

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

April 16, 2017

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude (8:30) "Christ is Alive" arr. McDonald
(10:00) "Fugue in B^b" Pachelbel

Call to Worship Psalm 118:22-23
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!
He is risen indeed!
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* Processional Hymn 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn.
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power to change lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of abundant life,
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Easter Response (587)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Words of Welcome

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6 (OT, p. 733)
A Time with Children

Anthem "Christ is Arisen, Indeed!" Natalie Sleeth

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 27:62-28:10 (NT, p. 33)
Sermon: "Grabbing His Feet" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

* Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
He is our Lord and our God!**

Offering

Offertory (8:30) "Thine Is the Glory" arr. Brunner
(10:00) "Panis Angelicus" Cesar Franck

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served. During the serving of bread and cup, we will sing hymns 240 and 520.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 233 "The Day of Resurrection!"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen 601
- * Postlude (8:30) "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" arr. Hobby
(10:00) "La Rejouissance" from Music for Royal Fireworks" Handel

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Pastor	William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Chris Norton
Instrumentalists	Robert Bottger, Joseph Stefanko – Trumpet; Kristen Stefanko – Trombone; Cody Messersmith - Tuba
Ushers	Meg Hatch, John Diven, Gayle Hamilton, Sara Ann Hosier
Welcomers	John Conklin (8:30), Mick and Lee Wirth (10:00)
Servers	Jim McLaughlin, Judy Cutler, Betsy Ellis, Dave Porter, Donna Porter, Phil Muntzel (8:30) Beverly Bright, Jack Pittman, Kim Barrows, Janet Stansbury, Susan Flynn, Myrna Diven, Chris Norton, Dave Brown, Meg Hatch (10:00)

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Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Matthew 27:62-28:10

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat

on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."