



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Church of Nashville

EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024

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

Jesus audaciously abolished death, transforming it from a door that slammed to, into one that opened to whoever knocked. He made death, as Bonhoeffer joyously said on his way to be executed, for a Christian a beginning, not an end. It was the key to life; to die was to live.

—Malcolm Muggeridge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Easter Suite

Michael Praetorius | 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

Dr. John Musgrave (8:00)

Gage Arnold (9:30)

Mallory Hammond (11:00)

*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

² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

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

Gage Arnold (8:00)

Dr. Sandra Randleman (9:30, 11:00)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. Jesus alone is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. Jesus alone is able to break the power of sin and death. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledge 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 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.**

*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 8:30 and 11:00 services, PreK and Kindergarten
children (ages 4–6) are invited to join Young Children & Worship.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

In Christ Alone

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**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (page 961)

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Greatest News

Dr. Ryan Moore

"...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day..." —1 Corinthians 15:3–4

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah from Christ on the Mount of Olives
Ludwig van Beethoven

Now will death and hell be vanquish'd, and the fight be wholly done. 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

Mallory Hammond (8:00)
Dr. Stuart Gordon (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 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns
DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

*CHARGE AND 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*, Greg Thomas – *Tenor*
Jeff Bailey and Preston Bailey – *Trumpet*
Jennifer Kummer – *French Horn*
Prentiss Hobbs – *Trombone*
Neil Konouchi – *Tuba*
Joshua Hickman – *Timpani*
Acolytes: Annie Walker, Graham Walker, Kate Richardson, Luke Richardson, Andrew Gardner

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.

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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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Willie B. Wilson
Elizabeth Wood
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Dr. and Mrs. Joe Zanone

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

FPC Offices Closed | Monday, April 1 — The church offices will be closed for the Easter holiday.

Inquirer's Class | Saturday, April 6 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. — If you are interested in membership or gaining a deeper understanding of First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, we invite you to attend our Inquirers Class. Lunch and childcare are provided; registration requested. For more information, contact Julia Wilk (jwilk@fpcnashville.org or 615-473-8742).

History, Politics, and Religion | Tuesday, April 9 (new date) | 6:00 p.m. | Gathering Place

Kirkin' o' th' Tartan & Festival | Sunday, May 19 (new date)

Pickleball | Wednesdays through May | 5:00–8:00 p.m. Enrichment Center

VBS Registration Open! | Evenings, June 24–27 — Join us for Run the Race VBS this summer! Children age 4 through rising 4th graders will team up to explore what it means to trust and obey Jesus through Bible stories, skits, music, crafts, and games. This year we will be talking about “running the race” by looking to Jesus! Questions? Contact Mallory Hammond (mhammond@fpcnashville.org).

WELCOME!

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!

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE CONNECTED?

Fill out the Connect Card to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering plate so we can follow up!

TALK TO A PASTOR

The pastoral staff is here for you. Call us at 615-383-1815 if you would appreciate a pastoral visit/call, have pastoral care needs, would like to be on a prayer list, or if you are in the hospital. Prayer requests can be confidential and limited to the pastors.

FAMILY CHANGES OR CONTACT UPDATE

If you or someone in your family has a major life change (expecting a baby, marriage, loss of a loved one, etc.) or your contact information has changed, please complete a Connect Card, located in the back of the pew rack. Whether it is joyful or sorrowful, please inform the church so we can care for you and stay in touch. Complete the Connect Card or contact us at communications@fpcnashville.org.

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