

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1795

Easter Sunday



Lord's Day, April 5, 2026

8:00 A.M., 9:40 A.M., & 11:15 A.M.

1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC

Joyous Easter Morning

April 5, 2026

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1, ESV

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

PRELUDE *Toccata on "Thine be the Glory"*

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Henderson (8:00 A.M.)

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Dr. David Lauten (11:15 A.M.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **HYMN** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Please find the music on page 5 of your bulletin.

EASTER HYMN

Arranged by Gerry Senechal

+ **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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.

+ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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 on 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.

+ **GLORIA PATRI**

LADY STREET

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Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Binding all the church as one!
As it was in the beginning
As is now and e'er shall be,
World without end! Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Dr. Neil C. Stewart

Minister: Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

(John 11:25–26a, ESV)

Congregation: "I shall not die but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Minister: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Congregation: This is the LORD's doing;
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**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."**

(Psalm 118:17, 19, 22–24; ESV)

Minister: The Lord is risen!

Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed.

All: Hallelujah! Amen!

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S TITHE AND SACRIFICIAL EASTER OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Sing Ye to the Lord*

Edward Bairstow
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Sing ye to the Lord,
For He hath triumph'd gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host
Hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquer'd in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appal,
Now no more the grave enthrall,
Thou hast open'd paradise,
And in Thee, Thy saints shall rise.

Alleluia! Amen.

Exodus 15:21b, 4a

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Terry Fancey, Bruce Easterling, trumpets; Tyler Hutto, French horn;
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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.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3–5
(ESV Standard Bible page 1015; Children's Bible page 1315)

SERMON “Alive from the Dead; Life for the Dead”

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PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ HYMN *Thine Be the Glory*

Please find the music on page 6 of your bulletin.

JUDAS MACCABEUS
Arranged by Robert A. Hobby

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Symphony V*

Charles-Marie Widor

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to day, - Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, - Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, - Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer - to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Amen.

Thine Be the Glory



1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end-less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is nought with-



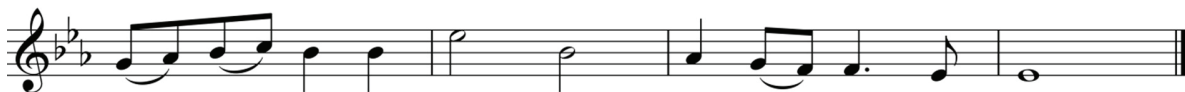
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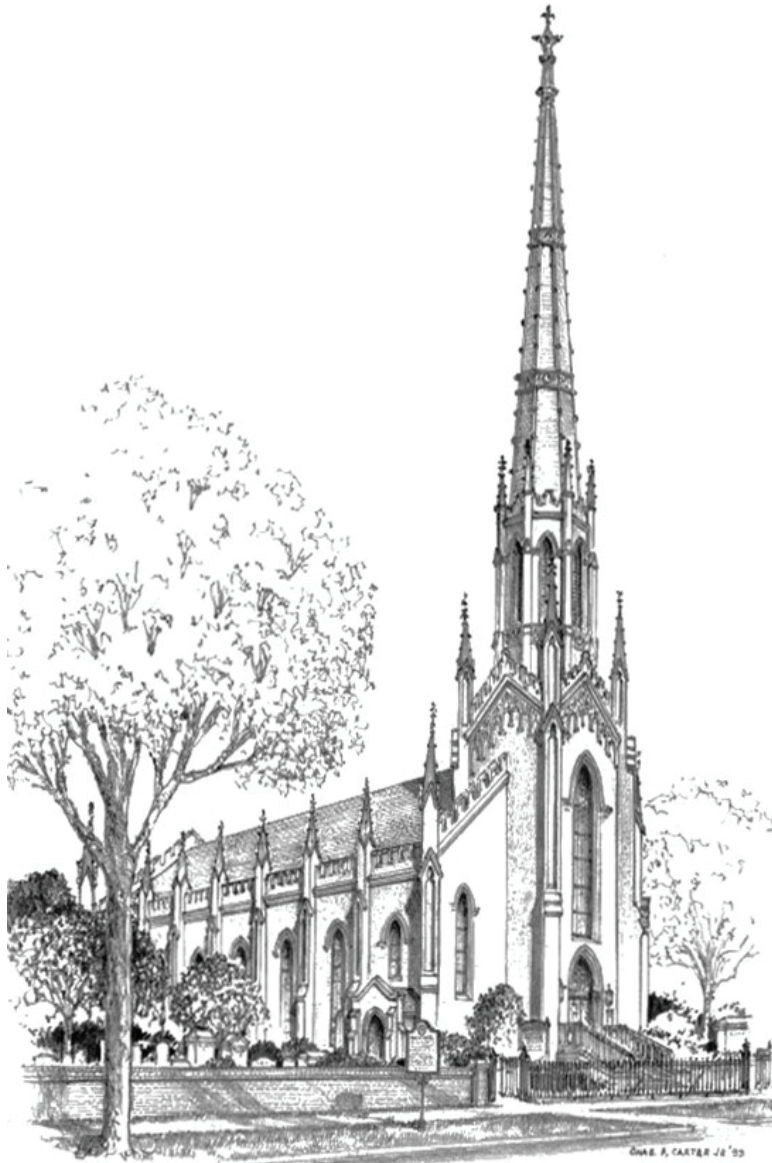
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Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

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Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

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Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

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Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
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