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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.



April 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER. FAITH IS ALWAYS A MIX OF BELIEF AND DOUBT, SO WITH THOMAS WE PROCLAIM: "MY LORD AND MY GOD!" (JOHN 20:28).

Missions Breakfast - We hope you were able to join us at 9:15 a.m. for breakfast and a Missions program, *Overcoming Stigma*. Morgan Bibbee, who works in the recovery community, spoke to us about ministering to this group of people as the body of Christ, and overcoming our possible fears and prejudices concerning addiction. If you were unable to attend, but would like to learn more, please see Morgan James or contact her at Bibbeemorgan@gmail.com

Hearing Devices - If you would like to use one of our hearing devices during worship, please see the sound technician and he will provide one for you.

Communion - The Worship Committee is looking for ordained deacons and elders to serve Communion during worship services. Sign up for a specific Sunday at the table in the foyer. We will need 2 elders and 2 deacons for each service. See Kelly Beckett if you have questions.

The Gathering is Back! Plan to come to our first *Gathering* on **Wednesday, May 4, at 6 p.m.**, in Stevenson Hall. It will be a classic cookout, with hot dogs and burgers. The Session will provide the meat; just bring your favorite side dishes and drinks. Signups will be in the foyer next week. You won't want to miss this!

Graduate Sunday - On **Sunday, May 15**, we will honor our graduates during our 10:30 worship service. If you or a family

member will be graduating from high school or college this spring, please contact the office with that information so you may be properly recognized that day.

Memorial Day Observance - On May 29, during our 10:30 Service for the Lord's Day, we will honor deceased veterans. If you would like to recognize loved ones who served in our nation's armed forces, please fill out the form in your bulletin. You may place it in the offering plate, or return to the office by **Monday, May 23**.

Children's Ministries - Our nursery and toddler room are open for kids through age 4, and we now have Children's Church for K - 2nd graders. For kids in grades 3 and above, who remain in the Sanctuary, special activity bulletins are available inside the Sanctuary door.

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"I find something in every day that pleases me. The cornerstone, my belief in God, makes my heart glad and my face shining."

—Johann Goethe's mother

STATS AT-A-GLANCE		
	March	YTD
Income	\$15,139.04	\$63,944.93
Expenses	\$29,029.50	\$63,955.20
Diff. (+ /-)	(\$13,886.46)	(\$10.27)
Avg. Attendance:	Mar.	YTD
	8:30	12
	10:30	44
	Facebook	8 Families

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

arr. Sandra K. Richards

*Call to Worship

Jesus Christ appeared to the disciples.

God is alive, new birth is given.

The disciples received the Holy Spirit.

Love is alive, death cannot harm us.

We are alive, new life is within us.

The church is alive. God's spirit is within us.

Sing out the news— Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Holy Peace-Giver, we gather in your name,

invited by Jesus, bound together with your Spirit.

Help us to take this time to center on you,

for you made us,

you gave us life,

and you continue to be with us

every moment, every breath, every step.

We turn to you this morning. Amen.

*Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

GTG - 667; PH - 487**

Children's Message

*Those who are able, please stand.

**GTG = Glory to God (purple); PH = Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Living God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
 You call, but we have not listened.
 We confess that at times
 our doubts and fears override our hope and faith.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Lift up our spirits, Lord,
 and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now,
 not just the hope of resurrection for the future.
 Make us Easter People: people of the Resurrection,
 people who know that what was thought to be impossible
 has been conquered;
 through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Child of God, listen to the sound of the waters
 and remember that God's love is always close:
 within us, between us, and around us.
 Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do:
 you are accepted, you are welcomed.
 You are forgiven, you are raised up.
 In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
 Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Response

Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Glory to God

HYMN TO JOY

*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.*

GROWING

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.
Break open our hearts and pour out your love
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Scripture Acts 2:42-47 p. 772
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Scripture John 20:18-29 p. 769
The gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon “WITH GLAD HEARTS” Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession of Faith The 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.*

CARING

The Offering I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE
(Hymn 515 - Glory to God hymnal)

*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Glory to God*
OLD HUNDREDTH

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Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.*

GOING

***Hymn**

Christ Is Alive!
GTG - 246**

TRURO

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

The Postlude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Carl Boberg



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Greeters - *Kyle Allen, Carl Gheen*
Ushers - *Bob and Rita Fish, Amy Leach, Ann Leach*
Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*
Liturgist - *Jessica Linville*
Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Guest Organist - *Jason Wyers*

Next week, May 1, we continue our Easter worship series,
Heart of the Matter.

The theme will be "Straight from the Heart"
and scriptures will include Luke 24:13-35.

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, April 24

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
9:15 a.m. Missions Breakfast - Stevenson Hall
10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 26

- 12:30 p.m. PW Board meeting - Harris Room

Thursday, April 28

- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3 - Scout House

Saturday, April 30

- 8:00 a.m. Saturday Stewards workday

Sunday, May 1 *Communion*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
10:15 - Coffee with the Pastor
10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Wayne Sanders	Tom & Linda Buchanan	Karen Foss
Jennifer Eblen	Doug Anderson	Sharon Karr
Harriet Litteral	Nancy Pillichody	Chuck Baker
Konnor Willis	The Hendley family	Pearl Wright
Denise Fragale	Mary Anne Danser	Matt Null
John B. White	Roy Clark & family	Butch Shaver
Delmas Radcliff	Homebound Members	Bill Niday
Carrie Schafer	Troops – World Peace	Debra Burns
	Victims in Ukraine	

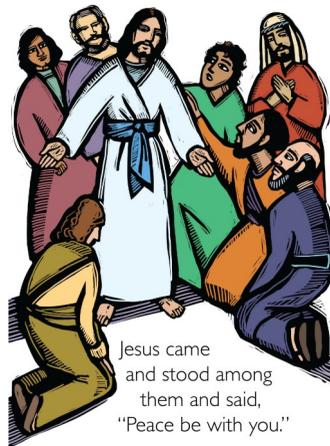
SPOILER ALERT

In these days of DVRs and streaming programming, it's common courtesy to warn people before discussing a show's plot or ending. How frustrating to inadvertently hear how a much-anticipated drama concludes!

Knowing how everything ends is a blessing for Christians, however. Jesus' victory over death gives us hope and confidence for this life — and for the life to come.

"The church does not pretend ... that it does not know what will happen with the crucified Jesus," writes Thomas Hopko in *The Orthodox Faith*. "It does not sorrow and mourn over the Lord as if the church itself were not the very creation which has been produced from his wounded side and from the depths of his tomb. All through [Holy Week] services, the victory of Christ is contemplated and the resurrection is proclaimed."

Indeed, Jesus' followers know how his story — and therefore our story — ends: in Easter life!



Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19, NRSV