

First Presbyterian Church

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April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday

Eleven O'Clock

THE CHURCH GATHERS AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Fantasia for Easter Morning" Whitworth

WELCOME AND CONCERNS *(Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Pad and greet those around you.)*

INTROIT "Christ Is Risen!" Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN NO. 123 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. *(Silence is observed – a few moments of personal confession of sin.)*

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet one another.)

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 page 652

ANTHEM "Fortress Medley" arr. Wilson

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 16:1-8 page 54

SERMON "Mark 16:1-8"

*HYMN NO. 118 "The Day of Resurrection!"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed page 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology page 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

THE CHURCH BEARS AND FOLLOWS THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 113 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Hallelujah Chorus" G. F. Handel

*POSTLUDE: "Toccata" Widor

*The Congregation will please stand.

A worship nursery is provided for young children

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 5, 2015

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service with Breakfast to follow

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Easter Morning Worship Service/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Monday, April 6, 2015

Church Office will be closed.

No Ministry of Prayer Group meeting

11:00 AM Circle 3 meeting at the church

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

7:30 PM Circle 5 meeting at the church

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

10:00 AM Circle 6 meeting at the church

5:00 PM Confirmation Class

No Adult Choir Rehearsal

Deacon in Charge: Bob Miller

Nursery workers: David & Becky Lineberger

Our thanks to the Presbyterian Women for the lily that is placed in our Sanctuary today in celebration of Easter. Also we would like to thank the Presbyterian Men for preparing and serving the Easter Breakfast this morning.

Today we will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which you may place in the offering plate.

150 children and adults attended our Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Supper last Sunday. Thank you to all who helped- stuffing eggs with candy, hiding eggs, supervising crafts, cooking and serving hot dogs and clean up. –Outreach Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Anita Jones, Doris Murphy (sister of Henry Pigg), Pam Wright, our shut-ins
Our partner church in Palin, Guatemala and Presbytery's Prayer Church– West Avenue