

First Presbyterian Church

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Share God's Love

“The motto of the First Presbyterian Church is to Share God’s Love, Shine God’s Light, and Get Shaped as God’s People”

Easter Sunday



Holy Communion & Children's Moment Sunday, April 5, 2026

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Worship Icons

The icons below are provided throughout the Order of Worship to encourage participation of all ages and abilities.



Speaking



Music



Listen



Pray



Scripture Reading



Offering



Holy Communion

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation

*Asterisk invites all who are able to stand

White is a liturgical color that symbolizes days and seasons of joy and resurrection i.e. Communion, Easter, Funerals, Baptisms, and Christmas Eve. White represents purity or holiness.

The Prelude calls us to quiet our hearts and minds in preparation for worship. We invite you to keep silence as you open yourself to the Spirit.

Order of Worship

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship. There is a children's corner with activities in the back of the Sanctuary. If needed, there is a nursery with attendants (end of long hall) available during the service.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dysvangelical Book Study
 - Tuesdays at 6 PM, Zoom & Peter's Room
- Building For a Future That's Not Our Own -
 - Congregation Surveys available in the Gathering Space
- Deacons Elementary Clothing Drive
- Youth Mission Trip Bingo & Talent Fundraiser
 - Friday, April 10 from 6-8 PM



PRELUDE:

Jubilee for Bells

Sound Appeal & Chloe Carter



*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

One: The good news is dancing!

All: The good news is on the loose!

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.



*OPENING HYMN:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 232



CALL TO CONFESSION:

One: Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God. The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God. And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return.

Jesus rose again and immediately went to work spreading God’s love to the very people who had hurt him. So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God’s love at bay. With that good news in mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us. Friends, let us pray:



PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we don’t know where to look. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.

So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.” We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.



SILENT PRAYER



KYRIE:

“In My Life” v. 1

No. 468



PROMISE OF GRACE:

One: Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.



*GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

“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.”



CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Two Cent-a-Meal Offering

Prayer of Reconciliation

Confession is our chance to be honest with God so that our relationship may be repaired and our hearts reconciled. We confess the reality of brokenness in personal and communal life.

Promise of Grace

After confession, we remember how, in baptism, God claims us and names us beloved, commissioning us for lives of service in Christ’s name.

Children’s Moment:

All children are invited forward to participate.

Prayer of Illumination

We pray for the Spirit to be present in the reading and our hearing of Scripture.

SERMON NOTES:



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

No. 458



SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 25:6-9

p. 652

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. **7** And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; **8** he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. **9** It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

One: The Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.



WESTMINSTER CHOIR ANTHEM: *Rejoice, Sing An Alleluia* by Joseph M. Martin
Westminster Choir & Re:Creation



SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 28:1-10

p. 33

1 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** 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. **3** His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** 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.” **8** So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

One: The Words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



LENT SERMON SERIES: “The Good News Is: Alive in the World” Rev. Trey Hegar



***HYMN:**

“Here I Am Lord”
(March Hymn Madness Finalist)

No. 69



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so we believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

We have seen it alive in the world. And even when our hearts aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, we remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.

We remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. We remember that the good news really is good news, for we have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

✝ **THE SACREMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**
Invitation to the Table

🙏 **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**
Our Father/Mother/Creator 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.

✝ **Words That Jesus Spoke**
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Prayer Following Communion

🙏 **OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS**
Last Collection of One Great Hour of Sharing

🎵 **CLOSING HYMN:** "Christ Is Alive!" v. 1, 2, 4, 5 **No. 246**

👂 **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

🎵 **POSTLUDE**

Worship Helpers

Morning Building Assistant: **Dan Heater** Ushers: **Curt & Ginnie Swarm**
Financial Secretary: **Ginnie Swarm** Treasurer: **Marvin Bricker**
Financial Clerk: **Jeff Willham** Communion Preparer: **Pat Richenberger**
Communion Bread Baker: **Steve Readinger**

Holy Communion: Communion is shared with modified intinction with tables at the front with bread and juice. There is gluten-free bread available at the station closest to the choir loft. To help the flow of traffic, if able, please come forward from the center aisles and return using the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, our servers will bring communion to you. You may take the elements as soon as you receive them or once you return to your pew. Please consider this time during communion as an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and meditation.

Code to give online to the church



Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people

Week of Sunday, April 5, 2026

SUN: 6:15 AM **Easter Sunrise Service** - Parking Lot
8:30 **Westminster Choir Practice** - Sanctuary
9:45 AM **Easter Sunday Service with Communion & Children's Moment**
Fellowship Time to Follow

MON-THU: 10:30 AM **Meals on Wheels** (bag pickup/drop off) - Parking Lot

MON: Office Closed

TUE: 1-2:30 PM **Caregivers Support Group** - Peter's Room
6 PM **Dysvangelical Book Study** - Peter's Room & Zoom
6:30 PM **Scouts** - Fellowship Hall
7 PM **Tri-T** - Gathering Space

WED: 10:30 AM **Pastor Trey's Bible Study** - Peter's Room
3:15-5:15 PM **Re:Creation** - Fellowship Hall
5:25-6 PM **Bell Choir: Soul Notes** - Sanctuary
6:15-8 PM **Press On Youth Group** - Fellowship Hall & Youth Room
6:15-7:15 PM **Bell Choir: Sound Appeal Rehearsal** - Sanctuary

THU: 7 PM **Book Group** - Gathering Space

FRI: 6-8 PM **Youth Mission Trip Bingo and Talent Fundraiser** - Fellowship Hall

SAT: **PEO Fundraiser Set Up** - Fellowship Hall

Easter Lilies

Thank you to all those who have provided Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones.

- In memory of **Evelyn & Marlene Glanzman and Dean Church**,
 - given by *Jean Church*

Deacons Elementary Clothing Drive

Collection Ends April 30

The Deacons are once again collecting undergarments, sweatpants, and socks for the elementary schools. New or gently used donations will be accepted. There are decorated boxes in the Gathering Space near the entry way. For a little friendly competition, put your donations in your favorite team box and the team box with the most donations wins! Collection will end Thursday, April 30.

Youth Mission Trip BINGO and TALENT Fundraiser

Friday, April 10, 6-8 PM, Fellowship Hall

Join the youth of our church for a night of fun and fellowship. Entrance will be \$20 for your Bingo cards. Silent auction items will also be available for bidding. If you have an item to donate for the silent auction please talk to a youth or a youth leader. The youth group is going to Des Moines for a Mission/Service Trip in early June. Your support is truly appreciated!

Card Shower

Joy Johnson's 90th birthday is April 17th! We're having a card shower to celebrate her on this special occasion. Many of you have known Joy since the time our family joined First Presbyterian in 1968. If you'd like to give her a card, you can drop it off in the church office by Tuesday, April 14th (no gifts, please). Thanks for your cards & longtime friendship! Love & blessings from Joy's kids: **Gayle, Tim, & Merilee**

Building For A Future That's Not Our Own

Over the next couple of months you are encouraged to participate in several opportunities to collect data and information about the life of our church. This information will help our leaders (Elders and Pastors) along with Forest Walk Consulting to develop a path for future ministry. We want to hear from you! There are congregational surveys in the Gathering Space and a link will be sent out in the Weekly Announcements. You will also be invited to participate in a small group conversation. Stay tuned for more information. The future thanks you!

Prayer Concerns

- **Lois Roth's brother, Mark Veldhuizen, sister-in-law, Kim Veldhuizen, sister-in-law, Penny Veldhuizen**
- **Jack Becker's brother, Jerry Becker**
- **Tara Beauchamp's dad, Doug Cowan**
- **Leo Clark's stepdad, Raymond Aynes**
- **Karilyn Bale's granddaughter, Karilyn**
- **Erica Redgate's mother, Audrey Redgate, uncles, Dave Richardt and Gordon**
- **Rose Mary Wise's niece, Nancy Hill**
- **Terry Wasson, Dee Bengel, Sandy Memler, Scott Redgate**
- **Marilyn Vincent's friend, Sandy Crandell**
- **Kerry Murray, Griffin Manfredi**
- **Carol Chesnutt's mother, Carolyn Thorsen**
- **Chaiden Miller**
- **Barb Parker, nephew Chad, step-sister, Leslye**
- **Matt Lawler's brother, Ken**
- **Liz & Terry Wasson's niece, Terrill**
- **Susan Farnsworth's mother Joyce, brother, Jeff Stanley**
- **National Guard Troops - 224th Engineer Battalion**
- **Our shut-ins & those in care centers**
- **Israel & Palestine; Ukraine; Minneapolis & the United States**