



*Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025 // 10am // Easter Sunday

CENTERING WORDS: Jesus did not come [into the world] to change the mind of God about humanity, but to change the mind of humanity about God. ~ Richard Rohr

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: Christ is risen!

All: **The Lord is risen indeed!**

ANTHEM

Angels Rolled de Stone Away

Jester Hairston

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Magennis

One: People of God, what do you need today?

All: **To rejoice!**

One: Then come, let us worship God,

All: **who broke the power of death,
who rolled the stone from the tomb,
who has risen from the grave!**

One: We worship in the name of God who created us,
Christ who rose from the dead,
and the Spirit Christ breathed upon his followers.

All: **Amen!**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so. _____

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: 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.”

**All: 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.**

One: In a world that teeters between grief and hope,
show us how to be like Peter.

**All: Show us how to hold onto hope.
Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: At first, the disciples didn’t believe that Jesus had risen.
They stayed locked in an upper room,
shaking and afraid.
Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our
best days and our worst days.

**All: God’s grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we’re grieving,
when we’re shouting and when we’re silent,
when we’re full of faith and when we’re full of fear.
God’s grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days,
and for all the days in between.
Thanks be to God for this good news!
Alleluia! Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Hallelujah

All: Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Rises

arr. Donald McCulloch

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 65: 17 – 25

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 Responsive Reading

One: Give thanks to the LORD, who alone is good;

All: **whose steadfast love is everlasting!**

One: The LORD is my strength and my might;

All: **the LORD is my salvation.**

One: Let the gates of righteousness be opened

All: **that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

One: This is the gate of the LORD;

All: **the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: I thank you that you have answered me

All: **and have become my salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the LORD has made;

All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Luke 24: 1 – 12

One: Holy Wisdom, holy Word.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: When we are all despairing,
when the world is full of grief,
when we see no way ahead
and hope has gone away:

All: Roll back the stone.

One: Although we fear change,
although we are not ready,
although we'd rather weep
and run away:

All: Roll back the stone.

One: Because we're coming with the women,
because we hope where hope is vain,
because you call us from the grave
and show the way:

All: Roll back the stone.

***HYMN** #257 *The Risen Christ*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hymn of Promise

arr. Tom Fettke

***DOXOLOGY #606**

All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

All: We lift our gifts to you, God, that you may use them to bring new life to those places in our world where suffering seeks to overwhelm hope. May these gifts become signs of the resurrection in a world hungry for your touch. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***WALK UP ANTHEM**

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Cathy Hoop, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Rose Gifford, Kyle Magennis, Cantor . **Thanks to:** Sound and Video Tim Richardson, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kiki Lemen and Nursery Care Providers

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Easter Flowers

Thank you for ordering flowers for Easter.

Flowers may be picked up after the Easter morning service. If you do not wish to take your flowers home, you may leave them at church for distribution.

Jim and Sherry Robinson	<i>In Memory of Brett Robinson</i>
Melanie and Andrew Reynolds	<i>In Memory of Janet Rund</i>
Melanie and Andrew Reynolds	<i>In Memory of Alfred and Dorothy Perkins</i>
Lloyd and Cindy Helder	<i>In Memory of Evelyn and Herald Helder</i>
Lloyd and Cindy Helder	<i>In Memory of Norma Helder</i>
Lloyd and Cindy Helder	<i>In Memory of Richard and Marilyn Henline</i>
Lloyd and Cindy Helder	<i>In Memory of Gary Henline</i>
Jon and Nancy Kreple	<i>In Memory of Jack, Vera, and John</i>
Gail and Alan Hering	<i>In Memory of Shirley and Clark Weersing</i>
Wayne Pynnonen	<i>In Memory of Aline Miller</i>
Wayne Pynnonen	<i>In Memory of Mae Pynnonen</i>
Mary Kay Andree	<i>In Memory of Robert Andree</i>
Mary Kay Andree	<i>In Memory of Mark Andree</i>
Chris Urbaniak	<i>In Memory of Tom Urbaniak</i>
Chris Urbaniak	<i>In Memory of Marilyn Lynn</i>
Lois Rust	<i>In Memory of Richard Rust (Rusty)</i>
Bruce and Fran Rosensteel	<i>In Memory of Dick and Naomi Rosensteel</i>
Bruce and Fran Rosensteel	<i>In Memory of Jeff Rosensteel</i>
Tim and Nancy Staal	<i>In Memory of Bob and Jane Bennett</i>
Tim and Nancy Staal	<i>In Memory of Harvey and Hilda Staal</i>
Bonnie and Don Cowie	<i>In Memory of Our Parents</i>

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Alan and Sherry Martens	<i>In Memory of Ron and Lois Martens</i>
Alan and Sherry Martens	<i>In Memory of Bill and Barb Johnson</i>
Beth and Collin Magennis	<i>In Memory of Paul Hartman</i>
Beth and Collin Magennis	<i>In Memory of Ann Magennis</i>
Eric and Gloria Slaughter	<i>In Memory of Eric and Gloria's parents</i>
Scott and Ann Siakel	<i>In Memory of Our Parents</i>
Janice Van Faasen	<i>In Memory of Paul Van Faasen</i>
Janice Van Faasen	<i>In Memory of Bill Van Faasen</i>
Audrey Bloemendaal	<i>In Memory of William Bloemendaal</i>
Dan and Jean Williams	<i>In Honor of Our grandchildren</i>
Lloyd and Cindy Helder	<i>In Honor of Betty Knoll</i>
Gail and Alan Hering	<i>In Honor of Chris Urbaniak</i>
Lois Rust	<i>In Honor of Richard Rust (Rusty)</i>
Eric and Sandy Peterson	
Linda Clark	
Sandy Updegraff	
Robert and Lorena Chambers	
Janet and Steve Magennis	<i>To the Glory of God...</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Paul will be defending his Doctor of Ministry thesis at Western Seminary on April 21 at 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend and support him in this important milestone. Please keep him in your prayers!

One Great Hour of Sharing // Each year we join with Presbyterians around the world to work together to create a better future for all people. This offering is distributed by:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, meeting the needs of those recovering from natural disasters
- Presbyterian Hunger Program, alleviating hunger and addressing the systemic causes of poverty
- Self-Development of People, investing in communities as they confront oppression, poverty and injustice

Your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing is a gift of love in a hurting world. We will receive this special offering on Easter Sunday. Visit One Great Hour of Sharing (<https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing>) to learn more or to make an on-line donation.

Two New Adult Education Opportunities!

The Traveler's Path: Finding Spiritual Growth and Inspiration through Travel - Rev. Doug Brouwer will lead a series of classes inspired by his new book, *The Traveler's Path*. Travel shapes our identity, from ancient spiritual journeys to the modern movement of people across the globe. In his latest book, Douglas J. Brouwer, a pastor, scholar and lifelong traveler, invites readers to reflect on the profound, transformative power of travel in all its forms. The class will meet in the Michigan Room, Sundays at 11:15. Class begins April 27th.

Presby-What? - If you've been visiting with us and are curious about what membership in a PC(USA) church is all about, this class is for you! We will learn about the denomination's history and guiding beliefs, and how First Presbyterian of Holland lives out its calling to witness to the good news of God's love. All are welcome! This class will gather Sundays at 11:15 in the sanctuary beginning April 27th and run for 4 weeks.

FPC Families with preschool age children / If you are considering enrolling your child(ren) in the First Presbyterian Preschool this Fall, Spiritual Growth Council offers scholarship money to all FPC Members to assist with tuition. Please connect with Lori Klinesteker or Paul Van Kempen for more information.

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Holland Community Theatre // Join us on Saturday, April 26th to see the comedy "Every Little Crook & Nanny" at HCT at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$18 at the sign-up table in the lobby. Optional dinner at the Curraugh at 5pm.

Tulip Time // Are you in need of a Dutch costume? Presbyterian Women are selling the costumes we used when we staffed the Tulip Time Information Booths. All costumes are priced \$25 and proceeds will be donated to the Preschool Scholarship fund. If you have a costume that you wish to donate, Please contact Linda Gebben, 916-801-6637.



Wild Wonder (Peace Camp)
Registration 2025

Wild Wonder Camp (Peace Camp) // It is that time of year when it is time to start thinking about registering for summer camps and programs. As you are planning your summer, make sure to save the week of June 23-27 for Wild Wonder Camp (Peace Camp) at First Presbyterian Church. Wild Wonder Camp will be held from 9-11:45am each day. We welcome campers K-6th grade (entering in the fall) and teen helpers from 7-12th grade. ***Wild Wonder Camp is totally free!*** Scan the QR code to register.

Habitat for Humanity // Future Habitat work days to put on your calendar are April 17 and May 15. Questions can be directed to wehaines@icloud.com

Looking to Get Involved? // Would you like to learn more about the ways FPC Holland supports our community? The Outreach Council is seeking additional members to help us in vetting partners requesting our support. The council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending a meeting or learning more about our work, please contact Tom Salley for details. salleyt@yahoo.com or 616-612-804

Volunteers Needed // FPC Transporters Team was formed to help FPC members and their families whose circumstances don't allow them to drive or find other means of transportation to shop, travel to medical appointments and church services etc. Are you looking for a way to serve others? Consider joining our transportation team. Contact Tom Glover for more information, glovertn@gmail.com

Guest Speaker // The Men's Discussion group invites ALL adults (all genders) to come hear Dr. Andy Atwood (Semi-Retired Pastoral Counselor) speak to us on "grief work". Because this is a special speaker, we are opening the event to everyone. We will meet on Friday, May 2 at 7:30 am in the M&M Cafe. Questions, please contact Ross Hamlin.

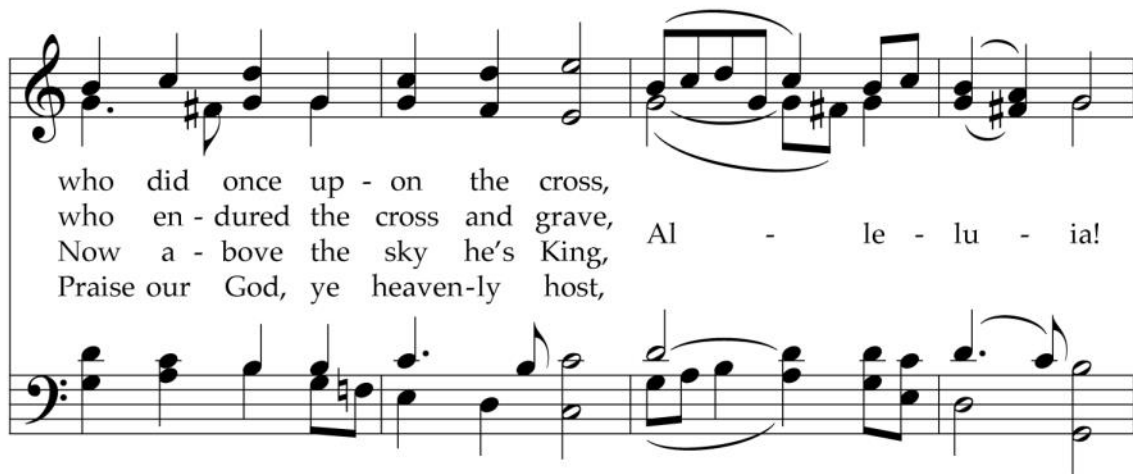
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The melody is in a major key and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing beamed sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Risen Christ

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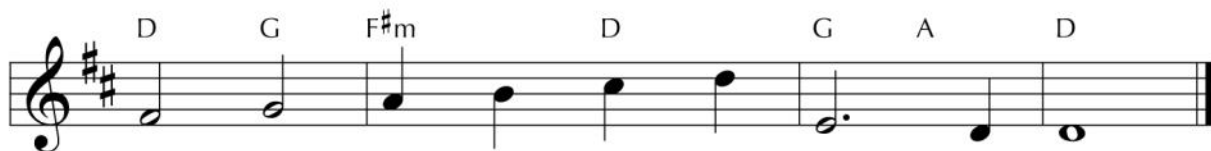
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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Class of 2027: Kristin Goddard, Lloyd Helder,
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Class of 2028: Cathy Colten, Gail Hering,
Fred Mc Conkey

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Class of 2025: Ben Rund-Scott

Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson,
Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel.

Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley

Class of 2028: Jon Kreple, Lauren Stouffer,
Chris Urbaniak

Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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