

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

EASTER SUNDAY II

APRIL 12, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The Lord has risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

No. 365-367

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the preoccupation with our self-centered ways which cling to so much that is meaningless.

Lord Jesus, with Your victory of all the forces of evil, we are free to truly live, for You are with us always and all things work to good in the love You have for us. Come to our assistance and enable us to view all of life from an eternal perspective and to live confidently all the moments of our life.

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Hailey Walsh

Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 3:1-4a

Pg. 561, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 42

Pg. 469, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: John 20:11-18

Pg. 906, Pew Bible

Sermon: *"Why are you Weeping?"*

Choral Anthem: *In Christ Alone* (K. Getty, S. Townend; arr. M. Hayes)

*Statement of Faith: 1 Peter 1:3-7, *NLT*

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by His great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance – an inheritance that is kept in heaven for us, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through our faith, God is protecting us by His power until we receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though we must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that our faith is genuine. When your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring us much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Mary Jean Larson, Margaret Spooner, Sue Fraker, Lorna March, Anne Starr, Phil Peterson, Chuck Jennings, Charlie and Jo Ann Novara, Geri Anderson, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Mary Rushford; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.**

The Offering

Offertory

***Doxology: 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.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *He Lives*

No. 368

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *He Lives*

Refrain

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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- Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. 4-yrs. – 8th Grade Young Disciples
5:00p.m. 9th – 12th Grade Young Disciples
6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*last one*)
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
- Friday:** 11:30a.m. Women’s Luncheon – *Greenleaf’s*
- Next Sunday:** **12:30a.m. Movie Matinee** (*details below*)

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1:00p.m.

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