

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

The Resurrection of Our Lord

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

Greeting: The Lord has risen! Alleluia!

Response: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Choral Anthem: *He is Alive* (B. Red)

(Please join the Choir in singing verses 3 & 4 of
Hymn #367, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*.)

*Prayer of Adoration

Choral Anthem: *Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!* (L. Shackley)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Flowering of the Cross

Lift High the Cross

No. 450

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: John 20:1-10

Pg. 906, Pew Bible

Sermon: *John Saw and Believed*

Invitation to the Table

*Statement of Faith (*adapted from I Corinthians 15:19-26, NLT*)

Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when He comes back. After that, the end will come when He will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. For Christ must reign until He humbles all His enemies beneath His feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Offering

Offertory

We Feast at the Lord's Table

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let's celebrate this irrepressible life;

let's open our hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility,
of unquenched hope, of eternal resurrection.

**We celebrate, we raise our voices and our hearts in worship
and thanksgiving to the God who lives.**

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.**

Words of Institution

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We Give Thanks

We thank You, O God, for Your life,
pulsing in creation
revealed in Jesus
renewed in resurrection
and available to us now.

**Thank You for touching us again with Your life through bread
and wine; for joining our lives with Yours through Jesus;
and for renewing resurrection in our hearts through Your
Holy Spirit.**

Filled with life, we now offer ourselves to be life-bringers in the world. Touched by resurrection, we pledge to resist death wherever we find it. Filled with hope, we embrace the promise of eternity and the call to make it known at every opportunity.

**Through us may graves continue to be opened, and may the
dead continue to be awakened to new life. In Jesus' Name.**

*Hymn: *Because He Lives*

No. 358

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Because He Lives*

Refrain

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: *Office Closed*

5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Blood Drive

1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

5:30p.m. Session

Wednesday: *No Youth Programs – Spring Break!*

6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

Easter Lilies may be taken home after worship.

Ushers: Michelle and Ella Copley

Patti Ebertsch and Mary Jean Larson