

April 20, 2025
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, Jackson Tucker, timpani

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship (from Glory to God, #232)** Jean Page Watson

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Alleluia!

Our triumphant and holy day!

Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

Alleluia!

***Hymn** 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN
Terri Hurley, trumpet, Jackson Tucker, timpani, Jessie Baker, cymbals

Invitation to Confession

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, not even death. Trusting in this Good News, let us turn to God to honestly confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Glory to God #215)

Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news. Live this resurrection. Hope in God's promise because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. 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.

Choral Anthem *Festival Canticle: Worthy is Christ* Hillert
Chancel Choir, Terri Hurley, trumpet, Jackson Tucker, timpani

Children's Message

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

Affirmation of Faith (from the Book of Order)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** 233 *The Day of Resurrection* LLANFAIR
Terri Hurley, trumpet

Announcements

Minute for Missions Cathy Chapman

Pastoral Prayers & 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 *This Joyful Eastertide* Haan
Terri Hurley, trumpet

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
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 Dedication

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 238 *Thine is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEAUS
Terri Hurley, trumpet, Jackson Tucker, timpani, Jessie Baker, cymbals

***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 postlude before exiting.

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

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Richard and Libby Pierce.

Acolytes for today: Charlie and Sam Phillips

We thank Terri Hurley for being with us and using her talents in our Worship Service today.

The Church This Week (4/20/2025)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	9:00 a.m.	CBS
	5:30 p.m.	Pancake Supper
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of April 20, 2025

Gerry Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Benny Moore
 Bobbie Jones
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses
 Ruth Jackson
 B.J. Moore
 Edward Tinsley
 Louise Carpenter
 Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene
 Randy Jewart

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.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

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

Pancake Supper – Wednesday, April 23rd, 5:30 p.m.

We will have our first VBS “True North” meeting Sunday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. If you’d like to help with this year’s Vacation Bible School, please join us! It’s going to be a fun experience for all!

Service of Baptism for Brylee and Laikyn Denham- Please join us on April 27th, where we will baptize two of our own, Brylee and Laikyn Denham, during our worship service! This is a special moment in not only their lives but our church's life! So, make sure to mark your calendars for the celebration."

Nursery Volunteer Schedule for April - June

April 20	Maggie Barton	Brittany Tillman
April 27	Jean Page Watson	Mary Jane Evans
May 4	Laura Folger	Cathy Chapman
May 11	Alison Chapman	Jesse/Lainey
May 18	Laura Folger	Cathy Chapman
May 25	Charlene Tillman	
June 1		Steve Cook
June 8	Mary Jane Evans	Marietta Melton Burch
June 15	Maggie Lloyd	Michael Chapman
June 22	Brittany Tillman	Heather Tucker
June 29	Beth Witherspoon	Jean Page Watson



Our Vision

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

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Kelli Beck	Mary Anderson	Mike Chapman
Avery Dickson	Andrew McLeod	Christie McLeod
Mary Jane Evans	Kristen Miller	Tracie Phillips
Jean Page Watson	Richard Pierce	Harold Watson

The Church Staff

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