First Presbyterian Church Biloxi, Mississippi

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America



Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

We Gather, Grow, and Go in Christ

Order for the Worship of God April 20, 2025

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 I Know That My Redeemer Liveth G.F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements
Preparation & Meditation

‡Call to Worship Revelation 1:17b-18

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen! All: He is risen, indeed!

Leader: ... "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

‡Prayer of Invocation

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

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.

‡Hymn – Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Getty/Cash 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*)

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.

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; please forgive us for our sins. We humbly beseech You, that as by Your special grace preceding us, You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may steadfastly set our hearts on those things which are above: that when Christ, who is our Life, shall appear, we may also appear with Him in glory, where He now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 4:23-25

But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his [Abraham's] sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Offertory Hymn No. 367 (1-3) - Up from the Grave He Arose

‡Doxology (Hymnal Pg. 569)

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.

Pastoral Prayer

‡Reading of Scripture

Luke 24:1-12 (Pew Bible Pg. 884)

Sermon

Rev. Tim Horn

Certainty Concerning the Resurrection

‡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.

‡Postlude

Christ, The Lord, Is Risen Today Ruth Coleman

‡Congregation, please stand if able.

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