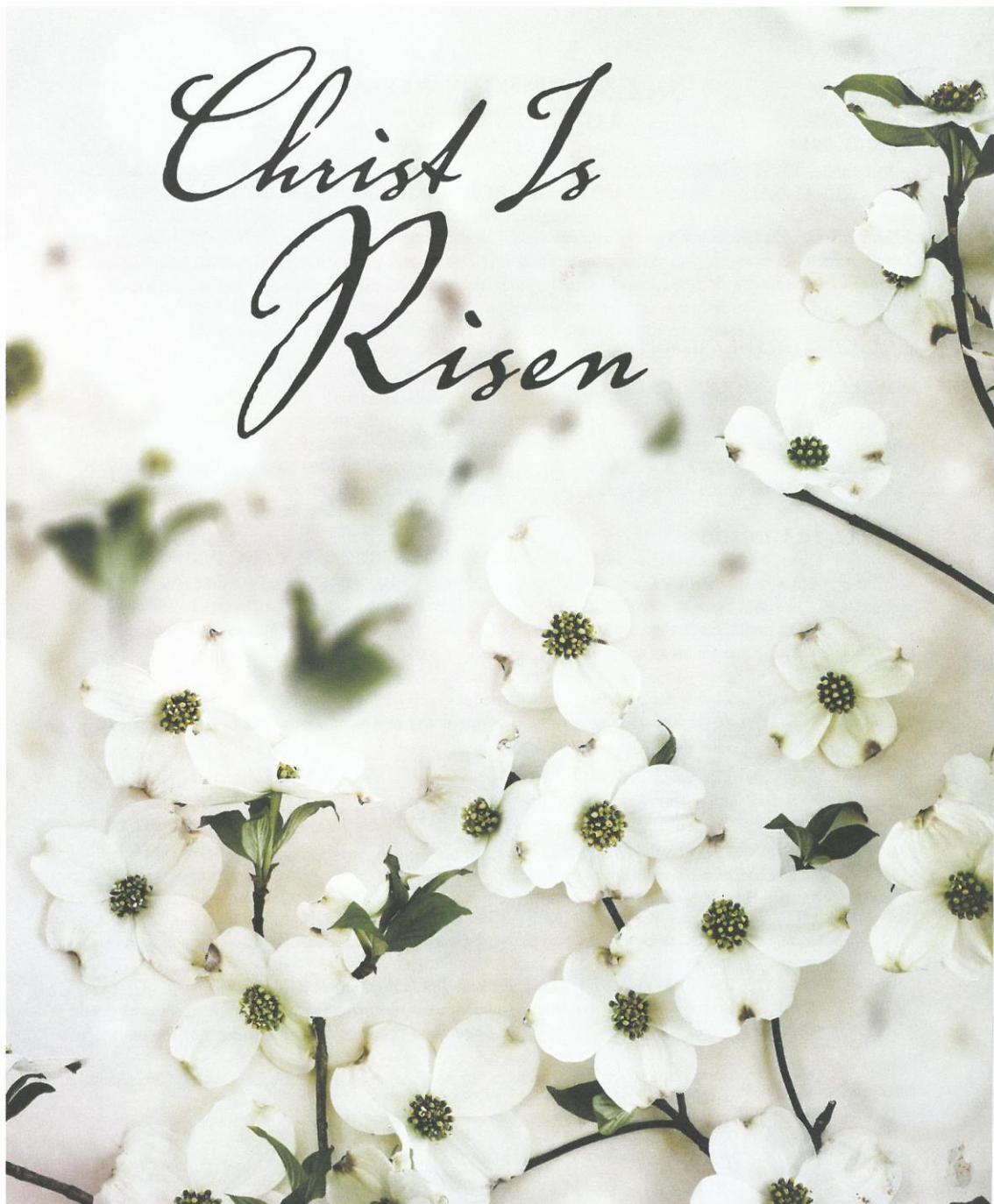


*Christ Is
Risen*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Jackson, Tennessee

April 21, 2019

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 AM

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION: *Almighty God: through the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead you have given us a living hope. Keep us joyful in our trials, and guard our faith, so we may receive the wonderful inheritance of life eternal, which you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE

Festive Prelude on LLANFAIR

McDonald

INTROIT

Resurrection Alleluia

Hayes

Chancel Choir; Cordell Jones, Trumpet

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Barbara Fowler

One: This is the day:

ALL: *when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.*

One: This is the day the Lord:

ALL: *rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.*

One: This is the day the Lord has made:

ALL: *death has no fear for us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.*

One: This is the day – Easter Day!

ALL: *Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

****PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 232** *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, the good news of the empty tomb heralds your victory over sin and death.

ALL: *Jesus has risen, but often His new life is difficult to detect in our lives.*

One: Forgive us when we live in hopelessness, ignoring the triumph of Christ over death.

ALL: *Forgive us when we dwell in anger and sadness, ignoring the joy of the empty tomb.*

One: Forgive us when we disparage our neighbors, ignoring the love which Christ said would mark His followers.

ALL: *As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness, remind us of your unending mercy, and enable us to share that mercy with your world. Grant that we might declare the good news that the tomb is now empty and Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Amen!*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death!" (Romans 8:1-2)

ALL: *Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (Hymn: 240, stanza 3)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

(Refrain): *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

(Refrain)

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Anthem of Joy

Purcell

Chancel Choir; Cordell Jones, Trumpet

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

(After the Time With Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children's Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

***HYMN: 243** (sing 3 times)

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.35 in front of hymnal)

ANTHEM

Easter Alleluia Canon

Mozart/Liebergen

Chancel Choir; Cordell Jones, Trumpet

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Barbara Fowler

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-20 (pg. 696)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:1-18 (pg. 114-115)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"Why Do You Seek the Living Among the Dead?"

Rev. John White

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison) *from "A Declaration of Faith"*

Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised Him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to His followers. They recognized Him as their Master who had been crucified. We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to Himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life; Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now He is Lord.

At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.

OFFERING

ORGAN

Toccata in C Major

Pachelbel

OFFERTORY

Dr. Terry McRoberts, organist

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Elder Barbara Fowler

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 248**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

***CHARGE** (in unison)

Let us go now, as instruments of peace. In a world full of hate and hurt, doubt and despair, darkness and pain, let us sow love and pardon, faith and hope, light and joy. Let us give so that we may receive, pardon that we may be pardoned, and die to self that we may be born to eternal life.

(adapted from Saint Francis of Assisi)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Resurrection Alleluia II

Chancel Choir

Raney

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Postlude on EASTER HYMN

Archer

WE WELCOME Cordell Jones to First Presbyterian as our guest trumpeter and appreciate his participation in our Easter Service. Cordell is a Junior at Lane College. He is a music major and is from Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Thank you, Cordell!

#Latecomers may be seated

**Congregation please stand, as able*