

March 31, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Holden/Smith
Terri Hurley, trumpet

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder Charlene Tillman
Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Let all creation be amazed!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

***Hymn 232 Jesus Christ is Risen Today** EASTER HYMN
Blair Driggers, Cymbals; Kane Driggers, Timpani; Terri Hurley, Trumpet

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," GTG #232*)

"Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

***Gloria Patri**

**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.**

Anthem *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!* Matthias
Chancel Choir

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Message "What a Day That Was" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

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.

***Hymn 233 The Day of Resurrection** LANCASHIRE
Terri Hurley, Trumpet

Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Announcements

Pastoral Prayers and 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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Fanfare from *Water Music* Handel
Terri Hurley, Trumpet

***Doxology Hymn** *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* TALLIS' CANON
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here
below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

**God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to
overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our
work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as
Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit.
Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 238 Thine is the Glory** JUDAS MACCABEAUS
Blair Driggers, Cymbals; Kane Driggers, Timpani; Terri Hurley, Trumpet

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *He Lives* Ackley
Chancel Choir

*He Lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with
me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives salvation to impart! You ask me
how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

***Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary* Stanley
Terri Hurley, trumpet

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

We thank Terri Hurley, Kane Driggers, and Blair Driggers for their time and talents today.

The Church This Week (3/31/2024)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.		Office Closed
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Women's Community Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
Sat.		Yard Sale
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of March 31, 2024

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 Dr. Sue Arledge and her husband, Bob
 Shenell Malloy (Susan & Bill's daughter-in-law)
 Edward Tinsley
 Kathie Cook
 Penny Angle
 Barbara Dickson

Listed below are links to sign up to volunteer in the nursery, put flowers in the church, and monitor students at Pathfinders. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities. If you are interested, please just click on the proper link. If you need help in signing up, please contact Cathy Chapman.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-nursery#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-flowers1#/>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0545AF22AB9-45315196-pathfinders#/>

The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

Montreat Youth Announcement:

To all the parents of youth from the 9th grade through recently graduated, the Montreat Commitment Form has been sent out to you! This includes the cost breakdown and information your teen needs for the trip. Please complete this form and return it to either Pastor Max or Elder Kelli Beck before the April 1st deadline. This will secure your child's spot in Montreat! Additional copies of the Montreat Commitment Form can be found in the Youth Newsletter box outside the Church Office. We are looking forward to Montreat this year!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken today during Worship.

We are excited to announce our 2024 Vacation Bible School! Dive below the surface and build a stronger faith from June 18-20th, 5:30-8 p.m.! ALL ages are welcome! Dinner 5:30p.m.; classes 6-8 p.m.! Our first VBS planning meeting will be on Sunday, April 14 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship.



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

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