

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When directed, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the elements, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. Gluten-free bread is available by the baptismal font.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, your Son made himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith that we may see Him in all His redeeming work, both in our lives and in the life of the world; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

SENDING

* HYMN #123 – “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #106 – “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.”

* POSTLUDE *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!* Whitworth

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* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you

WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Please join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:45. Sunday school precedes worship at 9:30. Find more information at: www.firstprescarlisle.org.

~ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ~

TODAY’S flowers are presented by Jean Thompson to the glory of God, in honor of her family, and in loving memory of her husband Joe.

TODAY, serving in worship:

Reader: Vicki McLaughlin

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Jane Blosser; Sue Dennison; Earlene Heckendorn

Communion Preparer/Servers: Barb Allen; Lynda Mann; Deb Richcreek;

Ray Thomas

Video Recorder: Joe Shane; Audio Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

* in the presbytery: East Waterford; seeking a pastor

* in the community: AME Zion (S. West St.)

* in the congregation (at random): Ron & Deb Richcreek; Lewis Patterson

THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:

~ Monday, 7 PM: Deacons meeting

~ Wednesday, 7 PM: Choir rehearsal

~ Saturday, Noon-3 PM: Downtown Carlisle “Bunny Hop.” Candy donations are needed and can be placed in the kitchen. POC: Charlie Thompson.

NEXT SUNDAY.....SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER.....APRIL 7th

> 9:15 AM: Prayer, in the sanctuary

> 9:30 AM: Education hour

> 10:45 AM: Worship; Sermon, “In Defense of Doubt;” (John 20:19-31)

> After worship: Fellowship Time

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the annual “One Great Hour of Sharing” special offering, which totaled **\$1,500**.

PASTOR TONY will be taking spiritual renewal days Monday & Tuesday. He will return to the office Wednesday.

LOOKING AHEAD

+ **APRIL** is “Child Abuse Prevention Month.” Again this year, the Exchange Club of Carlisle will be “planting” a Blue Pinwheel Community Garden along the church’s fence line. A pinwheel is planted for each \$5 donation. All proceeds go to Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties’ children’s programs. For more info or to donate, go to: www.exchangeclubofcarlisle.org/pinwheels.htm. Thank you!

+ **MAY:**

- **Saturday, 4th:** First Church Rummage Sale

- **Sunday, 26th:** First Church “Music Sunday”

+ **THIS SUMMER:** The community program “Supportive Partnerships for Youth” (SPY) is coming to First Church this summer! Be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer.



Members of the Congregation, Ministers
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita
Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director
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First Presbyterian Church
On-the-Square
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



March 31, 2024

10:45 a.m.

The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday
Lord’s Supper

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Morning in the Quiet Garden
Glory to Our Risen Lord
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Martin
Blake
Wagner

~ OPENING GREETING ~

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

Stebbins

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 118, selected)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

**In our anguish we cried to the Lord,
and he answered by setting us free.**

The Lord is our strength and our song;
he has become our salvation.

**We will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone;

**The Lord has done this;
and it is marvelous in our eyes!**

* HYMN #118 – “The Day of Resurrection!”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from our sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church. AMEN**
(silent confession . . .)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive
one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**
(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Startle us, O God, with the truth of your word,
and open our hearts and minds to receive
your wondrous love this day.
Speak your word to us;
silence within us any voice but your own,
and be with us now as we turn our attention,
our minds and hearts to your holy word.
We pray in Christ’s name. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:1-9 (O.T., p. 652)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “Easter Bells, Set Free Your Music” Harris

SECOND LESSON John 20:1-18 (N.T., p. 114)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “Holding On to Jesus” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #122 – “Thine Is the Glory”

* THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional)

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* Langlois

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God,
you have done great things for us,
and holy is your name.
You have conquered death
and raised Jesus from the grave.
Bless all that we offer you –
ourselves, our time, and our possessions –
that through us your grace and favor
may be made known to all the world,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Risen Lord. AMEN**

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #119 – “The Strife is O’er”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*This Table is open to all who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord
and Savior and have been baptized, including children who
have been instructed by their family.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful . . .
Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with choirs
of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**