

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Resurrection Sunday

31 March 2024

### Gathering as a Community to Worship

✦ Fanfare

✦ Easter Anthem

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

*verses 1 & 2, outside*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

*verses 3 & 4, inside*

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

✦ Organ Introit

✦ Welcome & Greeting

Christ is Risen! Χριστός ανέστη!  
(Christos anesti!)

**He is risen indeed! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!**  
**(Alithos anesti!)**

Call to Worship

Opening Words

The women went to the tomb early in the morning, and they heard these words:

**Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.**  
**He has been raised; he is not here.**

Beloved of Christ, we worship the risen Lord.

**May God be praised!**

Handbell Proclamation

"Thine is the Glory"

✦ Gathering Hymn

"Christ is Alive!"

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## Confessing to God's Mercy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and we pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the good earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. 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

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

✠ Gloria Patri

**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.**

## Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24

Mark 16.1-8

*OT / HT p. 565*

*NT / CT p. 54*

Sermon

## Responding to God's Love

Prayers of the People, concluded with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful in every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Announcements

Stewardship Offering with Pennies for Hunger Offering

Musical Offertory

"Christ Arose"

arr. Mary McDonald

*Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!*

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!  
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

✦ Doxology

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

✦ Affirmation of Faith, "The Apostle's Creed"

**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.**

## Departing into the Community to Serve

✦ Departing Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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✦ Charge & Benediction

✦ Postlude

"Toccata" from *Organ Symphony No. 5.*

Charles-Marie Widor

*This Year's Easter Lilies are Given*

*in Memory of:*

**Nana & Papa**  
**(Jerry & AJ Barbee)**  
Harper & Hattie Speaks

**Sam & Margaret Cartner**  
Jim & Jane Cartner

**Dr. & Mrs. Marshall B. Corl**  
The Family

**George M. Durgin, Jr.**  
**(Popi)**  
The Baker Family

**Sherry Hardin**  
Don & Janice Searcy

**R. Norman Harris**  
Nancy Harris

**Fred Herschler**  
The McElwee Family

**Becky Hill**  
Her Family

**William & Julia Howard**  
Linda Howard

**John Thompson Howard**  
Linda Howard

**Keegan O. Kimball**  
Dick & Jonna Sears

**Mrs. Laura Thomas Laws**  
John & Cathy Potts

**Dr. & Mrs. Forrest B. Long**  
The Family

**Nathan & Frances McElwee**  
The McElwee Family

**Ed & Nan McKenzie**  
Jim & Jane Cartner

**John Harvey Nicholson**  
The McElwee Family

**Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Potts**  
John & Cathy Potts

**The Rev. Homer T. &  
Mrs. Natalie A. Rickabaugh**  
Dennis & Beth Setzer

**Nelson D. Terry, Sr.**  
Chris & Gina Terry and Family

**John & Anne Bell Scott**  
The McElwee Family

**Peggy Jean Setzer**  
Dennis & Beth Setzer

**Gary Stinchcomb**  
The McElwee Family

**Mr. Raeford A. Thomas**  
John & Cathy Potts

**Katy Sale**  
Clay, Falon, Harper, &  
Hattie Speaks

**Mr. & Mrs. John B. Whitley**  
**and**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Fred R. Sears, Sr.**  
Dick & Jonna Sears

**Michael E. Whitley**  
Dick & Jonna Sears



*in Honor of:*

**Mrs. Becky Dickerson**  
The FPC Sanctuary Choir

**Michael Dodick**  
Joanne Dodick

**Michelle Dodick**  
Joanne Dodick

**The FPC Preschool Staff**  
Falon Speaks

**Shelby & Betty Robert**  
The McElwee Family

**Mrs. Katherine Thomas**  
John & Cathy Potts

# Announcements

- Our brief mission statement:  
"Loving and serving through Jesus Christ."
- In our Order for Worship, we invite you to join your voices where **print is in bold**. OT / HT refers to the Old / Hebrew Testament; NT / CT refers to the New / Christian Testament.
- For emergency situations, a First Aid kit is located in the Narthex and in the hallway beside the elevator (along with a defibrillator). In case of emergency, remain where you are seated until directed by an Usher or the Pastor.
- The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, in honor of Easter Monday.
- OWLS will meet on Tuesday, 2 April at 12:30pm. Please contact Sarah Davis or Martha Rothwell if you would like to attend.
- Piecemakers meet each Wednesday morning at 9:30am. Currently, they are working on Fidget Quilts for Alzheimer patients in Hospice care. Several of these very beautiful and creative quilts are on display in the Fourth Creek Meeting Hall.
- Wonderful Wednesdays will take another week off, as many will be away for Spring Break. We will resume on 10 April 2024.
- The Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Elaine Steele will take place on Saturday, 13 April at 5:00pm. A private graveside service will take place prior to the church service.
- The Church would like to congratulate Dr. Jim & Mrs. Jane Cartner upon the birth of their grandson, George Parker Stallard. He was born on Tuesday, 26 March and the parents are Mary Bruce and Parker Stallard of Birmingham, Michigan. The yellow rose has been placed by the church in his honor.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed food or donations for our Missions Committee's "March Madness Canned Food Drive." With your help, we were able to collect 1,363.8 pounds of food to help against hunger in our local neighborhoods.
- Please plan to attend next Sunday afternoon's "Suite Sounds & Festal Fantasies," an Organ & Piano Recital celebrating Springtime. It will take place at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

## We Pray for

**Church Members:** Lamar Austin, Mary Neely, Ronny Thomas, Kirky Kirkman, Ann Speaks, George Caudle, the FPC Church Staff and Congregation, the Family of June Caudle's brother, the Family of Elaine Steele, the Family of Janice Thornton, and the Family of Jim Tarman's sister (Mary Storey).

**Friends & Family:** Becky Dickerson, Mary George, Joel H., Alf F., John F., Gene W., and Susie W.

# 2024 FPC Missions Golf Tournament

**Thursday, May 2nd, 2024**

Statesville Country Club  
635 Deauville Rd. Statesville, NC 28625



**First Presbyterian Church**

**Four Person  
Captain's Choice  
\$400/Team**

(Includes Cart, Greens Fees  
& Lunch)

**Sponsorship  
Opportunities**

Lunch - \$1,000  
Putting Contest - \$500  
Driving Range - \$500  
Beverage Cart - \$500  
Hole - \$250

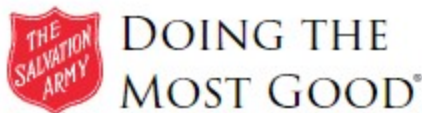
Registration begins at 11 am  
Lunch served at 11:30 am  
Shotgun start at 1pm.

Mulligan Packages  
Putting Contest  
Raffle Prizes

Prizes awarded for:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Closest to the pin

100% of net proceeds go to these mission ministries of FPCS:

**FIFTH  
STREET  
MINISTRIES**



**To Sign Up or Sponsor, contact:**

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Dick Sears 704.562.0845, Billy Winters 704.871.7094, Brian Long 704.928.7227, John Downs 704.517.4294  
Or call the church office directly at 704-873-7244

# This Week at the Church

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Sunday March	<b>31</b>	7:00am	Sunrise Service (Sanctuary Courtyard)
		9:45am	Sunday School
		10:00am	Handbell Choir Practice
		11:00am	Sunday Worship (Sanc) with Communion
Tuesday April	<b>1</b>		Church Office Closed for Easter Monday
Tuesday April	<b>2</b>	10:00am	Chair Yoga (4CMH)
		12:30pm	OWLS (4CMH)
Wednesday April	<b>3</b>	9:30am	Piecemakers (YR)
		10:30am	Fall Prevention Class (4CMH)
		2:00pm	Worship & Music Committee (FR)
Sunday April	<b>7</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
		10:40am	Session: Communion Meeting (Chap)
		11:00am	Sunday Worship with Communion (Sanc)
		12:30pm	Congregational Care Committee (HR)
		12:45pm	Finance & Stewardship Committee (FR)
		3:00pm	Suite Sounds & Festal Fantasies Organ & Piano Recital (Sanc)

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