

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## EASTER SUNDAY

### RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

April 24, 2011

#### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

One: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

#### PRELUDE

“Entrata Festiva”

Flor Peeters

*Christ o'er pow'r-eth, Christ now reigneth, Christ has triumphed!*

Organ, Brass, Timpani, and Chancel Choir

#### WELCOME

Dr. David A. Renwick

Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend Laura E. Palmer

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

One: . . . *The Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8* . . .

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!**

One: Let us stand and sing God's Praise!

#### † HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!* Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*  
Who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia!* Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*

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!*

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

#### † PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, in raising Jesus from the dead,

You shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn.

We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed.

We have despised the weak and abused the earth that you made.

God of mercy, forgive us.

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**

One: What does it mean that Jesus Christ is risen?

**All: It means that we are given a new future  
that can be filled with peace, hope and love!**

One: But what of those things that still threaten our lives?

**All: Our Gracious God has conquered them through Christ!**

One: And God did this for me?

**All: God did this for all of us!**

One: Hallelujah!

**All: Hallelujah!**

† **RESPONSE TO PARDON** (please join in singing)

VICTORY

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. 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!

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**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

1 Corinthians 15:1-6a

(Pew Bible Page 1001)

(8:45) Ridgley I. Beckett

(11:00) Reverend L. Craig Foster

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

(Children's Worship will resume on May 1.)

**SECOND LESSON**

Romans 6:1-12

Pew Bible Page 981

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Riding the Elevator"

Dr. David A. Renwick

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Apostles' Creed

Dr. William L. Arthur

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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever. Amen.

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

“Rejoice, Ye Heavenly Powers”

Stephen Main

Chancel Choir

Trio: Valerie MacPhail, Patricia Hevener, Jayne McQueen

*What is this mystery, so great and new? Trembling for joy, all creation cries;  
the Lord has risen from the dead, and death beneath Him lies.*

*Rejoice ye heavenly powers, O sing, ye choirs of angels!  
Exult all creation around God’s throne, for Christ our King is risen,  
sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice.*

*O myst’ry great and glorious that mortal flesh should conquer death and sin,  
and all our human pains and wounds the Lord should heal by bearing them.*

*Rejoice, ye heavenly powers, Rejoice!*

*Rejoice, O ye earth in splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Rejoice, holy Church, exult in glory, the light of Christ shines upon you.  
Let the earth resound and echo, the song of God’s own people. Rejoice!*

### † DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

### † HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

*Refrain*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,  
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let His Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

*Refrain*

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, Through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.

*Refrain*

### † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### † CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah Chorus”

G. F. Handel

### POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Gaudeamus Pariter”

arr. James Biery

“Fanfare for Easter Day”

Gerald Bales

Organ, Brass, Timpani

† Congregation will stand.

\*\*\*\* Ushers will seat latecomers.

**This morning's offertory anthem**, *Rejoice, Ye Heavenly Powers*, was given by the Chancel Choir in loving memory of John H. Coleman.

**Butterfly/Easter Lily booklets** with memorials and acknowledgements are available from the ushers and can be found in the Tower Room and church office area.

**Many thanks** to our brass and percussion players for enhancing our worship today: Craig Davis, Jonathan Tillotson, Paula Riddle, Jeff Kuntz, John McCallister, and Matt McDaniel.

**PARENTS . . . Nursery care** is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you. **If your child becomes restless or needs to leave the sanctuary for any reason, an usher can direct you to the Church Parlor as a place to stay with your child and still share in the worship service through our live video and audio.**

**For Nursing Mothers:** There are two locations that nursing mothers can use while they are here on Sunday mornings. The nursery in the Family Life Center (off the gym playroom) is open before and during MorningSong for nursing mothers. Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers. **NOTE: C-103 is a food-free room. Please do not take any food into the room with you.**

**Rainbow worship bags** are provided at the doors of the Sanctuary for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, puzzle game, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

## Contribute Your Gently-Used Children's and Young Teen Books!

*April 3 – 25*

Help support summer reading at Cleveland Elementary, Houston Elementary, and Carver Junior High (soon to be Middle School).

- Bring your gently-used children's and/or young teen books to the church office between April 3-25.
- We will contribute them all to the Hub City Writer's Project Community Book Drive.
- This is a joint project of the Education and Discipleship Ministry and the Weekday School.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ JUNE 12-16

### *GALACTIC EXPEDITIONS*

Contact Kellie Foster ([kelliefoster@gmail.com](mailto:kelliefoster@gmail.com)) if you can help.

#### NEW THIS YEAR!

- Separate Preschool and Elementary Programs
- New VBS for those entering the Youth Program

#### THREE EXCITING THEMES

- ❖ Preschool: *Galactic Blast, Jr.*
- ❖ Grades 1-4: *Galactic Blast*
- ❖ Grade 5: *Galactic Mission*

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Guides for Preschool and Elementary children
- People to greet, handle registration, direct traffic/parking

#### REGISTER NOW!!

See the church website for more details ([www.fpcspartanburg.org](http://www.fpcspartanburg.org)).

## Calendar of the Week

### Sunday, April 24

8:45 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary  
8:45 a.m. MorningSong – Fogartie Hall  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 a.m. Butterfly Release  
11:00 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

### Monday, April 25

7:00 a.m. Sr. High Breakfast Club West  
12:00 noon Officer Prayer Lunch  
5:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School Committee  
6:00 p.m. Chamber Singers

### Tuesday, April 26

9:15 a.m. Church Staff  
10:00 a.m. Library Sub-Committee  
12:00 p.m. Study Group: *Living the Resurrection*  
5:30 p.m. Stated Session  
6:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, April 27

9:15 a.m. Women's Study: *Call to Discipleship*  
10:00 a.m. Women's Study: *Christians in the Making*  
12:00 p.m. Study Group: *A Generous Orthodoxy*  
5:00 p.m. WAF (see insert)  
**5:15 p.m. Evensong Service**  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 28

12:00 p.m. Study Group: *Living the Resurrection*  
5:00 p.m. APNC for Children's Ministry  
5:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Team

### Friday, April 29

6:30 a.m. Men's Study Group: *The Gospel of Luke*  
7:00 a.m. Men's Study Group: *The Patriarchs*

## EVENSONG SERVICE

THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27  
5:15 – 5:45 P.M. ~ CHAPEL



**Evensong** is a service of singing, prayer, and candlelight Communion held in the Chapel on select Wednesday evenings from 5:15 – 5:45 p.m. All are welcome at this service of praise and contemplation. The service will be led by Reverend Laura E. Palmer.

*Nursery care is provided in the Clark Building, C106 and C108.*

### Staff

**Dr. David A. Renwick**, Senior Pastor; **Reverend L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Dr. William L. Arthur**, Parish Associate; **Reverend Ansley B. Page**, Parish Associate; **Reverend Laura E. Palmer**, Interim Associate Pastor; **R. Holt Andrews**, Director of Music; **Marcia C. Andrews**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; **Scott J. Neely**, Pastoral Executive; **Nan McDaniel**, Interim Director of Children's Ministry; **Carrie D. Williamson**, Director of Youth; **Ridgley I. Beckett**, Interim Assistant Director of Youth; **Bethany S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Recreation; **Patricia L. Webster**, Church Hostess

**Missionaries:** *Salvador and Irma de la Torre, Kenya; Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Lesotho; Paul and Darlene Heller, Malawi; Mission Co-Workers Serving with Kurds; Mission Co-Workers Serving in the Middle East*

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**Welcome!**

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.

First Presbyterian Church  
is a community of believers committed to  
*"Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together  
through Word and Deed."*