

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship
Easter – April 20, 2025

Prelude I *Easter Hymn* – arr. Peter Gould

Prelude II – Chapman, Hall, Bleecker
Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome & Announcements Dan Reeves
Pass the Peace

Video — He’s Still Risen by Igniter Media

Responsive Call to Worship Rev. Christian Johnson
One: Christ is risen:
Many: The angels of God are rejoicing.
One: Christ is risen:
Many: The tomb is empty and still.
One: Christ has indeed arisen from the dead.
Many: Glory and power are Christ’s for ever and ever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* #232

Call to Confession Dan Reeves

Unison Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We celebrate Him! But we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We come, asking You to forgive our sin and eradicate evil in the world; by Your Word and Spirit, purify the good, and raise us from death to a life more abundant and free. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, the One who rules the world and is Head of the Church. This we pray in the Name of our Risen Lord, Amen.
Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* – Paul Vasile

Prayer for Illumination Dan Reeves

First Scripture Reading — John 20:1-10 (ESV)

Anthem *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* – Robert Lowe
Sanctuary Choir; Pianist Bea Towe

Time with our Children Anita Ramsey

Second Scripture Reading — John 20:11-18 (ESV) Renita Jurgensen

Sermon Rev. Christian Johnson
Without It, It’s Worthless!

Scripture — 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-26 (NIV)

Hymn of Affirmation – Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood
What a Beautiful Name
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Call to Offering Dan Reeves

Offertory *A Mighty Fortress* – arr. Joel Raney
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Organ

Prayer of Dedication & Pastoral Prayer Rev. Christian Johnson
The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn *This is Amazing Grace* – Riddle, Farro, Wickham
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*Benediction Rev. Christian Johnson

*Benediction Response *Hallelujah, from Messiah* – George Frideric Handel
(sung by congregation)

Postlude *Toccata for the Morning of Easter* – Gilbert Martin

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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