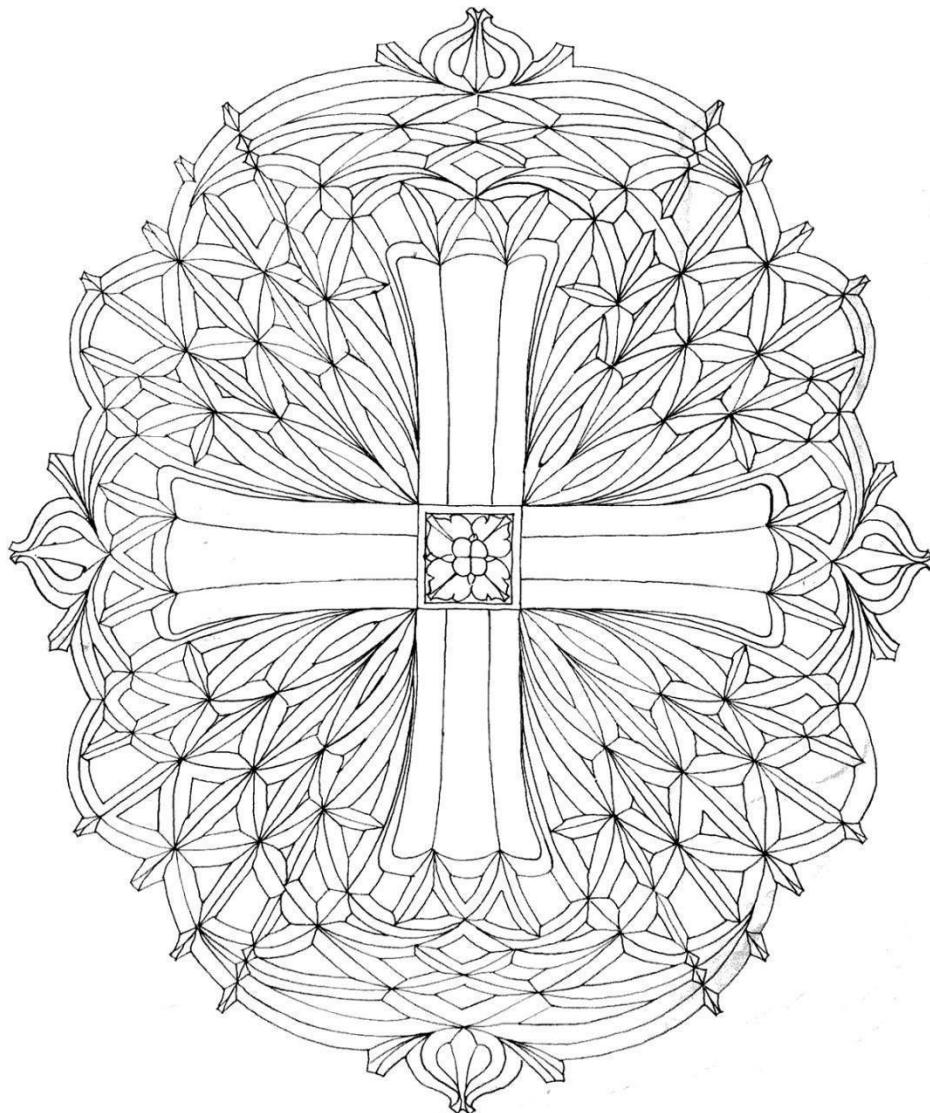


# First Presbyterian Church

## April 4, 2021

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter



*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends  
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

## We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Piedmont Triangle Brass Quintet; Stephen Fiess, Organist

Call to Worship

Together, let us worship the Lord our God in gladness!

**We are united by our resurrection faith,  
and our shared hope that in all things, God is at work for good!**

Sing praises to the God who shines light in the darkness!

**And to the risen Christ! Alleluia! Amen!**

Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

No. 826

arr. Todd Wilson

Prayer of Confession

In recent days, O God, we have lived our lives in the valley of the shadow of death, fearful of an adversary we could not see, and against whom our weaknesses were exposed. These could have been days of deepening spiritual discipline and unhurried devotion, allowing us to emerge from the wilderness stronger than we were before. Instead, we did what we too often do, which is to try to go it alone. Forgive us for our missed opportunities, O God. Keep drawing us back to you, that we might one day learn that you are the rock upon which we stand, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions, placed before your throne of grace.

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love  
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

## We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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.

## We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Children

Beth Thaxton

Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:19-29; Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

"The King's Gambit"

Ed McLeod

## We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection!"

No. 233

arr. Henry Smart

Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed | 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 at 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.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*"Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns"*

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Piedmont Triangle Brass Quintet; Stephen Fiess, Organist

Prayer of Dedication

## We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

"Christ Is Alive!"

No. 246

arr. Vaclav Nelhybel

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response | Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

Response to Resurrection

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

Handel arr. Fred Mills

Piedmont Triangle Brass Quintet

Postlude

*"Toccata from Symphony No. 5"*

Charles Marie Widor

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The acolytes today are Ballard Baker and Davis Baker.

Piedmont Triangle Brass Quintet: Kurt Phelps - Trumpet, Mike Phillips - Trumpet  
Trevor Linder - French Horn, Jared Gilbert - Trombone, William Beach - Tuba

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given  
by the Hensey family in memory of Charles McKinnon Hensey.

The flowers and palm fronds on the cross are dedicated to the glory of God and  
are given in loving memory of Ann Mizelle Speck by her mother, Sue Mizelle.