

Easter Sunday

April 4th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Toccata on Christ The Lord is Risen Today* *arr. Diane Bisch*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you have shown us victory over death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord; but we confess that even on this most holy day, we fail to proclaim the good news of Jesus to those we meet. We have not loved others as you have shown us how to love. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, in word and in deed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: In baptism, God claims and joins us to Christ, as branches to a vine.
Believe the promise given to each of us:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Risen Indeed!

Allen Pote

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, alleluia!
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen!
Lift up your voices, sing alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed, He is risen from the dead.
He is alive, He is alive, alleluia!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen!
Lift up your voices, sing alleluia, alleluia!
He died for us, our sinful souls to save.
Now He is risen, risen from the grave.

The tomb stands empty, the stone was rolled away.
Darkness has vanished, the night has turned to day.
Jesus will meet us when our death is near.
He gives up hope eternal. We need not fear!

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, He is risen!
Lift up your voices, sing alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, is risen, risen indeed.
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 8:26-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is Lord! Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting

Refrain

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

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the son of God

Refrain

O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
Your death has brought us life eternally

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory

Refrain

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Bruce Foster – Liturgist

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

David Stultz – Asst. Director of Music/Organist

Emily McTyre – Media Coordinator

2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Technicians: Matt Casey (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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 to the glory of God.

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 4	Acts 8:26-40	The Ethiopian Eunuch
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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE: At their March meeting, the Session decided to resume in-person worship on Sunday, April 18th. 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.

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 or 865.765.0549.

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 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 2nd Wednesday of each month, we meet at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss the lessons from the previous month.

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 1st. Work will be done the first four Saturdays in May (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd), June 19th and 26th! 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 or (865) 335-0421.

STEWARDSHIP

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY APRIL 5TH for Easter Monday.

RESCHEDULED WORKDAY: A church workday has been rescheduled for Saturday April 10th from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please see the weekly Friday e-mail for more information.

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 *Psalm100*. 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.