# *Easter Sunday*

***The Resurrection of the Lord***

***April 16, 2017***



***Alleluia!***

##  GATHERING

*\*ALL WHO ARE ABLE ARE INVITED TO STAND*

**PRELUDE *“****Canzona Bergamasca”* Samuel Scheidt

*“Canzon Septimi Toni no. 2”* Giovanni Gabrieli

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Paul E. Gilmore

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Minister: The trumpet sounds, eyes twinkle, the mystery deepens, all is changed.

**People: Jesus Christ has broken the bonds of death! We are witnesses to the amazing good news.**

Minister: God is creating a new day of joy. Turn from your weeping.

The tomb is empty. Death is not the last word.

**People: Come and join the joyous dance of life.**

Minister: For Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

**\*HYMN No. 123** *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* Easter Hymn arr. Richard Webster

## \*EASTER AFFIRMATION (unison)

(9 a.m.) Rev. Christopher C. Tate (11 a.m.) Rev. Mary Marple Thies Minister: This is the Good News –

**People: The grave is empty, Christ is risen!**

Minister: This is the good news –

**People: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never overcome it.**

Minister: This is the good news –

**People: Once we were no people, now we are God’s people.**

Minister: This is the good news –

**People: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.**

**\*THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace, hope, justice and joy of Christ, our risen Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Greet one another with words and signs of Christ’s reconciling peace.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please sign the card and pass it to your neighbor. As you pass it back to the center, take note of who is here so we can become better acquainted. Visitors, please give your address, telephone, and e-mail information.

**CHILDREN IN Pre-K-4TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO CHILDREN’S CHAPEL IN**

**THE COMMON ROOM.** Older kids remain in the worship with their family.

##  THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (9 a.m.) Dede Bartlett (11 a.m.) Sherman Bull

## Loving God, roll away the stone that covers our hearts. Through these words

**which you give us, may we see your love made known, recognize the risen Lord**

**in our midst, and hear our names called by the One whose death and resurrection bring to us the gift of life abundant and life eternal. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 25:6-9 (OT page 652)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

9:00 Anthem: *“This is the Day”* Natalie Sleeth Combined Cherub and Carol Choir

11:00 Anthem: *“O Sons and Daughters”* arr. John Ferguson

First Presbyterian Church and English Handbell Choir

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 28:1-10 (NT pages 33-34)

Minister: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *“Trust the Catcher”* Rev. Paul E. Gilmore

##  THE RESPONSE

**\*HYMN No. 118** *“The Day of Resurrection”* Lancashire arr. Dennis C. Klophaus

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

**OFFERTORY** “Antiphon” from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams First Presbyterian Church Choir and Carol Choir

\***DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS** Lasst uns erfreuen

## Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host.**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.** Minister: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy…

*Please join in the responsive singing of the Sanctus and the singing of the Memorial Acclamation:*

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** Hymn No. 113 (verse 2) Llanfair

## Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise; Alleluia!

**LORD'S PRAYER (unison)**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Communion will be served by intinction in which the bread is dipped into the cup. The wine is served in two chalices: the larger chalice contains wine, the smaller, grape juice. Gluten- free crackers are available on each plate. “Thanks be to God,” is a proper response to the receiving of communion. We will begin with people in the back rows and work our way to the front.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

9:00 Anthem: *“Rejoice Greatly”* Susan E. Geschke

Combined Chimes and Handbell Choir

11:00 Anthem: *“Aria”* Douglas E. Wagner English Handbell Choir

Congregational Hymn No. 106 *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* Alleluia No.1 Please sing the refrain after every verse

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

**In the end as in the beginning, God is God: Loved by us, wanted by us, praised by us, served by us; filling folks with the gifts of the Spirit, making them whole for the good of the earth. For bread and wine, this place and this time, thanks be to God. For the peace we are promised which the world cannot destroy, thanks be to God. For the hope of heaven on earth and the final song of joy, thanks be to God. Amen.**

 **SENDING**

**\*HYMN No. 151** *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* Diademata arr. Richard Webster

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *“Awake, My Heart with Gladness”* Johann Crüger First Presbyterian Choir and Brass Quintet

## RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

**\*POSTLUDE** *“Grand Choeur Dialogué”* Eugène Gigout

Brass Quintet and Organ arr. Gary Olson

**TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

We welcome you to the Service of Worship for the Lord's Day. Parents of infants through 4 year olds are invited to take their children to the Nursery School classrooms during our services. **9 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.:** Today in Sunday's Cool we will be combining grades PreK through 4th. Please follow your Rev. Kibbie to the Common Room for Children’s Chapel dedicated to the Easter Story.

### TODAY’S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Worship Coordinator:** 9:00 A.M. Nancy Flournoy; 11:00 A.M. Dan McEvoy

**Greeters:** 9:00 A.M.: The Reeves family; 11:00 A.M.: The Gulden family; **Ushers:** 9:00 A.M.: Mavis Asare, Peter Bayer, Jim Beall, Hazel Hobbs; 11:00 A.M.: Brian Carlson, Peggy Hooker, Charlie Robinson, Sarah Robinson; **Lay Readers:** 9:00 A.M.: Dede Bartlett; 11:00 A.M.: Sherman Bull; **Cross Bearers:** 9:00 A.M.: Spencer Reeves; 11:00 A.M.: Peg Bull; **Communion Preparers:** 9:00 A.M.: Barbara Beall; 11:00 A.M.: Denise Riehl, Bev Thomas; **Communion Officers:** 9:00 A.M.: Emma Dahill, Linda Martin, Patty von Jena, Stephan von Jena; 11:00 A.M.: Jennifer Gulden, Dede McEvoy, Jen Van de Graaf, Sarah Van de Graaf.

**Musicians:** *Both Services:* The First Presbyterian Church Choir; English Handbell Choir; Brass Quintet (Matthew Anderson, trumpet, Carl Stanley, trumpet, Laura Weiner, horn, Burt Mason, trombone, Mark Broschinsky, trombone). *At the 9 AM Service:* Chimes Choir, Carol Choir, Cherub Choir, Sherry Tate, director, Christine Mangone, piano.

**Sanctuary flower decorations** provided by the Flower Committee.

**Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers: *Continued concerns:*** Grace Chung; Neil Coakley; Ann Depuy; Darren Dionne; Anne Blose Eydt (daughter of Marion Blose); Jennifer Gallagher (a member of the Riehl family); Graham Harden; Sister Therese Jacobs (friend of Mary Jane Bolin); Vince Lombardi; Doris Mierendorf; Beryl Stone (a friend of the Van de Graaf’s); The Stricos family (friends of Joe and Diana Ruszkowski); Ronald Witt. *The Abo Noktah family (our Syrian refugees):* Khaldoun (father), Khawla Alzob (mother), daughters Hanin (12) and Zain (5), and sons Yaman (11) and Ahmed, (10).

**Flower Memorials:** If you wish to have flowers in the sanctuary to celebrate an anniversary, a baptism, a birthday, or to memorialize a loved family member or friend please call Barbara Wentzel, Flower Coordinator, at 203-966-5402 or email at barbarawentzel@mac.com.

### Calling all lads and lassies!! Scottish Sunday is April 30 With Scottish activities leading up to the big day

**Sunday, April 23, 11:30am:** Kiltmaker Bonnie Heather Greene will discuss the kiltmaking tr adition and provide tartan sample books for perusal to find you family tartan or pick one you like. In the Common Room.

**Wednesday, April 26, 6:00pm:** Assist master shortbread bakers Molly Ludtke and Susan Gress in the FPCNC kitchen to bake batches of homemade shortbread to share on Scottish Sunday. RSVP: cmbarbour@gmail.com

**Friday, April 28, 6:00-8:00pm:** Scottish Heritage Cocktail Party and Kirkin’ (get measured and order a custom kilt) at the home of Scott and Susan Gress. Bring an app and beverage to share. RSVP: cmbarbour@gmail.com

**Sunday, April 30:** (drop off lunch items in Common Room before going to the sanctuary) Join the fanfare starting with a bagpipe procession at the beginning of the 10:00 service, grab some coffee and homemade shortbread in the back of the sanctuary and enjoy the Ceilidh featuring Scottish songs, harp and bagpipes. Follow the pipers to the Common Room for lunch immediately following the Ceilidh and try some haggis (or not), bring something to share (plenty of non-haggis options) based on the first letter of your last name: **A-E bring cold cuts; F-J bring sliced bread and cheese; K-N bring salads (green, pasta, cole slaw, potato salad); O-R bring fruit or dessert; S-V bring appetizers; W-Z bring condiments (mayo, mustard, pickles).** The FPCNC Scottish Committee will provide wine, Scottish beer and soft drinks. A wee donation is much appreciated to defray our costs (we must pay the piper after all). Monies leftover will be donated to the Deacons Fund. RSVP: cmbarbour@gmail.com

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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*Church Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16 Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Holy Communion Service**

**Presbyterian Choir School Spring Musical!**

**Sunday, June 4th at the 10am service!**

**On April 5th,** we began rehearsals for the spring musical "In the Image." The musical features all ages, singers and non-singers who tell the story of God's creation in a Sunday School classroom. Thinking their teacher won the lottery and moved to Tahiti, the class takes over as teachers and discover that God really is the creator of all things - even snakes, mosquitos and Brussels sprouts! This fun, funny and uplifting musical is sure to be a hit!

Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, April 19 from 5:00-6:30. The musical will be on Sunday, June 4th. Email Chris Tate at tatecg@yahoo.com or Victoria Shields at victoria@fpcnc.org for more information. We hope you'll join us!

*Children's Chapel*

10:15 AM Coffee Hour

**11:00 AM Holy Communion Service**

*Children's Chapel*

12:15 PM Coffee Hour

**MONDAY, APRIL 17 Church Offices closed**

2:00 PM Meditation Group

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

9:30 AM Leadership Team 11:30 AM Gentlemen Songsters 8:00 PM Men’s A.A.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**

9:30 AM Music Librarians 10:00 AM Dorcas Sewing Group 10:30 AM Pastoral Care Team 5:00 PM Cherub Choir

5:00 PM Spring Musical Rehearsal 5:00 PM Confirmation Class

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

3:30 PM Special Church 7:00 PM CaTS Team

7:30 PM FPC Choir

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

9:15 AM A.A. (closed)

10:30 AM A.A. (open)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

**10:00 AM “Holy Humor” Sunday**

**Rev. Paul E. Gilmore preaching** 10:15 AM Church School for grades K-7 11:00 AM HSYG-Mission Trip Presentation 11:15 AM Coffee Hour

11:15 AM Cherub Choir

11:15 AM Membership Involvement Committee 11:30 AM Board of Deacons

11:30 AM Scottish Kilt/Tartan presentation 4:00 PM MSYG-Mission Trip Presentation 6:00 PM HSYG-Barn Time

If you have remembered FPCNC in your estate plans, and would like to be included on the list of members of the Bell Tower Society, please let Michelle Olsen in the church office know. Thank you for making plans to leave a legacy.

***Easter Flowers***

**†**In loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. George J. Thompson,** and **Mr.** and **Mrs. J. Perry Bartlett,**

from Dede and Jim Bartlett.

**†**In loving memory of **Leroy** and **Bonnie Pipkins Beyer,** and **George A. Baker,** from Scott, Allison, Gray and Rachel Beyer.

**†**In loving memory of **Stephen** and **Madeline Benko** and **Donald** and **Pearleen Baer,** from the Benko family.

**†**In loving memory of **Howard Blose,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of **Frank Bondor, Steve Begala,** and **Dorothy Morse,** from Anna Mae Bondor and family.

**†**In loving memory of **Jim Bridgman,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of **Bob Brownley,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of **family and friends,** from Sherman and Peg Bull.

**†**In loving memory of her mother, **Joan DeGarmo,** from Joan Caird and family.

**†**In loving memory of **Sally Elbert Kalin,** from her family.

**†**In loving memory of **David Findlay Jr.,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of **Allison Foster Hartshorne,** from Joanna Hartshorne, and Ted and Elaine Foster.

**†**For our **dear grandparents** who have already received the gift of eternal life, lovingly the Gifford Family.

**†**In loving memory of **their parents, Carl** and **Frieda Nolte,** and **Jim and Bunny Otto,**

and **nephew, Cade James Griffin,** from Len and Cindy Graziano.

**†**In loving memory of **Isaac Hampel,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of **Alan Wentzel, Charlie** and **Leonetta Gulden, Walter** & **Hazel Hanson,**

from the Gulden/Wentzel family.

**†**In loving memory of **Mom and Dad,** from Karen Hanson.

**†**In loving memory of **Bill Hart,** from his Swan-Hart family.

**†**In loving memory of **Gordon & Marilyn Jones**, from the Holden/Jones family.

**†**In loving memory of **George Hooker,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of her husband, **Skip Kniffin,** and his cousin, **Mary Long,** from Anne Kniffin and family.

**†**In loving memory of their parents, **Rev. Louis E. Young** and **Jean Young**, **Greta Laird** and **James Laird,**

and Ruth’s sister, **Pat Larson,** from the Laird family.

**†**In loving memory of their parents, **Louis** and **Helen Dahle,** and **James** and **Julia Riehl,**

and for the life of **David M. Kispert** and **Dominique Schieck,** from Denise and Jim Riehl.

**†**In loving memory of our parents, **James S. Russell** and **Reginald** and **Noreen Martin,**

from Linda and Paul Martin.

**†**In loving memory of **Donal C. O’Brien, Jr., Constance** and **Donal O’Brien,** and **Nancy** and **George Slight,**

and **George Slight, Jr.,** from their family.

**†**In loving memory of **Linda Moore Post, George Browne Post, Jr.** and **Irene Emery Goodale,** from their family.

**†**In loving memory of **Mary Ann Marston Jackson** and **Jack and Pat Quinn** from the Quinn family.

**†**In honor of **J. Tracey Mackle,** and in loving memory of **Maxine Mackle,** with love from Vivi, Kate, Spencer, Julie and Michael Reeves.

**†**In loving memory of Bonnie’s grandparents, **Thomas M.** and **Mary W. Curran,** and **John Irving, Mary Kennedy,**

and **Phillip Du Val,** with love from Matt, Bonnie and Courtney Rumilly.

**†**In loving memory of her husband, **Peter Schurman,** and her brother, **Donald Calhoun,** from Judy Schurman.

**†**In loving memory of **Tatjana Freelove,** from the Servidea family.

**†**In loving memory of **Jackson Johnson Taylor** and **Mary Ellen Trimmer Taylor,** by their daughter Ellen Trimmer Taylor Sisson, Jack, Mary and Frances.

**†**In loving memory of **our parents,** from Nell and Roger Smith.

**†**In loving memory of **George Stevens,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of **Ned Swanberg,** from his family.

**†**In loving memory of **Craig Tate, William** and **Hazel Graham,** and **John** and **Evelyn Tate,** from Sherry Tate.

**†**In loving memory of his mother, **Eleanor Thies,** and her parents, **Margret** and **William Marple,**

from Armin and Rev. Mary Marple Thies.

**†**In loving memory of **Annunziata (Nancy) Colella, Evelyn & Alfred Kastrup** and **Estella & Atenógenes Villarreal,**

from the Villarreal/Colella family.

**†**In memory of **Ronald Watkins** from his loving family.

**†**In loving memory of **Miriam Finerty, Ann McGuiness**, and **Robert Wingate,** from the Wingate family.

**†**In loving memory of her husband and their father, **Bob Witt,** from his family.

 **Our Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

 **Our Pastors**

The Rev. Paul E. Gilmore, Pastor

The Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families

 **Our Staff**

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 **The Session**

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