

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...  
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



# First Presbyterian Church

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## The Worship of Our Lord

Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024  
10:30 AM

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

### REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude.

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

"The Eucharist nevertheless bears a promise: that God will remember who we are, even when we have forgotten, and that God will find us, even when we are lost. This bread and wine make a meal to satisfy a hungry, thirsty people.

John P. Burgess,  
After Baptism: Shaping the Christian Life

\* indicates congregation standing, as able

### THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

#### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her

Johann Christoph Bach

INTROIT

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lindsay Marchio

One: We hear the voice of Jesus.

All: **Our hearts burn within us.**

One: We lift our voices to God

All: **And call on the name of the Lord!**

One: The risen Christ is here in this place!

All: **Alleluia!**

All: **Let us shout the good news!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

### CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Macy

One: Raised from the dead, Jesus Christ longs for us to know life in all of its fullness, offering us renewal and refreshment, hope and forgiveness.

All: Let us trust in the promise of Easter as we make our confession.

Ever patient God,  
We ask again and again,  
“What should we do?”  
And again and again, you tell us,  
“Repent and return to me.”  
Yet we have not changed our ways.  
We fall into old habits,  
Cling to our own ways,  
And take for granted  
The grace you have given us.  
Once again,  
We ask you for forgiveness.  
Show us the way forward  
And help us return, once again, to you.

*(Silence is kept for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Macy

One: The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundaries. This is good news! Say it with joy!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Macy

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

### LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 4 (OT p.490) & 1 John 3:1-7 (NT p. 93)

Lindsay Marchio

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I've Got Peace Like a River  
God is So Good  
*LOGOs Children's Choir*

African American Spiritual  
Anonymous

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48 (NT p. 90)

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Father Abraham  
*First Presby Preschool Choir*  
*(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)*

Pierre Kartner

SERMON

“Who Are We?”

Pastor Myers

\*HYMN #249

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Macy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Macy

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER #245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Macy

Offertory

Ist Gott mein Schild und Helfersmann  
*(Please bring your offering forward during the offertory.)*

J.S. Bach

\*Offering Response #607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Pastor Macy

\*HYMN #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

\*POSTLUDE

Sortie  
from *L'École d'Orgue*

Jacques Lemmens

*Our worship continues in our service to others.*

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.  
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.  
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM  
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers  
The Rev. Marietta Macy  
Lindsay Marchio

#### THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist  
The Sanctuary Choir  
LOGOs Children's Choir  
Harriet Hoy, LOGOs Children's Choir Director  
First Presby Preschool Choir

#### ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell  
Greeters: Marty Martin  
Patty Bivens

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell  
Custodial Services: David Feibelman

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

#### The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

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