

First  
Presbyterian  
Church

## Christ is Risen!



### Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

CHIMING OF THE HOUR *Let us prepare ourselves for worship.*

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PRELUDE *Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"* (Grimoaldo Macchia)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist & Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Montgomery

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

*from Romans 8*

Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

**It is God who justifies.**

Who will dare to condemn?

**It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am 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.**

\*HYMN: # 232

**"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

O Lord God, in your great mercy, hear our prayers and grant us your forgiveness. We lay our lives before you and accept your judgment on all that we have done and all that we are. We ask that you forgive everything that has grieved your Spirit. Only your Holy Spirit knows the real truth of our lives, so we ask that you awaken us to whatever changes we need to make. Renew us completely in the image of Jesus Christ, for we cannot become better people without you. Help us to dedicate our lives to you in thanksgiving for all that you have done for us in Jesus Christ, who died and rose that we might know you, the only true God. Amen.

*(Time for silent prayer and confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*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."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PIANO SOLO:

*"Christ Arose"*

*(arr. Jonathan Reed)*

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Luke 24: 1-12**

*New Revised Standard Version*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The

women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Response after the Reading:* Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### SCRIPTURE READING:

**Luke 24: 13-35**

*New Revised Standard Version*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### SERMON

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (UNISON)

*The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

*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: # 246

**"Christ is Alive"**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*     **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*     **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

Pastor: O God, we do praise and thank you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all those of every time and place who love you and forever sing to the glory of your name,

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."**

*(The Prayer continues, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison)*

**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.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*Please note that the trays contain Red Wine and White Grape Juice*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**CALL TO SERVICE AND GENEROSITY, WITH PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**No. 592**

*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.*

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**

*"Prelude in C Major"*

*(J.S. Bach)*

*\*The congregation is invited to stand together, as each is able.*

**On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers**

Margaret Sanders • Barbara Wright • Lawrence Moorehead (Hugh's father) • Jim Goodman • John Goodman • Lois Purcell • Mary Ann Clift • Melissa Eason • Joe B. Brandon • Carolana Callaway • Kim Walls • Micah McClendon • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Stacy Harris • Patti McGilton (Joe B's niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Cathy Whitmore • Jim & Roxie Gibson • Genevieve Stegall • Ann Floyd • Nadia & Family (Ukraine) • Elaine (Jeff Hewitt's friend) • Joe Henegar & Marsha Sharp • Avery (newborn) • Family of Jerry Wayne Weaver • Gene Roberson (Robbie's father)

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**April Birthdays:** Robbie Roberson-3 • Max Engels-10 • William Foster- 10 • Jason Hutton-15 • Darrick Gatlin-16 • Chuck Coble- 17 • Christian Pullum- 17 • Lois Purcell- 20 •

Margaret Sanders- 25 • Jan Talley- 27 • Margaret McMillion -27 • Jeff Foreman- 28

**April Anniversaries:** LuAnne & Carter Crocker -1 • Nick & Annette Phillips - 5

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## Announcements and Reminders

**Christ is Risen!** Today we gather in gratitude for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to reconcile the whole world to God. During our morning worship, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, and we invite everyone to participate.

**Thank You to Mike and Melody Spence** for providing such a wonderful time last Sunday for the Easter Egg hunt.

**NaCoMe Trip, Saturday, April 30. Come one, Come All,** for a one-day visit to NaCoMe on Saturday, April 30, and everyone is invited to go see the beauty of NaCoMe and enjoy the day together. The only cost is for lunch, so see Teresa Burns for information and to sign up.

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** Please mark **Sunday, June 12, 2022**, on your calendar as "**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Homecoming.**" Our next planning meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 4 PM, in the church library. Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement.

**NaCoMe Donation Reminder:** You can give your donation through the church or send it directly to NaCoMe. Information is on the tables at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Nominating Committee Elected** Last Sunday at our congregational meeting, the 2022 Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Anne Brandon, chair; Brian Callaway, Vice-Chair; Denise Foster, Malinda Myhr and Bob Davis. The committee will be gathering names of candidates for the next class of session members, whose terms will begin in September.

**Congregational Meal, Sunday, May 1** It has been over two years since we could write those words, "congregational meal," so please plan on staying for a congregational potluck meal after our morning service on Sunday, May 1.

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#### **Sunday:**

10 AM Bible Classes and 11 AM Worship

#### **Wednesday:**

6:00 PM Bible Classes

### Information to Join Our Services from Home

- **Option 1:** *Join to listen by phone (audio only)*  
Dial: **1 312 626 6799**  
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549**, Press # as a participant, if asked  
When it asks for a Password: **372**
- **Option 2:** *Listen and watch via the internet by computer or smart-phone:*  
Go to **www.Zoom.com**  
Click "**Join a Meeting**" near the top of the screen  
*Zoom may ask permission to install software on your computer. That is normal.*  
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549** Password/Passcode: **372**

You can also join via Facebook Live through our website: [www.fpclewisburg.org](http://www.fpclewisburg.org).