



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
March 31, 2024

### The Resurrection of the Lord

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

\*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord is my strength and my might.

**The Lord has become my salvation.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness;

**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

I thank you that you have answered me;

**and have become my salvation.**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Come, let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 123 (V.1-4)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We sing "Alleluia" this morning, O Lord, with joyous voices and shouts of acclamation that indeed, "Christ is risen". But sadly, we confess that before we finish our Easter celebration dinners, we will find ourselves drifting back into old habits that in some ways denies our fidelity to being faithful followers of Christ. We gossip, we speak ill of others, we boast, we deny, we don't share and we don't care enough, nor really and truly love our neighbor. Lord, we confess being a true and dedicated disciple of Jesus is hard and so we ask that your Spirit forever be in our presence, sustaining us and encouraging us to be a better disciple of Christ each and every day. In Jesus' name we pray.

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION

The path of Christ is a difficult one to tread and God surely understands which is the true purpose underlying our Easter celebration. God's love for us through the resurrection of Christ is the true source of our joy and salvation. God be praised! Amen.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9

John 20:1-18

SERMON

And the Verdict Is

Rev. Larry Van Hise

ANTHEM

Risen Indeed!

Joseph M. Martin  
The Chancel Choir

Our Lord is risen indeed!  
Sing, sing, sing an alleluia.  
Our Lord is risen indeed!  
With an alleluia come and praise the Lord,  
Our Lord is risen indeed!  
Sing alleluia, alleluia.  
Our Lord is risen indeed!  
With an alleluia come and praise the Lord.

Christians, lift your song.  
Exalt Him; give him all the honor;  
Give Him all the praise; alleluia, alleluia.  
Our Lord is risen indeed!  
Sing alleluia, alleluia.  
Our Lord is risen, alleluia, praise the Lord.  
O, our Lord is risen, risen indeed!

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary  
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, our offering seems all too small in relationship to the blessings from your heart and the grace that is provided to us through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Yet we make these offerings in your name and dedicate them toward furthering your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

### \*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.**

### WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

#### \*HYMN 118 (V.1-3)

The Day of Resurrection!

### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Minuet Finale

G. F. Handel

#### Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

The Handbell Choir

Peter Becker, Liturgist

Ken Gross, Trumpet

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed

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***The Easter flowers are presented:***

In honor of our eight lovely grandchildren,

*by John & Shirley Heinsohn*

In memory of loved ones,

*by Ruthann Arras*

In memory of our parents, Ray Campbell and Margaret & Robert Becker,

*by Elizabeth Campbell & Peter Becker*

In memory of my parents, Isaac & Ann, and brother Isaac Marty,

*by Darcel Hayes-Bridges*

In memory of Jim's parents, Jacob & Margaret Van Norman,

*by Jim & Shirley Van Norman*

In memory of Shirley's mother, Hattie Sandt,

*by Jim & Shirley Van Norman*

In memory of Jim's sister, Joyce Parkansky,

*by Jim & Shirley Van Norman*

In memory of Shirley's sisters, Dolly Fehnel and Beryl Feiertag,

*by Jim & Shirley Van Norman*

In memory of Donna's friend Cindy Walters,

*by Donna Van Norman*

In memory of Jessica's godfather, Sal Ritz,

*by Donna Van Norman*

In memory of loved ones,

*by Janet Mishkin*

*-continued-*

In memory of John (Bud) & Nancy Wilson,

*by Amy Hilliard*

In memory of Joe's brother, Robert Manzek,

*by Joe & Noralee Manzek*

In memory of Noralee's brother, Thomas Boyd,

*by Joe & Noralee Manzek*

In memory of loved ones,

*by Kevin & Wanda Joshua*

In memory of Susan's brother, Richard Barranger,

*by Susan Mackay*

In memory of Kevin Martin,

*by Bud & Linda Martin*

In memory of cherished family and friends,

*by Gloria Snyder*