancy Alert	Terri Guyette
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Von Carter	James Logsdon
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Lineweaver Cottage, Davis-Stuart
Fort Liberté, Haiti
First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill
Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio
Gititu Church, Gura Parish, Kenya

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