

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 • 9:30 & 11:15 AM



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AN EASTER WELCOME

We welcome members and visitors to this celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we worship with joy and thanksgiving, may we sense the presence of the risen Christ and the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. If you are visiting with us, we hope you will return again soon and find in this church family a spiritual home and refuge. Our good news and proclamation today and always is: Jesus Christ is risen and he is Lord!

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* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

<i>Easter Carillon</i> Brass, Timpani, and Organ	Robert J. Powell
<i>Laudation</i> Sanctus Ringers	Arnold B. Sherman
<i>Canzona</i> Brass, Timpani, and Organ	Richard Hillert
<i>Festive Praises</i> Sanctus Ringers	Fred Gramann
<i>Festive Entry</i> Brass, Timpani, and Organ	Richard Strauss

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ, we greet you!
Your hands still have holes in them,
Your feet are wet from the dew;
And with the memory of our names
Undimmed by three days of death
You meet us,
Risen from the grave.

**We fail to understand how;
We puzzle at the reason why.**

But you have come;
Not to answer our questions
But to show us your face.

**You are alive,
And the world can rejoice again,
Alleluia!**

* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
(There will be an interlude before Stanza 4)

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection, through Jesus, you loudly declare your plan to restore all creation to new life. In our worries, in our mistakes, in our pain, remind us of the hope of new life. Instead of fear, or shame, or doubt, help us act out of our hope, that through us, your love might shine all the brighter....

Cover:

HE QI

"The Risen Christ"
heqiart.com
Beginning in April, FPC will host an art exhibit by He Qi in the Social Hall.

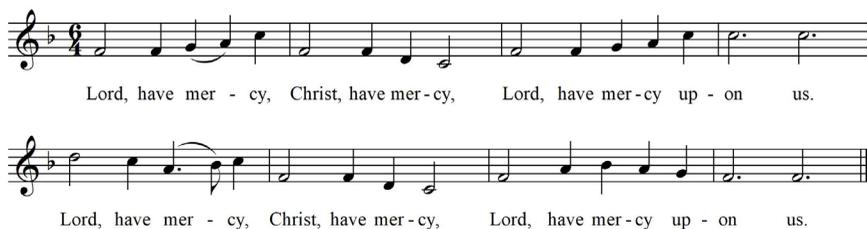
Thank you to fiber artist Beth Taylor for creating the new white quilted banners at the front of the Sanctuary. Beth Taylor lives in Meadowview, VA.

The Call to Worship calls us to leave our daily cares behind to focus on what's really important—God, the Creator of all; Jesus Christ, the divine and eternal Word; and the Spirit which binds us all together as siblings yoked in Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

During the Assurance of Forgiveness, we are reminded that we are continually being made new into the Image of Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA

(please sing twice)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Te Deum

John Rutter

Chancel Choir, Brass, Timpani, and Organ

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee; the Creator everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy; Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble arm of martyrs praise thee.
The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
The Maker of an infinite majesty;
Thine honorable, true, and only Son.
Also, the Holy Ghost, the comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Maker.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver us;
Thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death;
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God; in the glory of the Maker.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed
with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints; in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify thee; And we worship thy name;
Ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us;
As our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
Let me never be confounded.

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Rutter (b. 1945) is one of England's best-known composers of the late 20th century. His compositions are chiefly choral, and include Christmas carols, anthems and extended works such as the *Gloria*, the *Requiem* and the *Magnificat*.

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WELCOME

Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. **Please sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partner is Beth Gerwig.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Faith Formation classes will not meet this morning. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Hannah Lundberg, *Transitional Pastor for Resident Ministry*

Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Cora Meade, 9:30 AM *Lay Reader*

Emma Schneidewind, 11:15 AM *Lay Reader*

USHERS

Keith Bilby

Sheila Bilby

Jim Cameron

Carol Carter

Spaulding Clark

Angela Yang

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Sanctus Ringers

Anderson Romero, Mark Flegg, Gordon Ward, *trumpet*

Carrie Banfield-Taplin, *horn*

Kenneth Kroesche, Elijah Emmons, Stefan Stolarchuk, *trombone*

David Zerkel, *tuba*

Cary Kocher, *timpani*

Jason Ihnat, *percussion*

Gregg Emerson Powell, *Orchestra Coordinator*

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

APR 06

YOGA

SATURDAYS in APRIL
11:00 AM | Lewis Room

This gentle Hatha yoga class is a great way to start the day! This class will help us bring awareness to our physical and mental bodies and is suitable for all ages and experience levels.

OPEN DOORS CONCERT

4:00 PM | Sanctuary

Hai Xin Wu and ZhiHua Tang —two extraordinary musicians, who are also husband and wife, are delighted to share this all-too-rare opportunity to collaborate in a program of music for piano and violin.

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APR 18

FIELD TRIP: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN COLLECTIONS

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Bentley Historical Library and the Museum of Archaeological Anthropology and then lunch at Gandy Dancer.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

4:00 PM | Home of Ben and Betsy McCallister

Join us for light refreshments, introductions by pastors and fellow attendees, and information about the life and ministry of our vibrant community of faith.

21 APR

APR 28

LESSONS FROM THE HOLOCAUST An Evening with Irene Butter

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Irene Butter is a German-American Professor Emeritus in Economic Sciences at U of M and a Holocaust survivor. Join us for a special presentation and dinner.

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