



# Easter Sunday

First Presbyterian Church  
Gainesville, FL

March 31, 2024

*Christ is Risen!  
Alleluia!*



## GATHERING

*Heavenly God, our Father, thank you for a night of rest and for this new day and all that now awaits us. We go forward toward encounters with family and friends, work and play, and all that will bring us into contact with strangers, certain that you are with us. Lead and guide us in the way of a resurrected life. Help us to see the risen Lord today; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### PRELUDE

Alleluia  
Pines of Rome

W.A. Mozart  
O. Respighi  
arr. J. Bankson

### WORDS OF WELCOME

He is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

### INTROIT

Easter Introit

J. Ferguson

*Listen. The One who bore God's heart, the One who spoke God's peace, the One in whom God agonized is now the Risen Lord. Death was no prison for Him. Jesus is raised and among us. All that you can see and hear comes from the One who was freed. Listen. Hear, O people of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

### \* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* **ACT OF PRAISE** (SEE INSERT) **Hallelujah Chorus** G.F. Handel

*Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!*

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**I Will Rise**

arr. C. Courtney  
and L. Hasseler

*Chancel Choir; April Basiletti, Delaney Geiser, Rebecca Ruescher, soloists*

*There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail. There's an anchor for my soul, I can say "It is well." Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won, He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise. There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light. And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes. And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!" and I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Sarah Whitfield

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 16:1-8a (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The Resurrection of Jesus

Rev. Mark Hults

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## RESPONDING

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Easter Creed

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and that He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**Christ Has Conquered**

J. Noyon

*Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns forevermore! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns forevermore! As it was in the beginning is now, is now and forever, now and forevermore, world without end. Amen.*

*Final Refrain* Choir and Congregation

Christ has con - quered, Christ our sov - reign, Christ reigns for -  
ev - er - more! Christ has con - quered, Christ, our  
sov - reign, Christ — reigns for - ev - er - more!

\* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

*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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\* 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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

\* HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karg-Elert

*HALLELUJAH CHORUS: Please be sure to return your insert to the baskets at the entrances following worship.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

11 A.M. ELDER ON DUTY: Sarah Whitfield

ACOLYTE: Parker Mears

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST & ORGANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

CONDUCTORS: Rebecca Ruescher, Shichu Xie

TRUMPET: Rosborg Halldorsdottir, Joe Jamerson, Andrew Waybright; HORN: Emma Mitchel; TROMBONE: Charles Propper; TUBA: Vance Orr; PERCUSSION: Lucas Bradshaw; TYMPANI: Chip Birkner

8:30 A.M. USHERS: Margaret Lingg, Howard Lingg, Kristin Pickens, Dan Sutton

11 A.M. USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Paul Bennett, Matthew Morse, Louis Motz, Carol Turner

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl; SOUND: Frank Counts

**CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:** We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the Emmel family upon the passing of father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Leonard Emmel, who joined the Church Triumphant on March 23, 2024. Please pray for his children, Chip & Phyllis Emmel, BarBee & Chuck Geiger, and David & Lisa Emmel; his grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN WORSHIP TODAY.** We pray that you experience Christ's presence and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to a pastor or an elder after worship.

**THE EASTER OFFERING** today will go to St. Francis House, which provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and more. Use the Easter Offering envelope in the pew or mail a check to the church. Please write 'Easter Offering' on the memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** supports three programs - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - which all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Use the special envelopes in the pews or mail a check to the church with "One Great Hour" in the memo line.



*Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and Meet Human Needs*

**To Preserve the Sacred Nature of Our Service,** please silence all communication devices and refrain from video recording and flash photography.

**Children's Worship Bags, Large Print Bulletins, and Hearing Assistance Devices** are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you would like one to participate in worship and return reusable materials after worship.

**Nursery:** The nursery is available fifteen minutes prior to each worship service for infants (starting at 6 weeks) and children through pre-k. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204. Our staff and church members are happy to greet your little ones.

**Let Us Remember in Prayer, Correspondence, and Visitation:** Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, Elizabeth Miller, and Marjorie Pedrick. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

**Children and Youth Ministries:** Our church provides many opportunities for spiritual growth and development during the school year, including: Nursery, Sunday School, Time for Young Disciples, Kids-4-God, Youth Connection, LOGOS on Wednesdays, and other special get-togethers. For more information, please contact the church office at (352) 378-1527.

**College Students:** Every Tuesday undergrad and graduate students meet together to discuss integrating the Bible into modern life. We also meet regularly on Sunday mornings for Worship and College Café, a fellowship lunch during the school year. We have outreach projects, special events, retreats, and mission trips. For more details, please email Scott Stuart at [college@1stpc.org](mailto:college@1stpc.org).

**The Young Adult & Family Ministry** is for singles and couples who are navigating careers and/or families. If this describes you, thanks for being here and consider this your invitation to join us - When you can - for - what you can! We gather throughout the year to study God's Word, get to know each other better, and minister and serve together. We know life is busy and schedules are hectic, yet we find that we Adult better when we Adult Together. Questions? Please email Fred Lundy at [youngadult@1stpc.org](mailto:youngadult@1stpc.org).

**2024 Keeter Lecture:** Sunday, April 7 at both services and the Sunday School hour. Michael Wear is the founder and president of the Center for Christianity and Public Life, a nonpartisan, nonprofit institution based in the nation's capital. He is also the author of *The Spirit of Our Politics*, which offers insight on how to engage with hope in a politically challenging world. For more, visit [www.michaelwear.com](http://www.michaelwear.com).

**The third Love in Action concert** will be held during 11 a.m. worship on April 14 (There will not be an 8:30 worship service). In preparation, the Local Missions Committee is asking you to join our Love in Action Challenge: participate in at least one activity to share God's love with those in need in our community. How will you step up to the challenge?

**The Sights and Sounds of Space:** Friday, April 26 at 8 p.m. An immersive experience using Webb telescope images and live music from our choirs, handbells, organ, piano, violin, and percussion. The concert features music from television, films, and video games, as well as classical and modern collections. For more information, visit [www.1stpcmusic.org](http://www.1stpcmusic.org).

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**CHRIST  
IS RISEN!**

## The Easter Lilies Decorating the Sanctuary are Given

### *In Honor of:*

- Jean St. John by Karen & Mark Coffey
- Our grandchildren, Wyatt, Wade, Finn, and Hazel, by Karen & Mark Coffey
- Carol Hayes-Christiansen by Mimi Gray
- Marjorie Anne Johnson by Mimi Gray
- Jennifer Williams by Mimi Gray
- Our parents by Andy & Megan Greer
- Our grandparents by Adeline & Linden Greer
- My in-laws, Robins & Susan McIntosh, by Helen McIntosh
- Elizabeth S. Neale by the Neale-Tobener family
- My children, Cindy, Margaret, Benford, and Allen, and their families by Eleanor Samuels
- Penelope Claire Stephens by Eileen Anderson Stephens
- Addison and Alix Duke by Eileen Anderson Stephens

### *In Loving Memory of:*

- Carolyn Grace Alford by the Alford family
- Dr. & Mrs. Robert Grady Ashley by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Grady Ashley, Jr.
- Dr. & Mrs. Fred O. Brumfield by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Grady Ashley, Jr.
- Rev. Robert C. Asmuth by Vi Asmuth and children, John, Paul, and Cindi
- Patricia Gager by Nancy & John Carswell
- Cecilia Caton by her family
- Our parents by Mark and Karen Coffey
- Jodi Brasfield by her parents, Jim & Terie DeFord
- Our mother and grandmother Yennie Pattinama by Herry, Suzie, Mireille, Kimberly, and Christabella
- Robert F. & Doris Hyatt, Jr. by Robert & Lou Hyatt
- Leonard & Carolyn Willey by Robert & Lou Hyatt
- Richard M. Gilchrist by Robert & Lou Hyatt
- John L. Willey by Robert & Lou Hyatt
- Clyde & Melba Beale by Robert & Lou Hyatt
- Russell & Mary McCaughan by Robert & Lou Hyatt
- Jack and Doug Knowlton by Eunice Knowlton
- Mike, Linda, and Laura Johnson by the Lundy family
- Rev. Dr. James R. Neale, Jr. by the Neale-Tobener family
- Leslie (Les) Rothman by Louise Rothman
- My husband, Ben, by Eleanor Samuels
- My parents, Claude and Margaret Allen, and my grandmother, Irbie Johnson by Eleanor Samuels
- My mother, Muriel Shaver, by David Shaver
- Clarice & Dick Anderson by Eileen Anderson Stephens
- Ray Whitworth by his wife, Carolyn, and the Osmun family

### *To the Glory of God*

- by Emily Patton

## 232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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,

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.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSV)

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. <sup>8</sup>Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 16:1-8a (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8a</sup>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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

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!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1984

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.


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HYMN TO JOY

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