# First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

We Gather, Grow, and Go in Christ

### Order for the Worship of God March 31, 2024

The members of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to our morning worship service.

Please program all communication devices to silent mode.

Assistive hearing devices are available, ask a Greeter in the narthex for assistance.

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### Preparation & Meditation

#### **‡Call to Worship**

Job 19:25-27

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

#### **‡Hymn** – Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

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How can it be the One who died has borne our sin in sacrifice, to conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing, "Hallelujah!"

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes. Alive He stands, their friend and King Christ, Christ He is risen!

#### Refrain

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh sing "Hallelujah!" Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, He's risen indeed!"

Where doubt and darkness once had been, They saw Him and their hearts believed; But blessed are those who have not seen, Yet sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, They preached the truth and pow'r of grace and pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. (Refrain)

The pow'r that raise Him from the grave Now works in us to pow'rfully save; He frees our hearts to live His grace Go, tell of His goodness. (*Refrain X2*) **7** 

He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide He's alive, He's alive, now in Heaven glorified. He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are open wide He's alive, He's alive, now in Heaven glorified.

#### **‡Prayer of Invocation**

**‡Hymn No. 367 (1-3)** - Up from the Grave he Arose

#### **Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

45. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

#### Offertory

#### **‡Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

**‡Hymn No. 360 (1-6)** - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

**‡Reading of Scripture** 

1 Peter 1:3-5 (Pew Bible Pg.1014)

**Sermon** The Blessings of the Resurrection of Christ

Rev. Tim Horn

**‡Hymn No. 365 (1-3)** - Thine Be the Glory

#### **‡Benediction**

**‡Dismissal** - 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.

### ‡Congregation, please stand if able.

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## **Sermon Notes**