

# Easter Sunday

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott* Georg Philipp Telemann

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear the Good News: The grave is empty! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed!**

One: We run to the tomb to see it for ourselves, and it is true. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed!**

One: We hear a voice call our name and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed! Thanks be to God!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* #245, vv. 1-3  
Sung to the tune: EASTER HYMN (*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*)

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of empty tombs and empty people, when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love one another, forgive us and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us and fill us with your joy.**

*Silence is kept.*

✠ ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

**All: Christ comes into the locked rooms of our fears and gifts us with grace, hope, and courage.**

One: Christ comes to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

**All: Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.**

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ RESPONSE

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* #245, v. 4

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church.

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION *The Strife Is O'er* #236

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.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 30 p. 505 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Resurrection Morning* Susan Callaway

GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18 p. 114-115 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr'* Michael Praetorius

✠ Response *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* #248, v. 3

✠ Prayer of Dedication

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Confession of 1967

**The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. This new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

✠ HYMN OF SENDING *The Day of Resurrection!* #233

✠ BENECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✠ POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major* JS Bach

✠ PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor

Tim Reynolds – Pastor

Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts

Sarah Warner-Sperl – Organist

2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Chancel Choir

**Ushers:** Lauren Dodson, Tracy Horton & Henry Naff, and Dick Smith

**Technicians:** Dale Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

## WORSHIP

**UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:** We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Apr 5	John 20:1-18	He Is Risen!
Apr 12	John 20:19-31	Thomas & The Wounds of Christ
Apr 19	Luke 24:13-35	The Road to Emmaus
Apr 26	John 10:1-10	The Good Shepherd

**THE EASTER FLOWERS TODAY** are given in honor and in memory of our family and friends. See your insert for the list of Easter flower dedications.

**THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:** Everyone is invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" this morning! Prior to the service, come and place your flowers on the cross as you enter the sanctuary before you take your seat. If you forgot to bring a flower, we have some for you down front. Following the service (weather permitting), the flowered cross will be placed in the courtyard.

**COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY** due to Easter falling on the first Sunday of the month this year.

**VISITATION FOR JOE BEALS:** The family of Joe Beals will receive friends at McCammon Ammons funeral home in Maryville on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## SUPPORT

**WI-FI NETWORK:** Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.

**GIVE ONLINE:** Visit us at [www.2ndpres.org/give](http://www.2ndpres.org/give), text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** tomorrow, Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

### CONNECT

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** Join us after worship each week for coffee, lemonade, cookies, and a time of fellowship.

**FOOD & FRIENDS** is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church. If you are interested in hosting Food & Friends, scan the QR code to sign up or let Pastor Tim know. **The next Food and Friends is NEXT SUNDAY, April 12<sup>th</sup>!**



**CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES** on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to honoring our upcoming grads, Henry Casey, Dale Henley, and Jessie Wilson, and hope you'll join us for lunch and the festivities! More info to come.

### GROW

**THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*. All are invited – join us!

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

**GROWTH GROUP REGISTRATION:** Registration for the Spring Quarter of our Growth Groups ends today. You can sign up through Realm, on the church's website, by calling the church office, or using the QR code. Groups begin meeting the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> and will meet for 7 weeks, concluding the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>.



### GO

**UKIRK EXTRA GIVING OPPORTUNITY:** If you are interested supporting a special project that will increase awareness of UKirk's ministry on campus through a one-time gift of \$250, please contact Pastor Tim for details.

**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** will be received THIS MORNING. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in supporting ministries of compassion through causes addressing hunger, disaster, poverty, climate change, immigration issues and refugees.

**NEHEMIAH ASSEMBLY:** We have been invited to join Westminster Presbyterian at the Justice Knox Nehemiah Action Assembly on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. The Nehemiah Action Assembly is the gathering at which city leaders are asked to commit to specific actions resulting from a year-long study. There will be a pre-meeting to explain guidelines at 6:40 p.m., with the meeting to follow from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you would like tickets or more information, contact Leonard Bailey (865-207-4947 or lbailey@chartertn.net).

### THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)  
Easter Egg Hunt (Preschool playground)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (outside, weather permitting)

#### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 3:00 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting (Zoom)

#### Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

- 4:30 p.m. Connect Team Meeting (Barbour Rm.)
- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Team Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym/Scout Rm.)
- 8:45 p.m. UKirk Basketball (Gym)

#### Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Rm.)
- 6:30 p.m. COS Council (Barbour Rm.)

#### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Rm.)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Outside, weather permitting)
- 12:00 p.m. Food and Friends (offsite)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Rm.)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

The Matthews Family, The family of Geoff Duggan, Mary Kay Sullivan, The family of Joe Beals, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

\*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.

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