

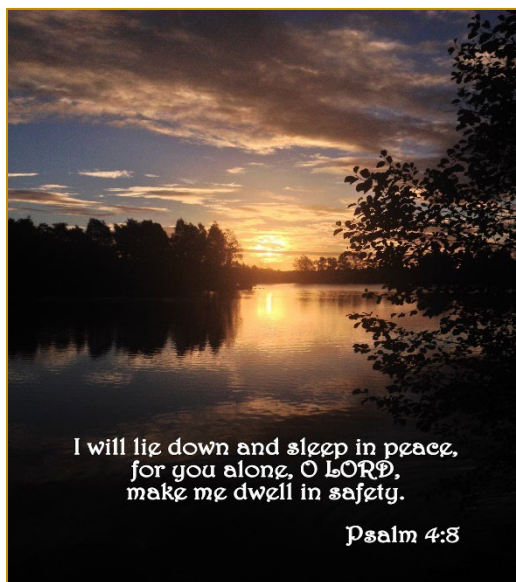


# First Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 14, 2024



*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 and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



## Order of Worship

### Prayer in Preparation

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

### Prelude

*The Church’s One Foundation*

arr. Chris Rice

### Introit

*For this Joy (Lobe Den Herren)*  
Dannyel Norrington, Clarinet

Susan LaBarr

### Gathering for Worship

Leader: The risen One shows us God’s own brokenness, and by those wounds we are healed.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn #321**

*The Church’s One Foundation*

### \*Call to Confession:

Leader: The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God’s forgiveness.

### \*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: O God, we repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.**

**We beg your mercy for our fallen world.**

**We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.**

**Be our solace in this life and always. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### **\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our pleas for absolution have been heard. God's promises are sure: our sins are forgiven.

**All: 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**            The Really, Really Good Samaritan

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Reader: Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your surprising love. Come to us through your holy Word. Help us to hear what you are saying. **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 4 (OT p. 490)

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!' You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

### **Anthem**

*Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord*

arr. Undine S. Moore

### **New Testament Lesson**

I Timothy 1:11-20 (NT p. 211)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have turned over to Satan, so that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Me, For Example

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Let us affirm our faith together.

**All: Christ as died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #247**

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

vv. 1-2

### **Recognition of Church Officers finishing their terms**

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.

#### **Offertory**

*Gavot in C Major*

John Blow

#### **\*#606 Doxology**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Holy God, all that we have comes from your creative hand.

All our renewal comes from your Holy Spirit's wisdom.

Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer**

#### **Joys and Concerns** *(In the bulletin, on cards, or via Zoom Chat)*

Minister: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

**All: Please hold your people near, O God!**

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, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you, shine upon you with grace and mercy, and give you what is needed for each new day.

#### **Postlude**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

arr. Heather Sorenson

## Moment for Reflection:



### Worship Assistants

Jill Hertzling- Greeter  
John Baker- Worship Assistant  
Jiyeon Lee- Accompanist  
Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Phyllis Beck- Head Usher  
Dorothy Baker- Scripture Reader  
Choir- Anthem  
Wendi Zea- Zoom Greeter

### APRIL 14, 2024

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.  
Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Rick and Dori Jefferson)  
2:00 pm Radio Show Rehearsal

### APRIL 16, 2024

11:00 am Mikell Miskell Service  
1:00 pm Presbyterian Women

### APRIL 17, 2024

10:00 am Bible Study with Bill and J. P.  
3:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kerry via Zoom

### APRIL 18, 2024 – OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 pm Dinner Group

### APRIL 21, 2024

9:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.  
Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: TBD)

### Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 10:00 am-1:30 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

Please fill out **Joys and Concerns** cards at the back of the sanctuary prior to the beginning of worship. The cards are on the table as you enter, and there is a basket to put the completed cards in. If you are participating via Zoom, use the Chat feature to let the Zoom Greeter know what your Joys and Concerns are (please complete asap during the service.)

The first rehearsal for *The Brief Case of the Missing Briefcase* is Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The production takes place on April 28 at 6:30 pm. Donations will support the Laundry Project.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 1:00 in the Conference Room.

**Dinner Group** will meet at Giant City Lodge at 5:30 pm Thursday, April 18. If you plan to attend, please contact Jill by April 16 at [jillhertzing@aol.com](mailto:jillhertzing@aol.com).

**Fellowship Hosts** – please sign up to host fellowship.

Tru-Earth laundry sheets are available at the Fair-Trade kiosk. Each package is \$15 and supports the **Laundry Project**.

The Church Women United **Annual Hunger Sale** is scheduled for April 26 & 27. Volunteers are needed beginning Tuesday, April 23. Contact Brenda Myers or Ann Warner for more information.

*Please, as you are able, continue to contribute financially to the life and ministry of the church through Sunday offerings, direct deposit, by sending checks in the mail, online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.*



## **Joys and Concerns**

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

**Sympathy to:** Family and friends of Mikell Miskell upon his death.

### **Remember to Pray for:**

- Areas of the world at war, peace in the Middle East
- Covid concerns
- Our Democracy in the face of social unrest and political polarization
- Those struggling with addictions and the consequences
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those affected by threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- Those in shelters on the southern border
- Those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Military Service Members

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

This week, please pray for: **St. Frances Xavier**

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

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of light, make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life.

Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others,  
and eyes to see the beauty in your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Gracious God, give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms. Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good, bring me to a new day with zeal for your gifts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

#321

*The Church's One Foundation*

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1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

#582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (sing twice)

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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

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#247 (v 1-2) *Now the Green Blade Rises*  
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1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

#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.

#247 (v 3-4) *Now the Green Blade Rises*  
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3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.