

The Lord's Day Morning

April 5, 2026

Ten O'clock

Welcome

+Prelude..... Robert J. Powell
“Meditation on ‘Christ the Lord Is Risen Today’”

Call to Worship1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Prayer for God's Grace in our Worship

***+Hymn of Adoration 277**.....EASTER HYMN
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

***Affirmation of Faith**.....The Apostles' Creed (150 AD)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell[†].
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†]This “descent clause” is a summary statement of Christ's passion, death, and burial.
*i.e., the universal Christian Church

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our gracious Lord, through Christ's resurrection we have new spiritual lives of worship and love. However, our worship at times can be dull and distracted, even distant and hypocritical. Our love can be missing in action, pushed out by jealousy or anger, resentment or sheer neglect.

Forgive us that we have not faithfully lived out our new life in Christ. Fulfill in us your promise that we are your masterpiece created anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things you planned for us long ago. That your name may be exalted through our lives, we pray. Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 5:22-24; Colossians 3:9-10; Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 1:7-8a
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

***+Hymn of Response** Getty/Townend
“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer of Intercession and 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, forever. Amen.

+Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory Anthem.....arr. K. Lee Scott
“Christ Rising Again”
Sanctuary Choir

Refrain
Christ rising again dies no more,
Death has no strength, no power over Him;
For in that He lives, He lives to God.

Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns,
For Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains.

Refrain

Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King,
Whose rising forth with life restored removes death's dreadful sting.

Refrain

Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame,
Through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in His Name.

Refrain

Now lift your heart and voice in praise of Him who died.
In Christ let all the earth rejoice, our Lord, once crucified.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Four and Five-year olds dismissed to Children's Church)

Ministry of the Word Darwin Jordan
“A New World and a New Reign: What Will You Do?”
Psalm 110 (p. 509)

***Hymn of Response 295**..... DIADEMATA
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

***Postlude** “Toccata in G Major” Theodore Dubois

*Please stand if you are able.
+The ushers may seat worshippers.

Presiding Pastor - Darwin Jordan
Assisting Pastor - Knox Baird
Assisting Elder - Wes Curry

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Roger Lowther is International Coordinator of the MAKE Collective, a network of creatives working around the world, engaging in cultural dialogue, creative thinking, and artistic excellence in support of church planting. Roger and his wife, Abi, are based in Tokyo, where he is Director of Faith and Arts at Grace City Church Tokyo. Pray for planning for the arrival of summer interns and visiting church teams, and pray that God would bring long-term partnerships and workers for Japan.

Ben and Melanie Kappers are church planters with All Saints Reformed Church (PCA) in St. George, Utah. The church's mission is to establish an orthodox, reformed, and evangelical church in Southwest Utah. Pray for Ben as he pastors the church and for his wife, Melanie, who plays the piano and homeschools their children: Caleb, Grace, Anna, Drew, Luke, and Elizabeth.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church!

If you are our guest today in worship, we encourage you to visit the welcome table at the main entrance. There you will find more information about our FPC church family.

Please take a moment to provide us with a record of your attendance using the register at the end of each pew.

For more information about our congregation, visit the church website at fpchattiesburg.org.

SPRING INQUIRERS CLASS

The Inquirers Class is for those interested in learning more about membership at First Presbyterian Church.

If you are considering joining our church, make plans to attend the next class scheduled to begin on **Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.** in Currie Hall 201.

Please contact any member of our ministry staff for more information.

Worship services are available live or archived!

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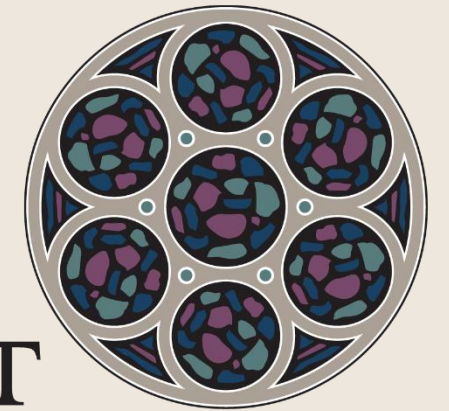
THANKS TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Duty Deacons for April:

Drew McMullan (head), Paul Durfield,
Kelly McMullan, Will Morgan, Ben Pace,
Rob Robertson, Joseph Tullos

Ushers for April:

Paul Aehnlich, Chamberlan Carothers,
Stephen English, Jarrod Gray, Austin Lovitt



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