

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Since He Lives*

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022

11:00 AM Worship Service

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# God's People Gather for Worship

By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

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## Gathering as God's People

Gathering Song

"King of Love"

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Proclaiming the Resurrection

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**All: He is risen indeed!**

*Leader: O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*

**All: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Song of Praise

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

## Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness

Responsive Prayer of Confession

*Leader: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.*

**All: We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.**

*Leader: We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;*

**All: We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.**

*Leader: Forgive us, God of mercy.*

**All: Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand  
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## Offering Our Fellowship and Gifts

Peace and Greetings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"He is Lord"

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 7:20-28 ESV

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Since He Lives"

Reverend Bill Pardue

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Song of Response

"King of Kings"

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light  
Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

*(chorus)*

Praise the Father Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

*(chorus)*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held it's breath  
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored  
And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not fade  
By His blood and in His name and in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

(chorus)

Commissioning and Benediction

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 7:20-28

<sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, <sup>21</sup> but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'"

<sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost[b] those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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God's People Scatter to Live as Faithful, Fruitful Followers of Jesus Christ

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