

# EASTER

SUNDAY MORNING

*March 27, 2016*

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Second  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,  
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

Welcome to our celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

Why did Jesus Christ rise and what are the benefits we receive?

*"Christ rose again from the dead the third day by His own power;  
whereby He declared himself to be the Son of God,  
to have satisfied divine justice, to have vanquished death,  
and him that had the power of it,  
and to be Lord of the living and the dead:  
All which He did... for our justification, progress in grace,  
support against enemies, and to assure us  
of our resurrection from the dead at the last day."*

*— from the Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 52*

You are invited to reflect on the following prayer  
as you prepare your heart for worship:

*Almighty God, Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ  
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection,  
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## EXALT THE RISEN KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Thine Be the Glory" . . . . . Alexandre Guilmant  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Fairest Lord Jesus" . . . . . arr. Dan Goeller  
*"Festival Fanfare" . . . . . Sterling Procter*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Alleluia!" . . . . . PALESTRINA  
*The Chancel Choir  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

THE EASTER GREETING . . . . . D. Todd Erickson

God's Son, Jesus Christ, died on Calvary's Cross for our sins.

**He was crucified, dead, and buried.**

On the first day of the week after His crucifixion,  
His disciples went to His tomb to honor His memory.

**What they discovered amazed them!**

An angel appeared to them at His empty tomb

**and made an announcement that changed the world forever.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

♣PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 277 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" . . . EASTER HYMN

✦THE FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-10 . . . . . Michael C. Davis

Now on the first day of the week  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark,  
and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

**So 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.”**

So Peter went out with the other disciple,  
and they were going toward the tomb.  
Both of them were running together,  
but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

**And stooping to look in,  
he saw the linen cloths lying there,  
but he did not go in.**

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.  
He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth,  
which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths  
but folded up in a place by itself.

**Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first,  
also went in, and he saw and believed;  
for as yet they did not understand the Scripture,  
that he must rise from the dead.  
Then the disciples went back to their homes.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . EASTER HYMN

**Sing we to our God above: Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION . . . . . Dan G. Burns

## TRUST THE LIVING CHRIST

THE EASTER LITANY . . . . . Michael G. Stokke

Lord Jesus Christ, the heavens and the earth rejoice  
in Your mighty resurrection from the dead.

**We praise You, Lord Jesus.**

By Your resurrection you defeated all the evil principalities and powers  
and set us free from their domination.

**We thank You, Lord Jesus.**

By Your resurrection You put to flight our fear and gloom  
and filled us with joy and peace.

**We thank You, Lord Jesus!**

By Your resurrection You defeated the power of death  
and secured the day when we shall be like You,  
in resurrected bodies, rejoicing before Your throne of grace.

**We adore You, Lord Jesus.**

By Your resurrection You have forever established Your glorious throne,  
and now rightly bear the title of King of Kings and Lord of Lords,

**Wherefore, we laud and magnify Your excellent name  
and forever proclaim Your glory. Amen.**

♠HYMN OF FAITH: "In Christ Alone" . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when  
 on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was  
 as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its  
 pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me



striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in  
 sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 grip on me; For I am His and He is  
 from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Richard G. Cain

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" . . . . . arr. Mack Wilberg

Hail, the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
 To His throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
 Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!  
 Enters now the highest heav'n, Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
 Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
 He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!  
 Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, He lifts His hands above! Alleluia!  
 See, He shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
 Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
 Blessings on His church below, Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
 Raise our hearts to reach Thy height; Alleluia!  
 There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia!

Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia! Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . LLANFAIR

**Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
Raise our hearts to reach Thy height; Alleluia!  
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia!**

*Choir:*  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee!  
Alleluia! Amen!

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION . . . . . Joshua D. Yates

✦ GREETINGS

### SEE THE RISEN LORD

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:00, 9:30) . . . . . Ronald G. Sadlow

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

**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.**

THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:11-18 . . . . . L. Brett Wynne  
*(page 906 in the pew Bible)*

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;  
**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

CHORAL PRAISE: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" . . . . . Giovanni Palestrina  
arr. Daniel Musselman

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
The strife is o'er the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!  
The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions has dispersed:  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!  
The three sad days are quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!  
He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell:  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!  
Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

EASTER SERMON *Jesus: Seen* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF GLORY: No. 274 "Thine Be the Glory" . . . . . MACCABAEUS

✦THE EASTER PROCLAMATION.....T. Barton Kimbro

He was born of a virgin and lived a perfect life.

**He loved the poor, healed the sick, and taught the people.**

But He was despised and rejected by the people.

**He was crucified as a common criminal.**

On the third day He was bodily raised from the dead.

**He has been exalted to the highest place.**

Wherefore, the heavens and the earth declare His praises.

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

✦CHORAL PRAISE: "Hallelujah Chorus" .....G. F. Handel  
*text from Revelation 11:15 and 19:6, 16*

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 for ever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

✦BENEDICTION ..... David A. Bowen

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Alleluia!" ..... PALESTRINA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata from Symphony V"..... C. M. Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing

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### Paraments

Today, the paraments have been changed from the red of Holy Week to the white of Eastertide. On the pulpit fall is embroidered a Latin cross in gold thread. Upon the cross bloom three white lilies with green leaves, signifying both purity and the Trinity.

The Bible markers bear the Greek letters Chi and Rho, the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. The Easter banner is also white and features the same gold cross with lilies, and bears the words "Alleluia" and "Christ is risen."

The procession is led by the processional cross. The custom of processional crosses can be traced back to the sixth century A.D. and reminds us of the sacrifice of our Savior, His redeeming love, and the promise of salvation. This cross bears at its junction the letters IHS, the first letters in the Greek name for Jesus.