



First
Presbyterian
Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Large Print Hymnals, Bibles, and Hearing Devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.
At the end of the service, please return these to the back table.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*The congregation is invited to stand.
†Seating of those arriving after worship has begun.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE CROSS

(The congregation is invited to place flowers on the cross in memory or in honor of a loved one.)

CHIMING

PRELUDES

**Prelude in Classic Style
Fanfare**

Gordon Young
Jeremiah Clarke/arr. Wolff

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whitney Avritt

One: In the stillness of this morning, we are called to the garden.

**All: The anger of the crowd is gone.
The soldiers have returned home!**

One: The tomb is empty.
Christ is Risen!

**All: Violence, fear, and death have been defeated!
Christ is Risen!**

One: Let us worship in the house of the Lord!

All: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

†*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

(Fanfare and full stanza from the organ and brass for introduction)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dr. Andrew Chaney

EXPRESSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace You give us. There is no way we can earn Your love, there is no way we can be worthy of Your forgiveness. And yet You shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in You. For we offer our prayers in the name of the resurrected Jesus, our Lord and our Savior...

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✠*RESPONSE, Hymn 248, stanza 2

HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SOLO

The Trumpet Shall Sound
(Paul Brown, bass)

George Frideric Handel

A TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Deacon Susan Gregory

(After which preschool children may be taken to the nursery in the Education Building)

ANTHEM

To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

Worthy the Lamb. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. Worthy the Lamb. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb. God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have, the great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. Worthy the Lamb. Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and pow'r all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 3:17-18
John 20:1-18

SERMON

"Be Nourished with the Fruit of the Spirit – Joy!"

Dr. Andrew Chaney

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Hail thee, festival day! The day that is hallowed forever; Day when the Lord arose, breaking the bonds of death. See how the beauty of earth, Reborn, blossoms forth from the winter. See how it speak of life, God's new life to the world. He who was nailed to the cross Is Lord of all creation. All things created on earth Sing to the glory of God. God is the Lord of all life, God's word is assured to the nations. Death has no more its sting, Life forever is won. Let all the earth sing for joy; Today the Lord has triumphed. Nations give ear and be glad; Christ is alive; Sing for joy.

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord's Prayer

Elder Mary Haley Flautt

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright.
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light.
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Nunc Dimittis

Harold Friedell

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen, have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of the people Israel.
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.

*POSTLUDE

Toccata from "Organ Symphony No. 5"

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233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

WELCOME TO THIS HOUR OF WORSHIP

We hope that you will be made to feel welcome here and that you will find this service helpful to you in your Christian life. If you are a visitor, please know that we are glad for your presence here. Please help us to know you better by filling out the Friendship Register and then pass it to the person seated next to you. Take note with whom you are worshipping with and greet them warmly! Welcome one another to the Lord's House! Should you be interested in joining this congregation, please check the appropriate box on the Friendship Register and we will be in touch with you, or you may call the church office at (662) 453-4680. The Session meets periodically at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday to receive new members into our congregation.

A Nursery Is Available for children 3 years and younger in Room 103 in the Van Arnold Education Building located directly across the street from the Sanctuary.

Accessibility: Large print Bibles, hymnals, and hearing devices are available in the back of the Sanctuary. At the end of the service, please return these to the back tables.

Cell Phones and Photography: In order to maintain reverence during the service, please silence all cell phones and other communication devices and refrain from unauthorized photography or recordings.

Internet Broadcast: To watch the service live on a computer, tablet, or smart phone, go to www.firstgreenwood.net/video. Worship bulletins are available under the "Worship" tab on the website, as are archived services. You may also access the worship service live by going to the church's Facebook page.

Community Food Pantry: Please bring canned food and place it in the Food Pantry Collection Box near the handicap entrance.

Hospital Visitation: Please call the church office to let us know whether you are in the hospital or know of any church member in the hospital, since the hospital here no longer lists names of hospitalized persons on a public register. **Elder John Stewart III** is the visitation elder for **March**

Ushers for Today: Justin Braswell, David Camp, Todd Fincher, Grace Jefcoat, Johnny Jennings, and Samantha Pigott

Security Detail: Miller King and Brett Canterbury

Children's Church for 4 & 5-year-old children with Emmie and Barrett Daugherty

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:30 am He Is Risen Breakfast and
Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am Worship

Monday, April 1, 2024

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
10:00 am PW Coordinating Team
5:30 pm FPK Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study
2:30 pm Liturgy
5:00 pm Youth Dinner
5:30 pm Youth Bible Study
6:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 4, 2024

6:45 am Men's Bible Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt was held this morning. Our thanks to the Christian Education Committee for organizing these two events.

Our thanks to Lisa Melton and Allison Pillow for their help in decorating the Floral Cross this morning. We thank all who brought flowers to place on the cross in honor or in memory of loved ones.

The March 28, 2024 Newsletter and April Calendar is available in the Narthex.

Welcome to the members of the brass quartet and percussion:

Brandon Lewis, 1st trumpet
Tim Garrett, 2nd trumpet
Ethan Haggard, 1st trombone
Chad Hawkins, 2nd trombone
Howard Davis, Jr., timpani

The Church Office and FPC Kindergarten will be closed tomorrow, April 1.

Women's Bible Study continues on Tuesday, April 2, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jim and Ina Barrett Memorial Library. All women are invited to participate.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meets Tuesday, April 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room.

The FPC Kindergarten Board will meet Tuesday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study meets Wednesday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Chaney will be leading the study and discussion.

Youth Bible Study, Wednesday, April 3, in the Parish Youth Building. Dinner for all will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the Bible Study following at 5:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets Thursday, April 4, at 6:45 a.m. Dr. Chaney will be teaching on Philippians 4:4. All men are invited to attend. Please bring your Bible.

New Officer Training will begin on Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. The following topics will be discussed at these sessions:

April 7 – The Calling to Be An Officer
April 14 – Presbyterian Theology
April 21 – Presbyterian Polity
April 28 – Officer Faith Statements and Examinations
May 19 – Ordination/Installation Sunday

Classics at First, the classical music concert series of First Presbyterian Church, presents a program of piano trios on Monday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Artists for this program include from the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Temperance Babcock-Steiskal, violin and Nancy Bateman, cello, with Paul Brown, piano.