

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024



**AND VERY EARLY
ON THE FIRST DAY
OF THE WEEK,
WHEN THE SUN
HAD RISEN,
THEY WENT
TO THE TOMB.**

+ MARK 16:2

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Easter Sunday

March 24, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world in the resurrection of Jesus Christ! We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Little Ones: Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during worship. Check-in begins at 9:20 a.m. For older children remaining in worship, children's worship activities are available in the Narthex, where you enter the sanctuary.

WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.

Prelude	Music for the Royal Fireworks	G.F. Handel
	Music for Easter	arr. Jack Gale
	Christ Is Risen; Where You there; I Know That My Redeemer Liveth	
	Toccata, Symphony No. V	C.M. Widor

* Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!

* Hymn #232	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	EASTER HYMN
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* Litany for Easter

We are not eye-witnesses to an event,
as were Mary and the disciples;
**we have not journeyed
through a dangerous city
to seek answers or consolation;**
we have not seen angels
gathering at the rim of this day,
**or wept in the garden this morning
because we could not find Him.**

But we are here to attest to a story
that has not lost its power
during twenty centuries
of change and conflict.

**We are here because those before us
carried this story
as if it were precious gold;
cherished it as if it were
the key to a hidden wisdom.**

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
take your places here today
in celebration and in awe.
What you are about to hear again,
has the capacity to change the world.
Your very presence attests
to the rising up of life
from the tomb of despair,
and to the uncontrollable power of God.

It is Easter morning again and we will celebrate.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed!

* Passing of the Peace

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* Grateful Response

Celtic Alleluia
Verses—Choir; Refrain—All

Fintan O'Carroll/
Christopher Walker



*Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he has risen; he has conquered death, opened
heaven to all believers. (refrain)*

*Christ is the first fruits from death. Filling the world with his glory,
darkness vanishes in the light of his power. (refrain)*

Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing of the Children, children may return to their seats.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Lesson

Psalm 118:

setting by

This Day Was Made by the Lord

Christopher Walker



Verses—Choir; Refrain—All

I thank you, your love is eternal, you have given me life.

*I will proclaim the wonders you do! (**Refrain**)*

Your hand raised me up in triumph, you have given me life.

*I will proclaim the wonders you do! (**Refrain**)*

The stone which the builders rejected is the cornerstone.

*I will proclaim the wonders you do! (**Refrain**)*

Second Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible pages 829-830

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Cultivating the Next Thing Rev. Jessica Commeret

* Hymn #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip W.J. Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain. Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia! He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Pascal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings. Thou, our Pascal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day, Alleluia!

* Doxology

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Where shattered hearts are made whole,
where wounded souls are healed,
where life is stronger than death:
there, the stone has been rolled away.

Where the lonely become our friends,
where a stranger is welcomed home,

where hope is stronger than despair,
there, we find Jesus walking.

Where closed wallets are opened,
where the anxious find serenity,
where love is stronger than hate:
there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

The stone has been rolled away!
Jesus is our companion on the journey!
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is with us! Amen.

Concerns and Celebrations

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.

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| * Hymn #826 | Lift High the Cross | CRUCIFER |
| * Benediction | | |
| Postlude | Praise the Lord | Sigfrid Karg-Elert |

** Please rise in body or spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Commeret

Director of Music: Clinton Miller

Lay Reader: Lark McCormick

Director of Connectional Ministry: Leslee Kirkconnell

Musicians: FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Deja Jennings, Cassie Wilson, Zach Sanford
Alex Marbach & Danielle Consolo, trumpet

Kyle Olsen, horn; Ben Sallard, trombone; Noah Laabs, tuba

A/V Technician: Robbie Riffle

Announcements

Please note: the Church office will be closed tomorrow, April 1.

Onward & Upward, an older adult ministry, is Thursday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We look forward to welcoming the Rev. Becky Sunday, associate pastor at Dublin Community Church UCC, who will bring us a program 'My Life Flows on in Endless Song-A Hymn Pilgrimage.' Sign up outside the office so our lunch hospitality is abundant.



Community Dinner is Sunday, April 14, 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Great Room. The congregation is asked to provide side dishes – salads, vegetables or dessert. Sign up outside the office. Ham and BBQ beef will be provided.

Get Connected! Read our latest Connections E-news! Scan the code:



Clint Miller will be away on continuing education attending his annual 'Organ Bus Tour' with his colleagues of organists and organ builders April 1-9. This year's tour is without a bus since we aren't traveling far. The tour begins in Atlantic City with the largest pipe organ in the world then we travel to New York City. Follow Clint on FPC's Facebook page and join us during 2nd Hour Faith Formation on April 14 to hear about this exciting adventure!!

2nd Hour Faith Formation for April:

April 7 Enjoy coffee and fellowship ahead of the eclipse.

April 14 Clint Miller will share adventures from his 'Organ Bus Tour.' Children and youth will bake cornbread for the Community Dinner.

April 21 A check-in for updates on our new structure.

April 28 The Mission Committee will hold continuing conversations about our Missions and talk about our recent field trip to City Mission and Martha's Home.

Want to know more about FPC? Join us Sundays, April 28 & May 5, when Pastor Jessie will lead a class so you can learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian and how we do mission and ministry here. Come to room 211 following worship (10:30 a.m.)

Some pictures of our life together – YOU are welcome to join us!



Mobile Food Pantry- February.



Onward & Upward Mystery Event - March



Fun at our
Easter Egg-
stravaganza.
March



Beginning our Cultivating and Letting
Go Tree for Lent- February



One of our children in Godly Play
drew this in response to the Gospel story of Easter.

Easter Flowers are given by:


Eric & Julie Anderson	In celebration of family and friends
Jim & Stephanie Bryan	In celebration of our children and grandchildren
Larry & Shirley Copeland	In memory of our parents and grandparents
Carol Dale-Joseph	In memory of Tom Joseph
Char Ebersole	In memory of my parents, Jake and Betty Waits
Marie Gallaher	In celebration of family and friends
Lee & Terri Herning	In memory of loved ones
Curt & Ellen Hugunin	In memory of our parents
Bill & Peggy Lobb	In memory of our parents, Will and Ida Lobb & Floyd and Mary Ewalt
Larry & Lark McCormick	In memory of our parents and grandparents
Marilyn Meyers	In memory of Norman R. Meyers
George & P. J. Milligan	In memory of Janice Johnston
Becky Pfaltzgraf	In celebration of Penelope Diane
Rick & Deb Watson	In thanksgiving for family and friends
Bob & Nancy Wilczynski	In memory of loved ones gone before us

Confirmation Camp! June 3-6, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. All 7th grade and higher students are invited to join us as we explore faith, prayer, the Bible, mission and more! Leslee Kirkconnell will answer your questions!

MOPS Returns! On Thursday, May 2, we are hosting an 'open house' for Moms to come hear about plans to bring a MOPS (now MomCo) group back to FPC. From 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. in room 107 we will learn about the program, gauge interest and meet other moms! We anticipate starting a group in September.




Plan to join us! Sunday May 19, following worship (2nd Hour) will be a Potluck Brunch. Bring a breakfast-y dish to share and join in for good food, fellowship with a Pentecost twist. Watch for the sign up.



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,




our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
praise e - ter - nal as God's love.





who did once up - on the cross,
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and contains a supporting bass line with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'suf - fer to re - deem our loss. sin - ners to re - deem and save. where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia! Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.' The word 'Alleluia' is written in a larger font and is centered between the staves. The score ends with a double bar line.


suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.




1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.


Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.




In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!






Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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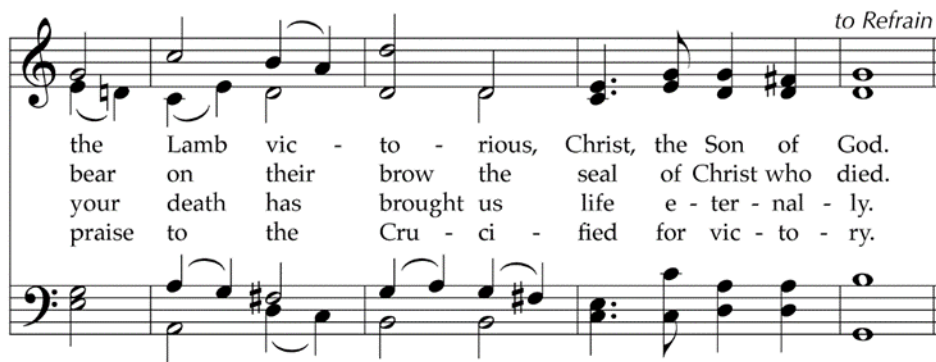


till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Fine Arts Camp registration will open soon! Save the date now.
Be sure to let friends with children know too!



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LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. Traditionally various colors are used for each season. THE EASTER SEASON is a period of 50 days, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The colors are WHITE AND GOLD, symbolizing joy and celebration, renewal and hope. The banners and pulpit and lectern paraments, completed in 2005, were designed by liturgical artist Jenia Rimov of Camas, Washington. The banner on the pulpit side portrays the new light of Easter and the banner on the lectern side portrays our response to the good news of resurrection: Alleluia! These themes are continued on both pulpit and lectern paraments. The butterfly in the chancel represents the Risen Christ and was created in 2017 by Don Beck, a member of our congregation whose artistic vision continues to shape worship at First Presbyterian Church during all seasons of the liturgical year. The large white Paschal Candle is used to represent the Risen Christ, dispelling darkness during this season, as well as for baptisms and funeral/memorial services during the year. The colors white and gold are also used for ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, the first Sunday of November, symbolizing the joy of the “communion of saints” both on earth and in glory.

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