

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | MARCH 31, 2023 | 10:45 A.M.

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## \*The Call to Worship

~ God's People Respond to His Call to Worship ~

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 277....."Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

## \*The Prayer of Adoration

\*The Confession of Faith .....The Heidelberg Catechism No. 45

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. *First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.*

~ God Calls His People to Confess Their Sins ~

The Call to Confession .....Romans 6:21, 23

What fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death...The wages of sin is death.

## The Confession of Sin

*Our great and glorious God, you know and judge the secrets of every human heart. We do acknowledge and confess that we have followed our father Adam in revolting against your commandments. We have turned from your ways and from your blessed Presence and have reaped the misery of turning away from you, the very Author of life.*

*None of us is righteous, no not one; none of us has understanding, none of us seeks God. Our throats are open graves; we use our tongues to deceive. Our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Our feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery are in our paths, and the way of peace we have not known. We have too little fear of you and too little love for you.*

*We appeal to you, through your great mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ your obedient Son, that you would forgive our sins for His sake, that you would make many righteous through His one act of obedience, and that where our sin has increased, your grace would abound. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by your glory, so also may we walk in newness of life in Him.*

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*  
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*  
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

# The Silent Confession

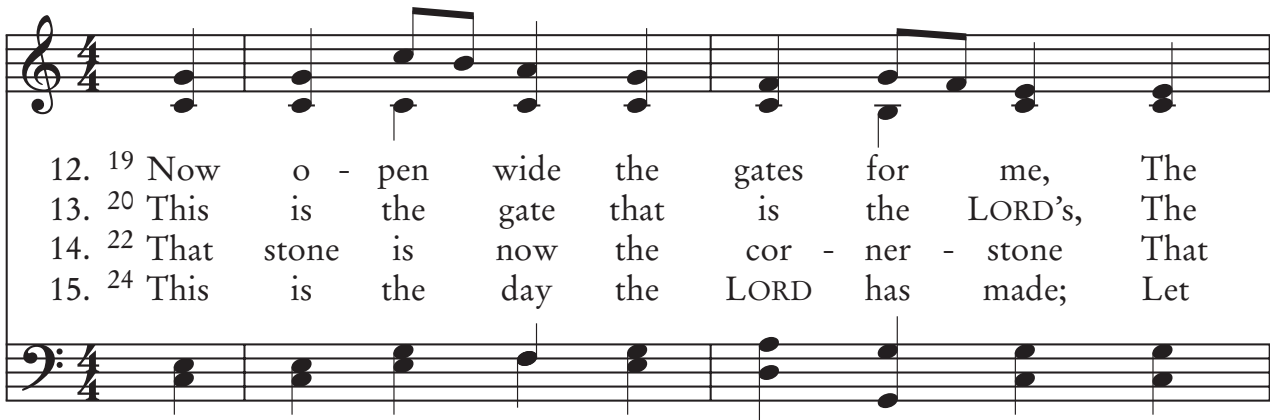
~ God Answers His People and Speaks in the Scripture ~

## The Assurance of Pardon.....1 Corinthians 15:19-22

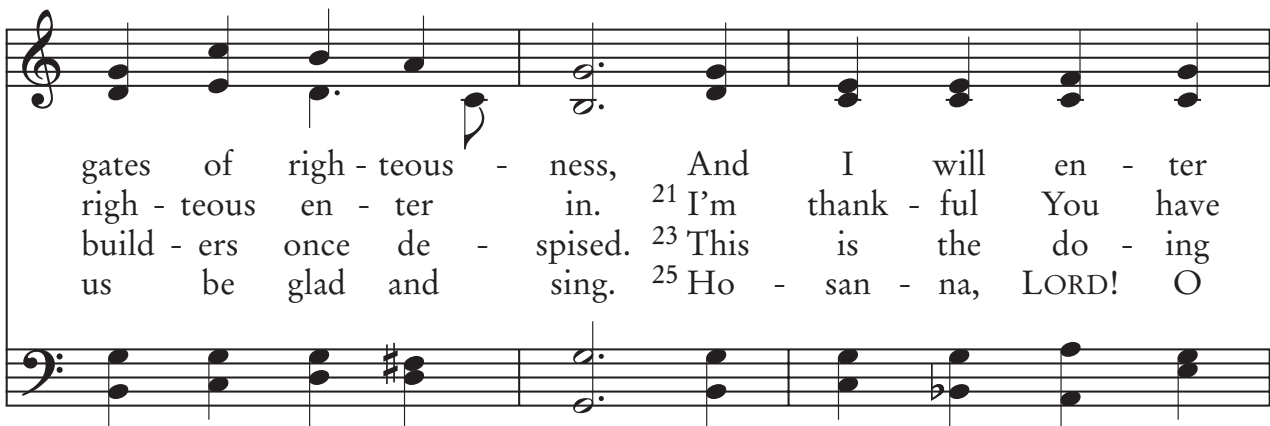
If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

~ We Respond to God's Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~

## \*The Psalm of Thanksgiving No. 118 ..."Now Open Wide the Gates" (Pages 2-3)



12. <sup>19</sup> Now o - pen wide the gates for me, The  
13. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate that is the LORD's, The  
14. <sup>22</sup> That stone is now the cor - ner - stone That  
15. <sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD has made; Let



gates of righ - teous - ness, And I will en - ter  
righ - teous en - ter in. <sup>21</sup> I'm thank - ful You have  
build - ers once de - spised. <sup>23</sup> This is the do - ing  
us be glad and sing. <sup>25</sup> Ho - san - na, LORD! O

in through them; With thanks the LORD I'll bless.  
 an - swered me; My Sav - ior You have been.  
 of the LORD, And won - drous in our eyes.  
 give suc - cess! O LORD, sal - va - tion bring!

16. <sup>26</sup> O blessed is the one who comes,  
 Comes in the LORD's great name.  
 A blessing from the LORD's own house  
 Upon you we proclaim.

17. <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God and He to us  
 Has made the light arise.  
 With cords bind to the altar's horns  
 The festal sacrifice.

18. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, I'll give You thanks;  
 My God, I'll give you praise.  
<sup>29</sup> O thank the LORD, for He is good;  
 His love lasts endless days.

**The Offering & Encouragement to Give.....1 Corinthians 15:50-53**

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

**The Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 7**

**The Great Prayer**

\*The Hymn No. 273.....**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

**The Sermon.....Pastor Ryan Biese**

*"Christ Is Lord" | John 17:1-5 | p. 849 | Light Shines in the Darkness No. 104*

\*The Hymn of Commitment No. 274.....**"Thine Be the Glory"**

\*The Benediction

\*The Response No. 735.....**"The Gloria Patri"**

# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead." Matt. 28:7

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*  
 suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

St. 1, anon.  
 St. 2-3, Arnold's *Compleat Psalmist*, 1740  
 St. 4, Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7.al.  
 Robert Williams, 1817

## Thine Be the Glory

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he  
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,  
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,  
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

REFRAIN  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 31, 2024

- + If you would be willing to assist the Deacons with greeting and distribution of the Order of Worship prior to the morning service, please sign the signup sheet on the bulletin board. Information will be forwarded to those who sign up.
- + Schedule Change: *There will be no evening worship tonight*, but we will have evening worship on April 7 and return to our normal schedule after that.
- + Operation Christmas Child will be collecting soap, soap holders, and washcloths for the months of March and April.
- + There will be a baby basket for Joe and Rachel Wilson placed in the fellowship hall in April as they await the arrival of their newest baby girl, Esther Louisa. Rachel is registered at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com) and she would like diapers, especially.

### Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576.
- + To subscribe to the prayer list, please contact the church secretary: [office@fpfo.org](mailto:office@fpfo.org).
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](http://FPFO.org/give)

*April 7 the combined Youth & Adult Sunday School class will begin a study of one of those sections of Scripture which isn't that hard to understand, but which is certainly difficult to practice. To walk in love is possible only by the new birth and progressive sanctification. Please join us as RE Bowers leads us through Charity and Its Fruits by Jonathan Edwards.*

### FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

#### The Lord's Day

#### Wednesday

9:20 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast

WAAK 94.7 FM

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

(excluding First Sundays)

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

6:30 p.m. Children's Singing Class

**Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.**

Nursery: March 31: E. Wilson & T. Keller

April 7: H. Rowan & C. Rowan