



Service for the Lord's Day

**March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday**

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude Chancel Brass

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Choral Introit *Christ Is Arisen from Judas Maccabaeus* G. F. Handel

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! Tell the world how glorious he is. Say to God: "How awesome are your works!"

Everything on earth will worship you; they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs. Come and see what our God has done.

Opening Hymn 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* **EASTER HYMN**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

Response to Declaration of Good News *In Christ Alone* **IN CHRIST ALONE**

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Anthem

Christ Is Arisen from Judas Maccabaeus

G. F. Handel

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 16: 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

All Sit

Sermon

Easter Sunday

David Clarke

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

Affirmation of Faith (responsively)

A Brief Statement of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

John Carter

Doxological Hymn 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
Verse 1

HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Sanctus

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.*

Communion Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem
"Grant us peace."

arr. Hal Hopson

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

**Thank you, oh Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love;
We are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live
Your way and share your joy.
We are now commissioned to:
Feed as we have been fed,
Forgive as we have been forgiven,
Love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayers of the People 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

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
Verses 2, 3

HYMN TO JOY

Benediction

Postlude

Chancel Brass

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation

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Calendar

Sunday, March 31

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 1

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 26

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
5:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, April 27

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa's)

Friday, April 29

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's)

Announcements

USHERS: The Kernohan and Hines Families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Wyatt Edmunds, Hailey Goodwin, Darcy Merriman, Jeremiah Simpson, Johnna Smith

CHANCEL BRASS: Joseph Powers, Nathaniel Nash, trumpets; Hannah Monteneri, horn; Tanner Stuppy, trombone; Jim Stites, trombone/tuba

LAY READER: John Grise

CRUCIFER: Larry Warden

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke, Lillian Hargesheimer

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, April 7: Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Linda Leigh. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY

The ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering is collected this morning of Easter Sunday. This is one of four special offerings of the PC(U.S.A.) and supports three entities: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. Donations accepted at any time - simply mark your check OGHs! More information can be found at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>.

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday following Easter Sunday.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will not meet on Easter Sunday. We will be back together on April 7 and will meet at Azzip Pizza, 651 31W Bypass.

TODAY IS THE BIRTHDAY of church member Toni Stahl, who is turning 105 years old! We wish her a happy birthday this Easter Sunday, and all best wishes from our congregation!

COMING UP:

CECELIA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH We are now accepting donations for our **Spring Giveaway** (May 25th). Any items that you can definitely live without, please let me know. Arrangements can be made to pick them up, we can meet you at a church, or you can drop smaller items off at your church office. Please contact Lovelyn at lovelynab@yahoo.com, or ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com. You may call her at 619-368-2103 or 270/935-5110 for more information. Any donation is appreciated. Thanks in advance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am. (No classes on Easter)

The Sunday School class that meets in the conference room has begun study of the Book of Mark. All are welcome to join us for this Bible study.

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class offers book study for adults with rotating leadership
- Bible study class that is focusing on the Book of Mark -coordinated by Julia Roberts.

OTHER NEWS

THANK YOU to all who assisted with the **Gloves With Love Mission**. We were able to distribute over 200 items on the fence. Your donations kept those in need warm through your donation of socks, thermals, jackets, hats, and scarves.

WE ALSO THANK the many who volunteered with **DRITI** this year. Since mid-November 13 people volunteered each week in the many roles it takes to provide a warm caring shelter for the unhoused. This ministry takes volunteers to drive the bus, be an inn-keeper, set up cots, dress the cots, clean up Friday morning, provide a dinner, clean the kitchen, provide breakfast, care for the many guests' needs as a host, provide linen service, and act as a coordinator. The Mission Ministry thanks you for your generosity of time and service.

AN EXHIBIT of Photography by Sheila and Alan Reeves and Paintings by Diane Simmons titled **The Lens and The Brush** will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Gallery, March 22 to May 3. The artists invite you to stop by and enjoy this tribute to the splendor of nature and the Glory of God.

ATTENDANCE REGISTERS Tell us you're here, please! There are **navy blue notebooks** at the inside aisle end of every pew. Please write your name and any other information you'd like the church to have so we can better communicate with you. Then pass the notebook to your neighbors in the pew so they can sign in, too. After everyone has signed, please pass the notebook back to the inside aisle, so others in the pew can learn your name. Please also sign up for Wednesday evening dinners during Lent on the register!



We extend our sympathy to Mike Polen and the Polen family in the death of Mike's father George Arnold Polen, who died March 16, 2024.