



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

EASTER SUNDAY
April 20, 2025
9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



The Risen Christ Appears
by He Qi



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! Christ is risen indeed!



9:30 & 11:30 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Please silence your electronic devices.

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

GATHERING

Pre-Service Music

Festival Entry Richard Strauss/Gary Olson
FPC Brass

Gaudeamus Arnold B. Sherman
Sanctus Ringers

Rejoice! Craig Phillips
Chancel Choir, FPC Brass and Percussion

Rejoice! Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
And let your trumpets shout salvation for the victory of our mighty King.
Rejoice, rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
Bright with a glorious splendor,
For darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.
Rejoice, rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
And let your holy courts in radiant light,
Resound with the praises of your people.

Welcome and Life in the Church Mark Mares
Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen indeed!

*Call to Worship

My dear friends,
we have known grief.
We have known loss.
We have known the long road, tired, and winding.
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.
But today—
today we know hope.
Today we know life.
Today we know the sound of Alleluias.
Today we know that death does not have the last word.
Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
It is Easter.
May hope find you.
And may you know, deep in your bones,
that today is a new day.
Alleluia! Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."

**Forgive us, God,
when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.
Forgive us, God,
when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.
Forgive us, God,
when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.**

In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.
**Show us how to hold onto hope.
Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

LAND OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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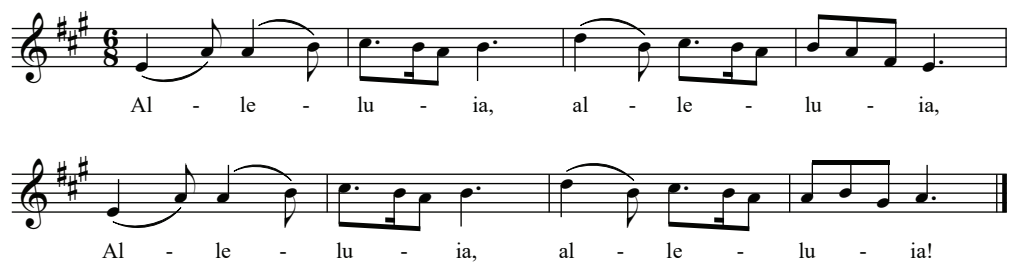
Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

CELTIC ALLELUIA

(please sing twice)



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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

John 20:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Melissa Anne Rogers

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Second Scripture Reading

John 20:11-18

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING

*Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Nathaniel Fryer (9:30 am)
Tommy Langejans (11:30 am)

Offertory

I Will Sing with All My Soul
Chancel Choir, FPC Brass, and Percussion

Tom Trenney

O God, my heart adores You;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
For great is Your love, higher than the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Be exalted, O God, high above the heavens;
Let Your glory over all the earth arise!

O God, my heart adores You;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
Sing to the Lord! Declare God's glory among the nations.
Sing to the Lord! Declare God's marvelous deeds among all people.
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
Let the sea resound; let the trees clap their hands!

O God, my heart adores You;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Grand Choeur Dialogue
FPC Brass and Organ
(Please remain seated.)

Eugene Gigout/Nate Hepler



Both choral anthems sung by the Chancel Choir this morning celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord and also honor Earth Day, which falls on April 22.

Easter Flowers

THE LILIES AND SPRING FLOWERS with which the church is made beautiful today are, as they stand, symbols of eternal life. Below are the names of some of our loved ones for whom the flowers were given to the glory of God and in honor or in loving memory.

IN HONOR OF

Martha Boeve
Susan Cares
Jill and Dan Francis
Pat Gilbreath
Carol Gottliebsen
Mary Gottliebsen
Prue Heikkinen
Heidi Hess-Willis
David Hufford
Brent Ivey
Dave and Sue Johnson
Paul and Linda Johnson
Jessica Johnson
Amanda Johnson
Sydney Kershaw
Kay Krein

Ann and Roger Locniskar
Norma Marshall
Sandra McDonald
Gus and Donna Nussdorfer's
children and grandchildren
Stacey Pakela
Esther Patrick
Mary Polkowski
Shayla Powell
Melissa Anne Rogers
Mary Smith
Juliet Stroh
David VanderMeer
Victims of Injustice
Lois Wilson
Kathryn Wirstrom

IN MEMORY OF

Peter Crowell
Leslie and Alice Dawson
Nancy Deromedi
Melvin Donally
Rebecca Donally
Betsy Ann Dowton
Roy and Betsy Downton
Thelma Duffell
Suzanne Dumery
Kate and George Dutton
Frances I. Earl
Anton and Adele Eichmuller
Ros Feltham
Frederic Filion
Suzanne D. Filion
Joseph R. Fletcher
Mae Fletcher
Robert W. Fletcher
Carolyn Fogarty
Mina Fraser
Leslie Froelich
Mary Froelich
Marjorie and Edmund Galant
Doug Gottliebsen

Bobby Haithcock
Eleanor Hauser
George Hendrickson
Bill Henninger
Jim Herbertson
Hugh Higley
Arthur J. Himbeault
Madeleine D. Himbeault
Robert Hockett
Julian Hoff
Amy Hofing
Paul Horan
Rudy Hrozencik
Barbara Huss
Margaret Ingram
Eugene Ingram
Eleanore Jackson
Hatti Mae Johnson
J. Frederic and Carolyn Johnson
John and Elizabeth Kagay
Jana King
Mary Kinley
Andrew Jackson Krapohl
Graydon Andrew Krapohl

David Krehbiel
Martha Krehbiel
Dean Krein
Barbara Kress
Kay Rose Lands
George and Grace Langen
Robert Langen
Robert Larson
Mary B. Layher
Mary and Arthur Lindauer
Robert Maldegen
Nanette V. Martin
William G. Martin
Helen and Gene Martz
John McMackin
Doug Menzies
Jeannette Middleton
Dean Millard
Dolly Millard
George A. Miller
George Milroy
Robert and Dorothy Mitas
Helen Moore
Virginia Patton Moss
Joseph and Elizabeth Najpaver
Joyce Newcomb
Boyd Nixon
Grace Nixon
Julia Nordin
Gus and Donna Nussdorfer's Parents
Anna M. Omans
Thomas G. Omans
Susan Ondreyka
Leon Ostrander
Louise Ostrander
Delia Ouimet
Edward Ouimet
Larry Ouimet
Magdaline Ouimet
Heather Palmer
Hurbert and Clare Palmer
Oscar Pan
Viola M. Pan
Clayton Paquette
Mary Paquette
Lynn Parker
Arthur F. and Helen Parker, Jr.
Arthur and Janetta Parker, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pates
Silvia Lubian Pedraza
Zachary Perry
Joan and Fred Phister
William Polkowski
Malcolm Powers
Susan Prasad
Lewis and Maxine Profit
Marilyn Quigley
Harold Rex
John Santinga
Tom Schultz
Pearl and Phil Servais
Douglas Sirman
Jeffery Skinner
Barbara and Marvin Skubick
Norman Smith
Bob Snyder
Jean and Russell Stem
Daryl Stone
Nan Stone
Patricia Swartz
Adeline Tarter
Nick Tarter
Addie H. Taylor
Ernestine Crandall Taylor
Leland S. Taylor
Ronald E. Taylor
Herb Upton
Ben and Marcia Van Tuyl
Birdice VanderVoort Tobey
Charles Deardon Vernon
Edwin and Mary Ellen Vick
Bernard and Una Voorhorst
Mary Voorhorst Pott
Burton Voss
Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright
Earl and Eileen Walker
John Walker
Matthew J. Warfield
Ann Weinhagen
Noel Winger
Mathias and Rosina Winkler
Carol B. Wood
Elsie M. Wood
William M. Wood
Doris Cummings Woodruff
Henry and Dorothy Zelisse

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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 sign the Friendship Pad. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & CHILDCARE

Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary or Monteith Hall. We also offer childcare from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by the Prayer and Compassion Room after the 9:30 am and 11:30 am service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Your prayers are confidential unless you request that they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may submit prayer requests online at fpca2.org/care.

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

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Nathaniel Fryer
Rev. Tommy Langejans
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Blake Peters, Lay Reader (9:30 am)
Finlay Hyers, Lay Reader (11:30 am)

USHERS

Bob Andrus
Keith Bilby
Sheila Bilby
Carol Carter
Dick Carlisle
Spaulding Clark
Bill Wood

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers
Horn: Carrie Banfield-Taplin
Trumpet: David Koch, Gordon Ward
Trombone: Kenneth Kroesche
Tuba: David Zerkel
Timpani: Cary Kocher
Percussion: Spencer Perilloux
Musicians Contractor: Gregg Powell
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

11:30 AM

Omer Bellfi
Karla Olsen-Bellfi
Graeme Fairweather
Sandy Talbott

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Calendar

TODAY

7:00 am **Easter Sunrise Service** | Circle Terrace
9:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary
11:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary

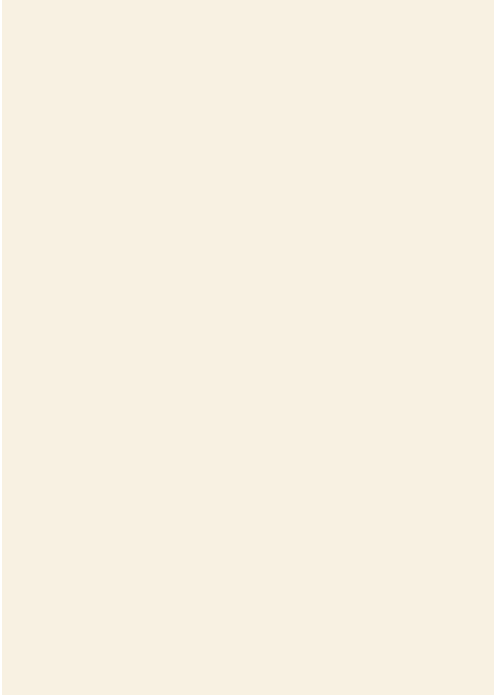
THIS WEEK

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

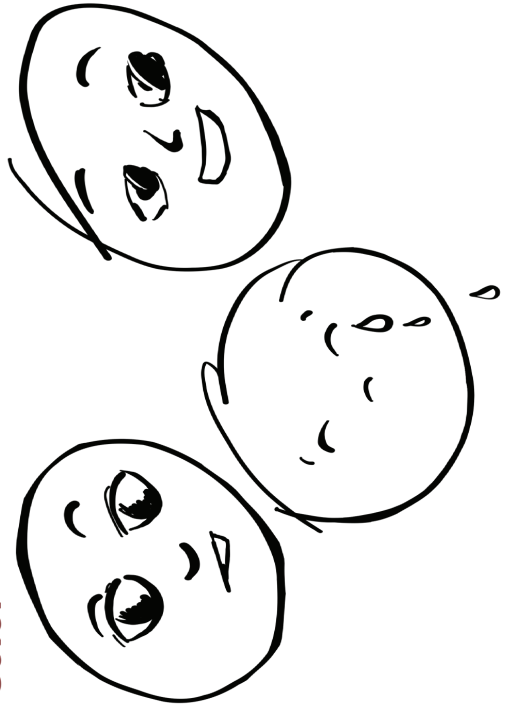
UPCOMING

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

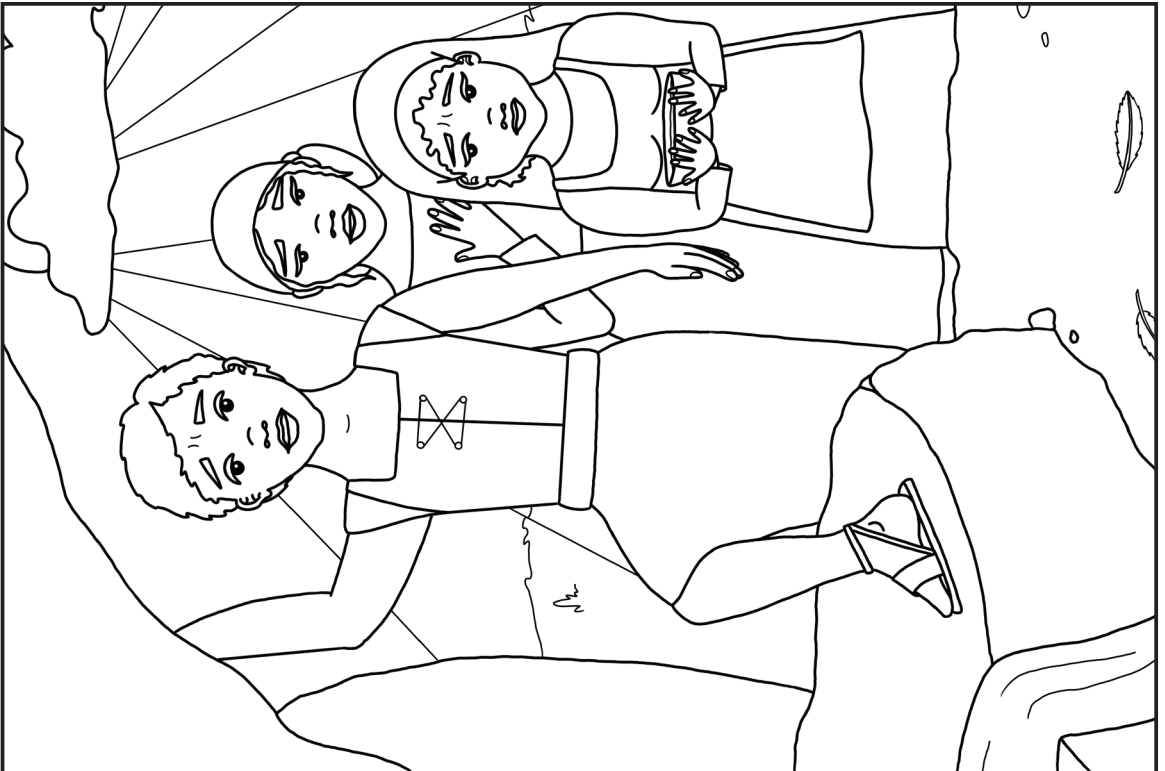
Imagine *Imagine you are one of the disciples who learns that Jesus is not in the tomb. Write or draw about how you would react.*



Color *Color the emotions that you felt today so far!*



Color in the story of Peter and the empty tomb. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 on April 21. Sign up in the Social Hall today following the 9:30 am service. For questions, please reach out to the parish nurses: 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.

27 APR

MAY 03

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.

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 culminating in a special musical proclamation on Sunday, Aug. 3. Register by June 1, at fpca2.org.

For more information, visit us @ fpca2.org