



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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APRIL 5, 2015  
EASTER SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.



He Qi, *The Risen Christ Appears*, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*,  
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## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE** *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*

Sigrid Karg-Elert  
arr. Warren Wernick  
John Ferguson

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Conrad (8:00)  
Rev. Rogers (9:30)  
Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

**INTROIT**

*Love Is Come Again*

arr. Alice Parker  
and Robert Shaw

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen,  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

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## RESURRECTION PROCLAMATION

One: This is the good news –  
the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

**All: Hallelujah!**

One: This is the good news –  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**All: Hallelujah!**

One: This is the good news –  
once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**All: Hallelujah!**

One: Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace  
we now share with each other.

**All: Hallelujah!**

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

\* HYMN 123

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

\* EASTER PRAYER

\* SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

*As Easter people, all are invited to greet one another with the joy we experience as God's people. Turn to one another and share the Good News, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!"*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sorbie Richner (8:00)  
Zachary Edwards (9:30)  
Brooke Phillips (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**ANTHEM**

*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal  
Ringing on the farther shore.  
As I near those swollen waters,  
With their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb.  
Hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM.

And my soul though stained with sorrow,      Souls have crossed before me, saintly,  
Fading as the light of day,                      To that land of perfect rest;  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters              And I hear them singing faintly  
To the city far away.                              In the mansions of the blest.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 20:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*Woman, Why Weepest Thou?* Heinrich Schütz

“Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?”

“My Savior and my Lord hath been removed, and I know not the place where they have laid His body.”

“Maria. [Mary.]”

“Raboni! [Teacher!]”

“Do not touch Me now; not yet am I on high ascended unto My Father. I go on high unto My Father, who is your own Father, your God.”

Christ is arisen, Christ is arisen from the dead.

The fears of death He did allay                      All Christians may rejoice today  
And led His own from them away                  And praise the Holy Trinity  
To dwell with Him in endless day.              Forever to eternity.

**SERMON**

*Where is Jesus?*

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*

**In the death of Jesus Christ,**

**God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated.**

**But death was no match for God.**

**The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over death.**

**Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living,  
that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing.**

**We do not yet see the end of death.**

**But Christ has been raised from the dead,  
transformed and yet the same person.**

**In his resurrection is the promise of our own.**

**We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us  
is stronger than the death that destroys us.**

**The glory of that life exceeds our imagination  
but we know that we shall be with Christ.**

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**So we treat death as a broken power.  
Its ultimate defeat is certain.  
In the face of death we grieve,  
yet in hope we celebrate life.  
No life ends so tragically  
that its meaning and value are destroyed.  
Nothing, not even death, can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\* HYMN 108

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

**WELCOME**

Rev. Rodawla (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

(8:00) *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King* Volckmar Leisring

Ye sons and daughters of the King!  
Lift up your hearts, let voices ring!  
Now to the Lord your praises bring.  
Christ is raised up! Rejoice and sing!

(9:30/11:00) *My Eternal King* Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee; not because  
I hope for heaven thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not  
Must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me  
Upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails and spear,  
And manifold disgrace,  
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,  
should I not love thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heav'n,  
Or of escaping hell;  
Not with the hope of gaining aught,  
Not seeking a reward;  
But as Thyself hast loved me,  
O everloving Lord!  
E'en so I love thee, and will love,  
And in thy praise will sing;  
Solely because thou art my God,  
And my most loving King.

Poem (anonymous) from 17<sup>th</sup> Century Latin  
Translated by Rev. Edward Caswall

\* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### 🌿 Sending 🌿

\* HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lo - ving - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

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

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

*Refrain*

where thy bo - dy lay.  
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son;  
to thy home a - bove.

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

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Hallelujah!*  
from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

*Music is provided with your bulletin. Please join in singing.*

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**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!**

*Please leave the music in your pew or at the door as you leave.*

**\* POSTLUDE**

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

**Welcome to all!** Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Dale Leslie and Jim Rogers. **Church Office volunteers** are Sarah Krein and Ruth Weber. **Greeters** are Rudi and Tissy Ansbacher and Debbie and John Ternes at 8:00 a.m.; Mary Evans, Karla Olson-Belfi, and Gail Grady at 9:30 a.m.; Don and Gale Redding at 10:00 a.m.; and Carole and George Hendrickson and Roy Mast at 11:00 a.m.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team member is Malcolm Powers at 9:30, and Ginny Rezmierski at 11:00. "Prayer may not change things for you, but it for sure changes you for things." – Samuel M. Shoemaker

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Marty Reineman (captain), Keith Molin, Brady West, Alice Gaujanian, and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Keith Molin, Len Rezmierski, Kerry Colligan, Jim Cameron, Barb Carlisle, Dean Gilchrist, Sheila Bilby, Keith Bilby, Jim Rogers, and Carol Carter at 9:30 a.m.; Don and Gale Redding at 10:00 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Carter Hodgson, Peggy Hodgson, Dean Gilchrist, Keith Molin, Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, and Cindy Address at 11:00 a.m.

**Musicians providing music leadership** are Jeffrey Lewandowski, trumpet; Paul Lewis, trumpet; Carrie Banfield-Taplin, horn; Joe McInchak, trombone; Martha Farmer, bass trombone; Terence Farmer, percussion; and Carol Muehlig, organ; Leslie Smith, soprano; Jessica Menke, soprano; Doris Granum, soprano; Jason Berger, tenor; and Benjamin Clements, bass, at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. services. Music leadership at the 10:00 a.m. service is provided by Gale Kramer, organ and piano.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. **Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day**. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available at 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00. Worship totes are available for children attending worship.

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**The One Great Hour of Sharing offering** will be received today. The Session has designated 30% of the offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Vanuatu, a Pacific Island nation hit by a tropical cyclone on March 14. First Pres members Tim and Marti Wendler have worked in Vanuatu.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In observance of Easter Monday**, the building will be closed tomorrow.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at all worship services next Sunday.

**Communion Food Collection** is next Sunday. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for Second Mile Center. Requested items include tuna, chicken, beans, corn, fruit, pasta, and cereal.

**Fair Trade coffee will be sold next Sunday during Coffee Hour.**

Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serve Fair Trade coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee.

**Mature Singles** will meet for dinner this Friday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m., at Creekside Grill, 5827 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

**The Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by the Deacons is Monday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) If you have questions contact John Yodhes at [jjodhes@gmail.com](mailto:jjodhes@gmail.com) or Susan Sweet Scott at 320-5819 or [sweetscott@comcast.net](mailto:sweetscott@comcast.net).

**Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presents** "Families in Crisis - A Fresh Look at Early Psychosis & Schizophrenia," with Robert L. Wright, MA, and Dr. Raj Rajarthinam, from the Early Treatment Center of Ann Arbor. They will discuss the signs and symptoms, what it's like for a family to realize their loved one is struggling with this illness, available treatments, and current research. Join us on Monday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Everyone is invited.

**The next Immature Ministries gathering** is Friday, April 17, 7:00–9:00 p.m., at the home of Jamie and Susie Reynolds, 5416 Waldenhill Court, Ypsilanti. If you are in your 40s or 50s and enjoy laughter and good conversation, you are welcome to join us. Eat dinner before arriving and bring \$7.50/ person to cover costs to enjoy pairings of beer and chocolate and wine and cheese. Sign up on the church website or by contacting Sandy Talbott or Rev. Rogers.

**A baptism class** is offered on April 19, 9:30–11:00 a.m. If you are interested in having your child baptized or if you are an adult who has not been baptized, please contact the Church Office to register. **Upcoming Baptism Sundays** include May 10, May 31, and July 26.

**The College of Elders** meets on Saturday, April 18, 9:00–10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church or Minister of the Word and Sacrament, you are invited to attend. Please call the Church Office to Rsvp by Wednesday, April 15.

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## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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