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## AN EASTER WELCOME

Welcome to our Easter Sunday celebration! Today, we gather in joy to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His victory over death brings us new hope, peace, and eternal life.

We are so glad you're here to share in this special day. May the joy of the resurrection fill your heart and remind you of God's boundless love.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



**7:00 AM WORSHIP** | APRIL 20, 2025

## Easter Sunrise

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*\* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,  
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

### **GATHERING**

Opening Voluntary

Welcome

Musical Interlude

*Morning Has Broken*

Opening Prayer

Lord God,  
early in the morning,  
when the world was young,  
you made life in all its beauty and terror;  
you gave birth to all that we know.

Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning,  
when the world least expected it,  
a newborn child crying in a cradle  
announced that you had come among us,  
that you were one of us.

Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning,  
surrounded by respectable liars,  
religious leaders,  
anxious individuals,  
and silent friends,  
you accepted the penalty for doing good,  
for being God:

you shouldered and suffered the cross.  
Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Early in the morning,  
A voice in a guarded graveyard  
and footsteps in the dew  
proved that you had risen,  
that you had come back  
to those and for those  
who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you.  
Hallowed be your name.

**Hallowed be your name.**

Musical Interlude

*Morning Has Broken*

This morning,  
in the multi-colored company  
of your Church on earth and in heaven,  
we celebrate your creation, your life,  
your death and resurrection,  
your interest in us;  
so we pray,  
**Hallowed be your name.**  
**Lord, bring new life,**  
**where we are worn and tired;**  
**new love,**  
**where we have turned hard-hearted;**  
**forgiveness,**  
**where we feel hurt**  
**and where we have wounded;**  
**and the joy and freedom**  
**of your Holy Spirit,**  
**where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

*reflect in silence*

To all and to each,  
on his community and on his friends,

where regret is real,  
Jesus pronounces his loving embrace  
and grants us the right to begin again.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-7

Poem

*the strangest part* by Christine Woolgar

To begin with was an earthquake and the tombs were broken open  
And the bodies of the righteous who had died were then awoken,  
And the curtain in the temple tore like heaven in a vision  
And we wonder, was God saying he was breaking down division?  
But the strangest part was at the tomb, for early Sunday morning  
Came another violent earthquake and an angel without warning  
And he rolled away the stone  
To show the body—it was gone!  
And the angel simply said  
“He is risen from the dead.”  
Then we started hearing stories, people said that they had seen him,  
Heard his voice and held his hands, and they were sure that it had been him.  
But a question still remained if one did not believe the women:  
Who would steal a dead man’s corpse and choose to leave behind the linen?  
Yes he sometimes walks through walls but then he has no trouble eating  
And it’s still just as frustrating when his presence is so fleeting,  
But his triumph is revealed  
Within the scars that are now healed,  
Hear the truth I have believed,  
See the hope I have received.

Reflection

*On fear...*

## Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-11

## Poem

### *The Guest House* by Rumi

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.  
A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
as an unexpected visitor.  
Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still, treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.  
The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.  
Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

## Reflection

*On confusion...*

## Refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Poem

*He Is Risen* by Jamie Trummel

He is risen—  
After darkness had its say,  
on the third day the tomb's stone door  
rolled away.  
Again Jesus walked, talked, touched, and ate.  
In awe, witnesses testified,  
“Death is not his fate!”

He is risen—  
The once scared, fleeing disciple crew  
turned around realizing  
the prophecies were true.  
With a faith immensely greater than fear,  
they sacrificed it all to  
make the Good News clear.

He is risen—  
Jesus bore the world's sin upon the cross,  
sacrificing himself so no one would be lost.  
His work was sufficient,  
but a response is required;  
by grace we are saved  
when our belief transpires.

He is risen—  
Faith sends an invite to start anew.  
Give Christ your burdens and notions untrue.  
Accept his forgiveness and salvation at the end.  
Love the transformation the Holy Spirit extends.

He is risen indeed!

When Jesus rose, a new creation began  
for all who believe and trust in God's plans.  
Through his power, our darkness is rolled away—  
"Jesus is the light," his resurrection proclaims!  
He is risen.  
Amen.

**Reflection**

*On joy...*

**Refrain**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **RESPONDING**

You will receive an egg. Open it and you'll find a strip of paper with a prayer on it. During our time of prayer, we'll open space for you to read your prayer, based on what color your strip is.

**Prayers of the People**

God who is with us....  
(Purple), (Green), (Pink)  
... Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayers. Be with us, this day. And always. Amen.**

Following the prayer, we'll invite you to write on the opposite side of your paper, something that helps you understand why the resurrection is good news (what messages of love, justice, and mercy speak to you?). Once you are done writing on your strip of paper, place it back in your egg. When we pass the peace at the end of the service, we invite you to continue passing whatever egg you have in your hand with the next person! Then take it home with you and carry the prayer and words of resurrection with you.



## SENDING

Closing Hymn #232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**1 Jesus Christ is risen today,  
Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day,  
Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross,  
Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss.  
Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which he endured,  
Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured.  
Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King,  
Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing.  
Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above,  
Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love.  
Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host,  
Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia!**

Closing Sentences & Benediction

Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is Risen indeed!**

Closing Voluntary



# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith. Through worship, shared discussion, participation, and service, we aim to make God's love visible in our congregation, community, and world.

## **NEW TO FIRST PRES?**

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Please scan the QR code and sign the online Friendship Pad. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, [mrogers@fpca2.org](mailto:mrogers@fpca2.org).



## **GIVE**

In response to God's generosity, we give generously of ourselves, our time, and our resources. These gifts sustain the work and outreach of this congregation to Make God's Love Visible. You can give at any time through our online giving portal or by calling the office at 734-662-4466 during business hours.



# Leading in Worship

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Mark Mares

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## Calendar

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### TODAY

7:00 am **Easter Sunrise Service** | Circle Terrace

9:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary

11:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary

### THIS WEEK

Mon April 21 *The church office is closed in observance of Easter Monday*

Mon April 21 **Blood Drive** | 12 - 6 pm | Monteith Hall

Tues April 22 **Mature Ministries Trip** | 9 am - 4:30 pm | Detroit

Wed April 23 **Barclay Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Vance Room

Thur April 24 **Journeys Bible Study** | 1:00 pm | Vance Room

### UPCOMING

Sun April 27 **New Member Class** | 4:00 pm | Home of Tim & Marti Wendler

Sat May 3 **Sack Lunch Assembly for Hope Clinic** | 10:00 am | Social Hall

Tues May 6 **Taizé Worship** | 7:00 pm | Monteith Hall

Sat May 10 **Habitat for Humanity Build Day** | 9 am - 4 pm | Ypsilanti

Sun June 8 **All Church Picnic** | 10:30 am | Front Lawn

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# UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

**APR 21**

## BLOOD DRIVE

12:00 - 6:00 PM | MONTEITH HALL

We're sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross. Sign up in the Social Hall today following the 9:30 am service. Questions? [parishnurse@fpca2.org](mailto:parishnurse@fpca2.org)

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

4:00 PM | HOME OF TIM & MARTI WENDLER

Join us for light refreshments, introductions by pastors and fellow attendees, and information about the life and ministry of our vibrant community of faith.

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## SACK LUNCH ASSEMBLY

10:00 AM | SOCIAL HALL

Donate items and assemble sack lunches for Hope Clinic, providing nutritious meals to those in need. Sign up online at [fpca2.org](http://fpca2.org).

## JAZZ VESPERS

5:00 PM | FRONT LAWN

Join us for an unforgettable summer of melodies and tasty bites at our Jazz Vespers. Saturday, May 31, we will host our first of three Jazz Vespers.

**31 MAY**

**JULY 28**

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS CAMP

JULY 28-AUG 1 | 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Rising 2nd-9th graders are invited to join us for a week of music, art, and drama. Register by June 1, at [fpca2.org](http://fpca2.org).

For more information, visit us @ [fpca2.org](http://fpca2.org)