

# Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

**Welcome** to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Ray Beale	Sound
Randy Brooks	Liturgist
C.B. Strange	Security, side door and offering
Barry Cutright	Greeter

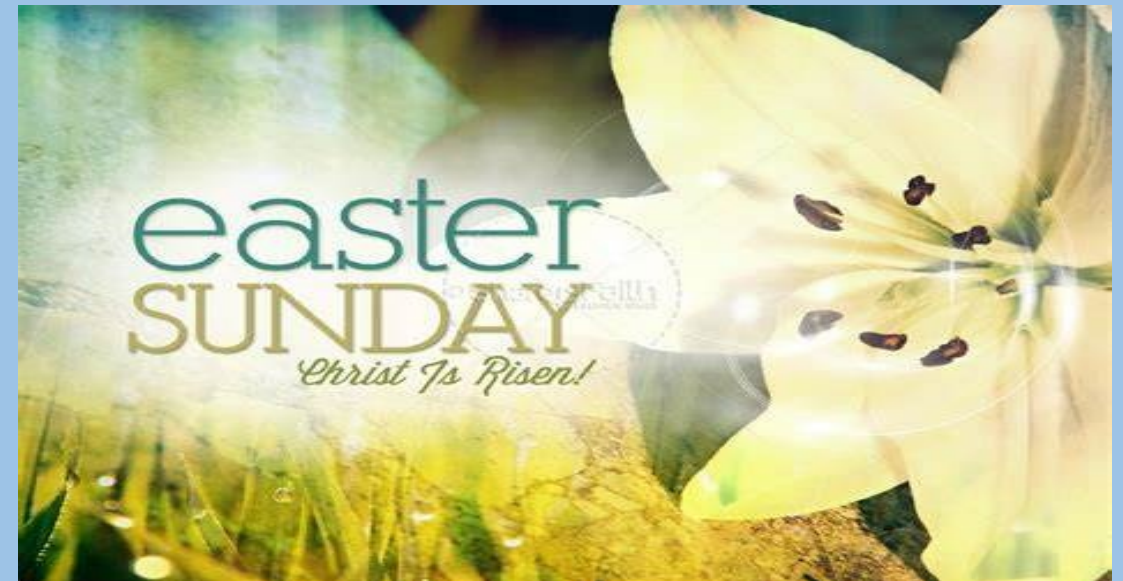
## BUDGET UPDATE

	February 29	YTD
Contributions	\$13,359.65	\$49,666.32
Expenditures	\$30,560.07	\$79,242.44
Difference	(\$17,200.42)	(\$29,576.12)

# First Presbyterian Church

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11 a.m.



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**OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon**

# A Service for the Worship of God

## GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

*As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.*

### WELCOME

Christ Has Risen! **He Is Risen Indeed!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia" arr. E. Broughton

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen: **The world below lies desolate.**

Christ is Risen: **The spirits of evil are fallen.**

Christ is Risen: **The angels of God are rejoicing.**

Christ is Risen: **The tombs of the dead are empty.**

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead: **Glory and power are his forever and ever.**

### INVOCATION

Dear God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your death on a simple wooden cross. Yet on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy.

**HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

**GTG#245**

## TODAY

**The roses on the communion table are in honor of:**

Antonio Javier Meadors, born on March 7, 2024 to Marissa Meadors, and grandson of Ruth Meadors.

Carsen Elaine Walthall, born on March 15, 2024 to Alex and Amber Walthall, and grandson of Joyce Perez.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We are collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. You may write your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with OGHS in the memo line. Envelopes are also available in the sanctuary windows as you enter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

<b>MONDAY, April 1</b>	<b>Evening Circle</b> will meet at 7 p.m. in the home of Harriet Beale at 129 Westmoreland Court.
<b>TUESDAY, April 2</b>	<b>Handbells</b> at 5 p.m. <b>Property Committee</b> will meet at 7 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY, April 3</b>	<b>NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OR YOUTH</b>
<b>THURSDAY, April 4</b>	<b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> at 4:30 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, April 7</b>	<b>Administrative Committee</b> will meet at 9 a.m. Pastor Beth will be leading worship and serving communion at Stratford House at 2 p.m.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT

Join us on Sunday, April 7, at 4:30 p.m. for a concert of "Songs About Love and Friendship." This concert in Overbey Hall is a spring voice and piano recital with songs from lyric baritone, Mack Williams, bass singer, Ray Hayes, and our music director, Ashley Stanley-Robey at the piano.

**“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”**

**Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) | arr. Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021)**

**Lyricist: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)**

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.

Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

He who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat.

See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat.

Once he died, and once, was buried; now He lives forevermore—

Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

**(Instrumental interlude)**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high.

Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory.

Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.

Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God. If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life. Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us. That your name might be glorified through our lives.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God of resurrection  
of life and death  
rebirth

**All: Renew our hearts and minds**

God of promise  
of all beginnings  
and all endings

**All: Renew our hearts and minds**

God of hope  
of new growth  
and harvest

**All: Renew our hearts and minds**

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God’s blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

**RESPONSE***"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.*

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of great gifts: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

**OFFERTORY***"Lift High the Cross"* S. H. Nicholson/arr. Berry**DOXOLOGY****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****HEAR THE WORD OF GOD****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 16:1-8

**SERMON***"Who Will Roll Away the Stone"***RESPONSE TO THE WORD****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***The Apostles' Creed*

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 OF CELEBRATION**

Congregation, Choir, Handbells

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*  
*Beethoven/C. Wordsworth, arr. Dobrinski*  
*Jack Garrett, timpani*

**POSTLUDE***"Gloria"*

W.A. Mozart

**BENEDICTION**