



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 17, 2022



Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit Serving God’s People

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. You have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life! May worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Greeting

Minister: Jesus Christ is risen today!

All: Alleluia! Amen! *(The church bell rings joyously!)*

Ministry of the Church

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Leader: Rejoice and be glad: Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Let us worship God.

***Hymn #245** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

Call to Confession

Leader: We know that God shows no partiality but welcomes and forgives all those who repent and believe. Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
how on the third day, Christ rose again.**

Still we look for the living among the dead.

You were faithful to your promise;

You have done wonderful things!

Still we look for the living among the dead.

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise

and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: When Christ comes to reign, he will put an end to every ruler, every power, every authority; he will put every enemy under his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. As we await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good news of the gospel:

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

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

***Response #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Children's Sermon: Butterfly Lessons**Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Reader: Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day. Open our lips to tell of the empty tomb. Open our hearts to believe the good news. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (OT p. 565)

Special Music

The World Itself Keeps Easter Day
Lisa Hollabaugh and Carlyn Zimmermann

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New Testament Lesson

Luke 24:1-12 (NT p. 90)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word Too Good to Believe?

***Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith (Section 2) (Hymnal p. 37)

***Hymn #526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast... ..to share the feast he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... By your own power you raised Christ Jesus... ..we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: We praise you most holy God... ..will celebrate victory with him.

Words of Institution

Minister: We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it do his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (*The bread is eaten.*)

Minister: In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for the remembrance of me." (*The cup is shared.*)

Conclusion of the Prayer

Minister: Therefore, in remembrance... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... ..for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Splash of Green

Kathy Manfredi

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: We belong to Christ Jesus; all things are his, for he is Lord of all.

#606 Doxology**Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together... **Our Father in heaven...** (Hymnal p. 11)

***Hymn:** #250 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

Blessing*Postlude**

I'd Rather Have Jesus

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Moment for Reflection

Ann Weems, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*

"Just when I thought there would be no more light in the Jerusalem sky, the Bright and Morning Star appeared- and the darkness has not overcome it."

Worship Assistants

Jill Hertzling- Greeter

Lisa Hollabaugh- Worship Assistant

Chanmi Jeong- Accompanist

Pat Manfredi- Videographer

Rolanda Quick- Head Usher

Lisa Hollabaugh- Scripture Reader

Kathy Manfredi- Sound

Wendi Zea - Zoom Host

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

6:30 am Worship outdoors on the green space

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

5:30 pm Dinner Group at Giant City Lodge

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

9:00 am Outdoor Workday

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom

11:00 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours This Week
Monday - Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbyterian Women will meet via Zoom Tuesday, April 19 at 1:00 pm. Be sure to check your email for the Zoom link to join the meeting.

The Dinner Group will meet at Giant City Lodge on Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Sharon Wittke at sharonwittke@gmail.com or (618) 893-1869.

Outdoor workday--Saturday, April 23, 2022, we'll rake, spread mulch, and possibly do some outdoor painting. Bring your tools, gloves, water, and sunscreen; we will gather at 9:00 a.m. and work 'til noon or so.

During the month of April, **a church photograph board** is being developed for the Narthex. Please either submit a 3.5x5.0-inch photo of yourself/your family to Sarah Merideth (place in mailbox in church office) or have Bob Luebbers take your photo following worship in the narthex. In addition, please provide your preferred pronouns. (If you don't see Bob on a given Sunday, please look for him the following week.) Thank you!

The revised list of deacons' shepherd flocks is now available on the church website. Under the "Church Life" menu, select "For Members." (Call the church office for the password to access that page. Other items on the "For Members" page include the church directory and the second-quarter schedule of Sunday worship volunteers.)

Camp Carew is celebrating their 70th anniversary with an open house Saturday, May 14, 1-4 pm. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Joys and Concerns

Please let the church office know if someone needs to be added to or removed from the lists below.

Remember to Pray for:

- Ukraine Situation
- Afghan family coming to Carbondale soon
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes
- For those in shelters on the southern border
- For those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Service men and women

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities in the Carbondale Interfaith Council.

This week, please pray for: **First United Methodist Church**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Mission**

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Help us to know that you are with us- through the promise of your Word, in the sharing of a meal, and by the power of your Spirit that burns within our hearts. Bless and keep us, this night and always. Amen.

245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

#582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: ¹⁶'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'
¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men* said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*' ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in,

he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

PCUSA A Brief Statement of Faith

2 We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

#526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

#606 Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.