



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville



EASTER DAY
April 9, 2023
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

To know Christ, to make Him known, and to exhibit His love through worship, education, and service.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

The crowning evidence that Jesus was alive was not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship.
Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church.

— Clarence Jordan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Easter Suite

Michael Praetorius arr. Eberhard Ramm

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life, and may have it to the full.”

**All: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover Lamb, is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,

All: To receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

*†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

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!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Joel Locke (8:00)

Ben Merrill (9:30)

Gage Arnold (11:00)

FIRST LESSON | 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 (pg. 961)

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Is He Worthy?
Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**
Is all creation groaning? **It is.**
Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is he worthy of this? **He is.**
Does the Father truly love us? **He does.**
Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those he loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, he is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, he has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son. Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this? **He is.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dr. Sandra Randleman

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.

A moment for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | based on Ephesians 2:4–7

Pastor: 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.

All: **The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**

Pastor: Alleluia! As a forgiven people, let us stand in honor, and give thanks to God.

*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Glory Be to the Father
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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.

Whether you are a longtime member or a guest, please mark your presence by signing the friendship pad and greet those seated near you as you pass it along.

‡BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

During the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. services, children who are age 4, 5, or 6 (not in 1st grade) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

In Christ Alone
Getty | Townend

**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.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**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 power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | Matthew 28:1–10 (page 835)

²⁸ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.

See, I have told you.”⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Threatened by the Resurrection

Dr. Ryan Moore

“And behold, there was a great earthquake...” — Matthew 28:2

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah from Christ on the Mount of Olives

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

As you reflect on the Lord’s goodness, you can make an offering by dropping your gift in the offering plate, texting “GIVE” to 707-475-3005, or donating online at fpcnashville.org.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Dr. Stuart Gordon (8:00)

Dr. John Musgrave (9:30, 11:00)

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.

*HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. Refrain**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The congregation will be seated until after the choral benediction.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Hallelujah from Messiah

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ. And he shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata from Symphony No. 5
Charles Marie Widor

* *Those who are able, please stand.*
† *Latecomers may be seated.*

As you leave the service today, please use the center aisle to exit the Sanctuary.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ryan Moore, PhD – *Pastor*
Stuart Gordon, DMin – *Senior Associate Pastor for*
Christian Formation & Witness
John Musgrave, DMin – *Parish Associate*
Sandra Randleman, DMin – *Associate Pastor for*
Congregational Care & Missions
Raphael Bundage, DMA – *Director of Music*
Peter Rogahn, DMA – *Organist and Assistant*
Director of Music

Rhonda Swanson, MM – *Assistant Organist*
Claire Paschal – *Soprano*
Jeff Bailey and Preston Bailey – *Trumpet*
Jennifer Kummer – *French Horn*
Prentiss Hobbs – *Trombone*
Neil Konouchi – *Tuba*
Joshua Hickman – *Timpani*

Acolytes: Andrew Gardner, Reagan McMullen,
Elijah Moore, Kate Richardson, Luke Richardson, Annie Walker

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel McPheeters Glasgow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donnell Stanford Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Stanford Jr., and Mr. Robert Stanford III by Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Palmer III, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Blanton and Josephine Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Thombs III, and Palmer Thombs, Stanford Thombs and Meredith and John Nelson.

EASTER BREAKFAST

7:00–10:45 a.m. | *Courtenay Hall*

All are welcome to enjoy the Easter Breakfast following the service.
Please enter the Narthex and use stairwells to enter Courtenay Hall.

Hearing Assistance App Directions: Join WiFi network. You must be connected to this network for the app to work. Network Name: FPC Guest; Password: GreenRock-81. Download the WaveCAST app. Open the app and select “First Pres Sanctuary.” Plug in your headphones and adjust the volume to your preference.

Children and Families: Children of all ages are invited to worship alongside their families and **worship activity bags** are provided at each entrance to the Sanctuary. **Young Children & Worship** (ages 4–6) meets in room CW-110 in the Children’s Ministry Wing. **Nursery care** for children ages 0–3 years old is available from 7:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Check-in and pickup for nursery care are both located at the nursery entrance near Courtenay Lounge. The **Mother and Infant Quiet Room** is located in the Nursery Wing.

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The floral décor adorning the church today is given to the glory of God and in honor of

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LOOKING AHEAD

**Program Change: History, Politics, and Religion:
A Better Conversation about School Safety**

Tuesday, April 11 | 6:00 p.m.

**Finding Jesus in Health Care
at St. George's Episcopal Church**

Tuesday, April 11 | 7:00 p.m.

Leaving Your Legacy Dinner

Monday, April 17 | 6:00 p.m.

**First Friends Luncheon: What in the World is
Going on at the Nashville Airport?**

Thursday, April 20 | 12:00 p.m.

Inquirers Class

Saturday, April 22 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

Save the date for VBS 2023

July 25–27 | Evenings

First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. Since 1814 First Presbyterian has sought to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. We are rooted in the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical traditions of the larger church. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you!

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