

Easter Sunday

First Presbyterian Church Gainesville, FL April 20, 2025

> Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

GATHERING

God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth °

G.F. Handel

 $^{\circ}$ (11 a.m. only)

*Lynette Pfund, soprano*Haec Dies (This is the Day)

W. Byrd

Alleluia

W.A. Mozart

WORDS OF WELCOME

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

* Call to Worship

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

* Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again. Still we look for the living among the dead. You rolled away the stone from the tomb. You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel. You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things! Still we look for the living among the dead. Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* ACT OF PRAISE (SEE INSERT)

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 696

Thanks be to God.

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel

Lynette Pfund, soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. I know that my Redeemer liveth. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Hallelu, Hallelu

Anonymous

Alleluia Choir

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Whitfield

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 114

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Resurrection of Jesus

Rev. Mark Hults

Prayers of the People

RESPONDING

* Affirmation of Faith

Easter Creed

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down

P. Caldwell, S. Ivory

Ain't no grave can hold my body down. They ain't no grave can keep a sinnuh underground. Oh, I will listen for the trumpet sound. Ain't no grave can hold my body down. You know they rolled a stone on Jesus. And then they tried to bury me. But then the Holy Ghost it freed us so we could live eternally. Sistuh you better get cho ticket if you wanna ride. In the mornin' when Jesus call my numbuh, I will fly. Ain't no grave is gonna hold me. Ain't no grave is gonna bury me. Ain't no serpent gonna trick me. Ain't no grave can hold my body down. I will fly to Jesus in the mornin' when I die. I know he will take me home to live with him on high. I will fly with Jesus in the mornin'. Don't look here. I'll be way up in the sky. Soon one day he's gonna call me up to heaven for a chariot ride. Ain't no grave dug deep enough to hold me. Ain't no devil been slick enough to trick me. Ain't no grave digguh man enough to bury me. Brothuh, you cain't hold me down! Ain't no grave can hold me down. You can't keep me underground. When the silver trumpet sounds, ain't no grave can hold me down. Ain't no grave dug, so low, no grave digguh evuh been born so strong. No, ain't no man that can, ain't no devil can, ain't no grave can hold me down.

* Doxology Hymn 606

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.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* Hymn 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! HYMN TO JOY

* BENEDICTION

* **P**OSTLUDE Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karg-Elert

HALLELUJAH CHORUS: Please be sure to return your insert to the baskets at the entrances following worship.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leaders: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Matt Mitchell, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

8:30 A.M. Elder on Duty: Dick Rauber 11 A.M. Elders on Duty: Heather Mears, Geoff Spiegel

8:30 A.M. TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Scott Stuart

11 A.M. ACOLYTE: Annabel Stuart

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Anait Piloyan

ALLELUIA CHOIR & CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTORS: Alek Concepción, Rebecca Ruescher

TRUMPET: Patrick Forgione, Joe Jamerson; Horn: Madelyn Urbinel; Trombone: Charles Propper; Tuba: Casey

Wood; TYMPANI: Chip Birkner; CYMBALS: Norah Barat

OFFERTORY SIGN LANGUAGE: Sarah Richardson

8:30 A.M. USHERS: Tom Chamberlain, BarBee Geiger, Dick Rauber, Rose Anna Rutledge **11** A.M. USHERS: Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert, Carol Turner

A/V TEAM: Owen Best, Alex Conerly, Zack Conerly, Frank Counts, John Rayl

Church Triumphant: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Drew, Katherine, Jonathan, and Julia Pedrick upon the passing of his son and their brother, Christopher Pedrick, who joined the Church Triumphant on April 6, 2025.

Thank you for Joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to a pastor or an elder after worship.

The Easter Offering today will go to Family Promise, whose mission is to provide families experiencing homelessness with compassionate care that includes case management, education, housing, meals, and transportation until they can transition to a home of their own. Since their inception in 1998, Family Promise of Gainesville has helped more than 4,300 people in our community out of homelessness. Use the Easter Offering envelope in the pew or mail a check to the church. Please write 'Easter Offering' on the memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Easter lily plants with the purple foil may be taken from the windows or narthex after the 11 a.m. worship service by those who made dedications.

Easter Lilies Decorating the Sanctuary are Given

In Honor of:

- · My children James, Joey, and Lauren by Mom
- · My grandsons, Dylan and Landon, by Grandma
- · Our family members, both near and far, by Tom & Jenny Chamberlain
- · John & Kathie Jarrell by the Lundy family
- · Lisa, Kate, and Parker Lundy by Fred Lundy
- · My children, Cindy, Margaret, Benford, and Allen, and their families by Eleanor Samuels
- · My uncle, Doug Kline, by John Rayl
- · Our Risen Lord by Dave Shaver

In Loving Memory of:

- · John Bonerba by his wife, Trudy Bonerba
- · Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Ashley by Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Ashley, Jr.
- · Dr. & Mrs. Fred O. Brumfield by Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Ashley, Jr.
- · James M. Post by Elizabeth B. Bolton
- · Priscilla Appleton by Nancy & John Carswell
- · Cecilia Anderson Caton by her family
- · Carol Hayes-Christiansen by Brian & Mimi Gray and Mark & Karen Coffey
- · Cher McBride and Marjorie Pedrick by Kent McBride
- · Elizabeth Miller by her family
- \cdot Rev. Dr. James R. & Elizabeth S. Neale by the Elisa Neale, Lizzy, and Hank Tobener
- · My husband, Ben, by Eleanor Samuels
- $\cdot \ \text{My parents, Claude and Margaret Allen, and my grandmother, Irbie Johnson by \ Eleanor \ Samuels$
- · Ray Whitworth by Carolyn Whitworth and family
- · Bishop Bernardo & Jacqueline Zapanta by their daughter, Zenaida Zapanta-Rinonos, and granddaughter, Dr. Serendipity Z. Rinonos
- · Edwin A. Rinonos by his wife, Zenaida Zapanta-Rinonos, and daughter, Dr. Serendipity Z. Rinonos





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It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it. ¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁵and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁶Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁶for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹oThen the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

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To Preserve the Sacred Nature of Our Service, please silence all communication devices and refrain from video recording and flash photography.

Children's Worship Bags, Large Print Bulletins, and Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you would like one to participate in worship and return reusable materials after worship.

Nursery: The nursery is available fifteen minutes prior to 11 a.m. worship services for infants (starting at 6 weeks) and children through pre-k. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204. Our staff and church members are happy to greet your little ones.

Let Us Remember in Prayer, Correspondence, and Visitation: Marilyn Ast and Leon & Jayne Fox. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

Children and Youth Ministries: Our church provides many opportunities for spiritual growth and development during the school year, including: Nursery, Sunday School, Time for Young Disciples, Kids-4-God, Youth Connection, LOGOS on Wednesdays, and other special get-togethers. For more information, please contact the church office at (352) 378-1527.

College Students: Every Tuesday undergrad and graduate students meet together to discuss integrating the Bible into modern life. We also meet regularly on Sunday mornings for Worship and College Café, a fellowship lunch during the school year. We have outreach projects, special events, retreats, and mission trips. For more details, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

The Young Adult & Family Ministry is for singles and couples who are navigating careers and/or families. If this describes you, thanks for being here and consider this your invitation to join us - When you can - for - what you can! We gather throughout the year to study God's Word, get to know each other better, and minister and serve together. We know life is busy and schedules are hectic, yet we find that we Adult better when we Adult Together. Questions? Please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

Ministry of Music: With choirs for all voices aged three and above, we welcome all ages to join in dedicating their voices to God. Throughout the year we sponsor Concerts for a Cause, whose proceeds support mission partners locally and globally. Contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org with questions or for more information.

The Chattanooga Boys Choir will hold a concert Wednesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The choir was founded in 1954 and is the oldest boy choir in the southeastern United States. They believe in the power of choral music to enrich lives, and as such are committed to providing a welcoming and empowering environment for all individuals. More concert information coming at www.1stpcmusic.org.

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Ministries

At First Presbyterian Preschool, children are fully prepared for school in a caring, Christian environment. Classes are offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Early Childhood Accredited.

Our Children and Youth Ministries provide a multi-generational approach of Christian example as the church family comes alongside parents to lead children to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Nursery Care during worship for children 6 weeks through pre-kindergarten. Contact: Jenna Mueller - jdmueller 2009@gmail.com

Kindergarten through 2nd grade children are released from worship for **Kids-4-God** to spend time growing their faith. After the service, families meet in Gordon Hall. Contact: Evelyn Lewis - citytr122@gmail.com

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and family dinner for students age 3 through high school. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for 6 p.m. dinner at dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Connection *meets for fellowship* and food with Bible study and mentoring for students in grades 6-12.

Our **College Ministry** seeks to launch students into a life of pursuing Christ, trusting in Him, and growing with others. Join us for Sunday worship & lunch and Tuesday Bible study. Bring a friend!

Young Adult & Family Ministry (YA&FM) is for marrieds and singles, with or without kids, in grad school or in vocation. We gather for Bible Studies and to get to know each other better and would love the chance to do life with you.

With choirs for ages three and above, our Music Ministry welcomes everyone to sing or ring and to dedicate their music to God. Our concert season includes Concerts for a Cause, which support local and global mission partners.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Church Office Closed

7:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. Easter Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Lent - Room 201

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Easter Breakfast - Gordon Hall

10:25 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204

11:00 a.m. Easter Worship and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time - Gordon Hall

Monday, April 21, 2025

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

2:15 p.m. Staff Meeting - Parlor

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Parlor

7:00 p.m. College Trajectory Bible Study - Gordon Hall

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

3:45 p.m. LOGOS

6:00 p.m. LOGOS Talent Show & Dinner

7:15 p.m. Session - Room 201

Thursday, April 24, 2025

6:30 p.m. Chancel and Bell Choirs Party

Friday, April 25, 2025

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Graduation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion - Iona Chapel

9:30 a.m. Gordon Hoover: Amos - Perry Foote - Library

9:30 a.m. Multiply Sunday School - Room 201

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Nursery Care - Rm 204

11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:20 p.m. Kids-4-God - Rm 217

12:00 p.m. Last College Cafe - Serving Room

12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting

A Financial Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 after the 11 a.m. worship to hear a presentation from the chairs of the Budget & Finance committee and Trustees, Dick Rauber and Ken Mears, with a focus on the challenges and opportunities for our church as we approach a new fiscal year. This presentation will be a high-level overview on current and projected financial positions of the church, with discussion pertaining only to these items.