



MAUNDY THURSDAY

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April 2, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor

Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

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GATHERING MUSIC

“Kyrie” from “Mozart’s Requiem”

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus’ self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Pastor Gregg Townsend

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Congregation: Breath of God, quiet our hearts, hush our lips, open our eyes, and fill us with holy wonder as we look to Jesus, our host, your servant, our Lord. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

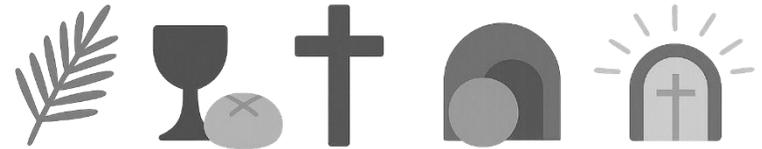
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

—Psalm 34:1-4, 8, NRSV



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM

Join us on Good Friday for a moving worship service centered on the sacrifice of Jesus, a time of reflection and prayer.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4 at 7:49 PM (Sunset)

Gather with us at sunset on the church steps as we begin our Easter Vigil and carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 AM

Celebrate Easter with us, and experience the joy of the Resurrection, uplifting music, and a sanctuary filled with spring beauty.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER

O Jesus, our ever-living Teacher, Friend, and Master: we have heard your new command to love one another; we have seen your example of how to serve humbly—you, their leader and Lord, bent down to wash your disciples' feet; we have received bread and drink, signs of your presence and power within us.

By your Spirit, prompt us now, we pray, to do as you command, to imitate your willingness to serve, and to live as your children, fed and nourished for the journey by Jesus, our Lord.

**Draw us closer and closer, our Savior, to your cross.
Help us to ponder with wonder your great sacrifice.
Move our hearts to love you more and more. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Come, O Sinner”

J.B. Salter, Clarinet

PSALM READING

Psalm 22

Stripping of the Church

* DEPART IN SILENCE

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. On this day Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us. On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

* OPENING HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All that feel the tempter's power.
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with Him one bitter hour.
Turn not from His griefs away.
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall.
View the Lord of Life arraigned.
O, the wormwood and the gall!
O, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss.
Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb.
There, adoring at His feet.
Mark the miracle of time.
God's own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear Him cry.
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: We confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you.

Reflection

“Hero”

* Blessing and Benediction

Do not hurry away from the cross.

Linger near

to survey,

to stand,

to ponder our Savior’s suffering and death.

Consider, carefully and well,

the preciousness of his sacrifice for you,

the greatness of his mercy toward you.

Then depart from Golgotha confidently,

knowing that the Spirit will keep you in your crucified Savior’s

strong embrace and prompt you to trust and obey him always.

The God of peace will go with you.

Amen.

* Please Depart in Silence

JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES

Saturday at 7:49 PM (Sunset)

Easter Vigil Service

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Easter Morning Worship

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GOOD FRIDAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 3, 2026, 7:00 PM

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Preparation For Worship

Holy and loving God, as we prepare to set aside our busyness and to focus intently on Jesus’ suffering and death, we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things that Jesus’ death means for understanding you, your love, and our salvation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence

* Congregational Song “Only Always”

Jesus, Jesus, how beautiful the scars,
The wounds that won my heart,
The love that held You there for me.
Jesus, Jesus, no greater love displayed than on the cross that day.
And I thank You. I praise You. I love You.
I lay my life before You. Only always Yours. Jesus

* Call to Worship

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his own dearly beloved Son so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life. On this day of remembrance and hope, we declare with joy:

Congregation: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save it. Let us worship God.

—based on John 3:16-17

* Opening Song “Come and See”

Come and see His nail-scarred hands. On the cross He suffered,
All for love it was God’s plan, sent to die that I might live.
Lamb of God, I humbly pray, guide me in Your Holy Word.
Come and see His nail-scarred hands. It was for my sin He died.

Come and hear His final words, “Father, please forgive them,
For they know not what they do.” It was love that held Him there.
You will be here by my side. I will not forsake Your name.
I commit my life to You. Lord, Your cross my mine to bear.

Opening Responses

O Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal’s death, we enter your presence in awe and adoration. On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life, but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born.

* Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died.
My richest gain, I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small.
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Sending

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

—Hebrews 12:1-3, NRSV

To Christ, our Lord, who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—from Revelation 1:5-6, NRSV

My burden in Thy Passion, Lord, Thou hast borne for me.
For it was my transgression which brought this woe on Thee.
I cast me down before Thee. Wrath were my rightful lot.
Have mercy I implore Thee. Redeemer spurn me not.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend?
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end.
O make me Thine forever and should I fainting be.
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

Prayers of the People

We stand beneath the cross of Jesus, and we see there his dying form.
Witnessing his suffering and his great love for us compels us to come
before him in prayer.

Giver of life, we wait with you to offer the hope
that comes from the cross to earth's darkest places.

Where pain is deep and affection is denied:

let love break through.

Where justice is destroyed,

let sensitivity to right spring up.

Where hope is crucified,

let faith persist.

Where peace has no chance,

let passion live on.

Where truth is trampled underfoot,

let the struggle continue.

Where fear paralyzes,

let forgiveness break through.

Eternal God, reach into the silent darkness of our souls
with the radiance of the cross.

O you who are the bearer of all pain,

have mercy on us.

Giver of life,

have mercy on us.

Merciful God,

have mercy on us. Amen.

**You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as
yourself, and when that love required you to shoulder a cross, you
summoned the strength to bear it.**

**Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross, teach us its
meaning once again and help us to take up our cross and follow
you. Amen.**

Special Music

“Jesus, Thank You”

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we know that you love us, so we confess that we have
let you down. Every day we betray you, deny you, misunderstand
you, crucify you. We betray you when we are selfish or unkind.
We deny you when we do not speak out for justice and truth. We
misunderstand you when we justify our actions by misquoting
your teaching. We are truly sorry, and we wait for your word of
love. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Reflection for Personal Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Dedication

In Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him
God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or
in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you
who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has
now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you
holy and blameless and irreproachable before him. Brothers and sisters:
through the cross of Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God.
Praise be to God!

—based on Colossians 1:19-22, NRSV

**May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the
world.**

—Galatians 6:14, NRSV

* Congregational Song “Upon a Life I Have Not Lived”

Upon a life I have not lived, upon a death I did not die,
Another’s life, another’s death, I stake my whole eternity.
Not on the tears which I have shed, not on the sorrows I have known,
Another’s tears, another’s griefs, on these I rest on these alone.

**O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me.
There both my death and life I read, My guilt and pardon, there I see.**

Lord, I believe, O deal with me, as one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift. Lord, look on me, as one who has Thy gift received.
(Chorus)

Proclaiming the Word

John 19:16-30

Narrator: They took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief Priests: Do not write, “The King of the Jews,” but, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.”

Narrator: Pilate answered,

Pilate: What I have written I have written.

Narrator: When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,

Soldiers: Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.

Narrator: This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

Jesus: Woman, here is your son.

Narrator: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: Here is your mother.

Narrator: And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

Jesus: I am thirsty.

Narrator: A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

Jesus: It is finished.

Narrator: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

* Congregational Song “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

O sacred Head now wounded with grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornfully surrounded, with thorns Thine only crown.
O sacred Head what glory what bliss, till now was Thine.
Yet though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou my Lord hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain.
Mine, mine was the transgression but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo here I fall my Savior, ‘tis I deserve Thy place.
Look on me with Thy favor. Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Remember your baptism, be thankful, and serve Jesus Christ in the power of his resurrection. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

* **HYMN** "Christ Is Alive"

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched unmoved by human pains
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more
And lives, where even hope has died

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise

* **BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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EASTER VIGIL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 4, 2026, AT 7:49 PM

Gregg D. Townsend, Pastor Jane M. Livingston, Director of Music

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SERVICE OF LIGHT

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Leader: Grace and peace from Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: And also with you.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer.

This is the Passover of Jesus Christ: Through light and the Word, through water and the bread and wine, we recall Christ's death and resurrection, we share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and with invincible hope we await Christ's coming again.

John 1:1, 4-5

Hear the Word of God: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

*** EASTER PROCLAMATION**

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*** HYMN** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

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!
Sinners 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!

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water.

In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land.

Remaining steadfast in your love for us, you promised to forgive us and cleanse us, and give to us a new heart and a new spirit

In the waters of Jordan: Jesus, who is your Word and Wisdom made flesh, was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we were buried with Christ in his death. From it we were raised to share in his resurrection,

Through it we were reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.

* RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

* PROFESSION

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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!

* RESPONSE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SERVICE OF READINGS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Friends in Christ, let us listen attentively to the word of God, recalling God's saving deeds throughout history and how, in the fullness of time, God's Word became flesh and dwelt among us:

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer!

God of grace and glory, open our hearts, ears, and eyes to understand, hear, and see your work among us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Were Created in God's Image

Genesis 1:24-2:3
Steve Seymour

We Sinned and Discord, Struggle, Pain, and Death Followed

Genesis 3:1-19, 6:5-8, and 11:1-9
Barb Sweet

God Called One People to Bless All Peoples

Genesis 12:1-4
Dianne Tyler

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Morning Song”

arr. Krug

God Delivered Us from Oppression and Slavery

Tom McClure
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Let us pray:

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. Through the waters of the sea you once delivered your chosen people from slavery, a sign for us of the salvation of all nations through the grace of Baptism. Grant that all of the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Salvation is Offered Freely to Everyone

Isaiah 55:1-11
Beth Seymour

* **HYMN** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters. You called to the deep.
Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep.
And over the eons You called to each thing:
Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **(Chorus)**

You swept through the desert. You stung with the sand.
And You goaded Your people with a law and a land.
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
Then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes. **(Chorus)**

You sang in a stable. You cried from a hill.
Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, You called once again,
When You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind. **(Chorus)**

You call from tomorrow. You break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions. Our men clear their eyes,
With bold new decisions, Your people arise. **(Chorus)**

God Promises Victory and Joy

Zephaniah 3:14-20

MESSAGE

Let us Pray:

Living God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life. Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Festive Overture”

Krug

**God is Victorious over Sin, Evil, and Death
in the Resurrection of Jesus**

John 20:1-18
Brooks Townsend

**God has United Us with Christ in His Death,
Resurrection, and New Life**

Romans 6:3-11
Marcia Regan

* **HYMN**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light my strength my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died.
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED EASTER FLOWERS. Please take them home after the Easter worship service. Our Deacons will deliver any flowers that are left to our members who are homebound.



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WELCOME



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* HYMN

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**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord.
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Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

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In faith we proclaim: Christ is risen,
death is overcome, and by God's grace
we press on toward the life revealed in Him.

We will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—from Psalm 118:1, 5, 14, 17, 22-24, NIV

Let us pray:

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** OPENING PRAISE** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

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!
Sinners 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!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Christus Victor” Bell and Chancel Choirs

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

—Ephesians 2:4-7, NRSV

*** SONG OF THANKSGIVING** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High’

Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.
**You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC “Victory” Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSONS I Corinthians 15:3-8, 51-57
Philipians 3:8-14

MESSAGE

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED EASTER FLOWERS. Please take them home after the Easter worship service. Our Deacons will deliver any flowers that are left to our members who are homebound.



Check out the bulletin boards throughout the Assembly Room and hallways.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR. Many hands make light work! We appreciate your help in making coffee hour a success!

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNING IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR OCCASION. Please email jmlivingston20@outlook.com with bulletin details.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FPCNE? Speak with Pastor Gregg. He'd love to talk with you.

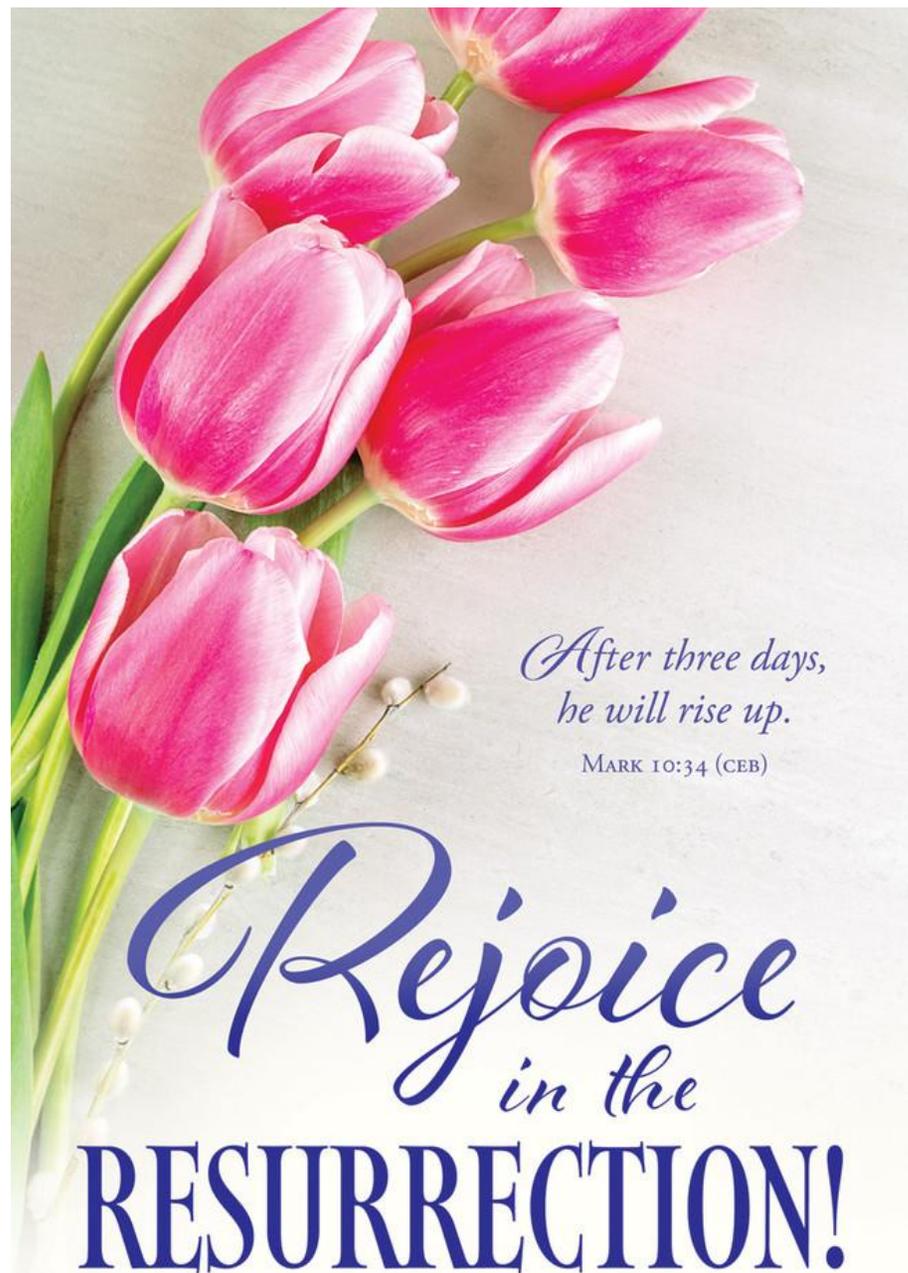
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2. Give through PayPal at paypal.me/fpcne or at [FPCNE.ORG](https://www.fpcne.org).
3. Scan the QR code with your phone camera using the card located in the pew pockets to go right to the church's Paypal account.
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