

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*Praeludium in G Major*

*Nicolaus Bruhns*

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*adapted from* Psalm 30

One: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

One: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

**All: He has turned our mourning into dancing; he has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.**

One: Praise the Lord with all your soul and do not be silent.

**All: We will give thanks to the Lord our God forever.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died**

**As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied**

**Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer**

**Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!**

**Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save**

**Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave**

**Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room**

**He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb**

**Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change**

**All whose lives are messed and mangled, all who find religion strange**

**Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been**

**Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

*from* Psalm 30

One: Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE

*Christ is Alive!*

TRURO

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age**

**Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

During this time, we invite you to pass the peace by texting or emailing a fellow church member, family member, friend, relative, or loved one.

***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

***A Grateful Heart***

*Mary McDonald*

As we gather in your house to worship,  
Let us bring to you a heart of praise.  
For your love will never fail us;  
To your Name, our thanks we raise.

For your love and tender mercy;  
For your goodness and your grace.  
May we ever praise you, Father,  
When we seek your Holy face.

Lord, we know your love is everlasting;  
From your favor, we will ne'er depart.  
This our prayer we offer to you, Father:  
Bless us with a grateful heart. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-19a

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Tim Reynolds**

***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

TIME FOR REFLECTION

***Christ has Arisen, Verse 1***

*J. S. Bach*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION 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.**

HYMN OF SENDING      *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*      RATISBON

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light  
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee  
Joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see  
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief  
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief  
More and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE      *Christ has Arisen, Verse 3*      J. S. Bach

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Tim Reynolds – Pastor  
Sarah Morgan – Pastor  
Jan Barber – Liturgist  
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts  
David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist  
Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator  
2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir  
**Technicians:** Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The Rochelle family, the Kasler/Dodson family, Brice Gilmer, Amy Cross, and Aggie Bell.

\*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.

*Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.*

**WORSHIP & CELEBRATION**

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given by Clara Hardin to the glory of God and in memory of A. B. "Cap" Hardin.

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Apr 11	Acts 9:1-19a	The Conversion of Saul
Apr 18	Acts 9:19b-31	Saul Preaches & Visits Jerusalem
Apr 25	Acts 9:32-43	Peter's Works of Healing
May 2	Acts 10:1-48	Conversion of Cornelius

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE:** At their March meeting, the Session decided to resume in-person worship NEXT Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see April's *Second Edition* or our website for more information and our reopening guidelines. For those who are still not comfortable worshipping in person, we invite you to continue to worship with us via our live stream.

**USHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Since our church will be resuming in-person worship next Sunday April 18th, we are asking members who might be willing to serve as an usher to please email Betsy Foster at [bgf1947@att.net](mailto:bgf1947@att.net).

### ***FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE***

**A PASTORAL CARE UPDATE PAGE** is on our website under the 'Members' tab. Please contact the church office if you need the password to access this area.

**COMPASSIONATE CUISINE** meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at [flowlilly@gmail.com](mailto:flowlilly@gmail.com) or 865.765.0549.

**VISITING SHUT-INS:** With the "opening up" of society again, some folks are asking about visiting our shut-ins. And while they would love the company, *the key is to call before you go*. Each facility has differing protocol and it changes frequently. For folks shut in at home, the decision is individual. Thank you for thinking about our fragile community. Cards and calls are always welcome.

### ***DISCIPLESHIP***

**CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are excited and looking forward to coming back to "in person" worship on April 18th. We are in need of 2 volunteers on Sunday mornings for the Nursery and Toddler/Preschool classes. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Holly Grimm at [hgrimm@2ndpres.org](mailto:hgrimm@2ndpres.org) or 865-243-6353.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Tim is currently leading us in a study of *The Book of Confessions*. A new lesson is posted on our YouTube channel and on our website each Thursday. We invite you to study the lesson at your leisure. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, we meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month. We will be meeting THIS Wednesday. The Zoom link will be sent out via email on Wednesday morning. If you are not on our email distribution list, call the church office at 865.523.2189.

**FAITH, SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets at 9:30 a.m. by conference call.

### ***SERVICE & OUTREACH***

**HABITAT BUILD RESCHEDULED:** We have received our building permit and are ready to start building on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Work will be done the first four Saturdays in May (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>), June 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>! Signups must be done online at <http://secondpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/>. There is also a link on the home page of our website and in our weekly Friday emails. If you have any questions, contact Joe Clarke at either [jclarke859@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke859@gmail.com) or (865) 335-0421.

### ***STEWARDSHIP***

**FIRST QUARTER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** were e-mailed/mailed last week. If you have a question or concern regarding your statement, please contact Audrey in the church office (865-523-2189 or [ajohnson@2ndpres.org](mailto:ajohnson@2ndpres.org)).

**NEW WI-FI NETWORK:** We have a new Wi-fi network for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalms100*. This network covers the entire building, as well as the sanctuary courtyard and parking lot. Please feel free to save it as a network that connects automatically for your device.