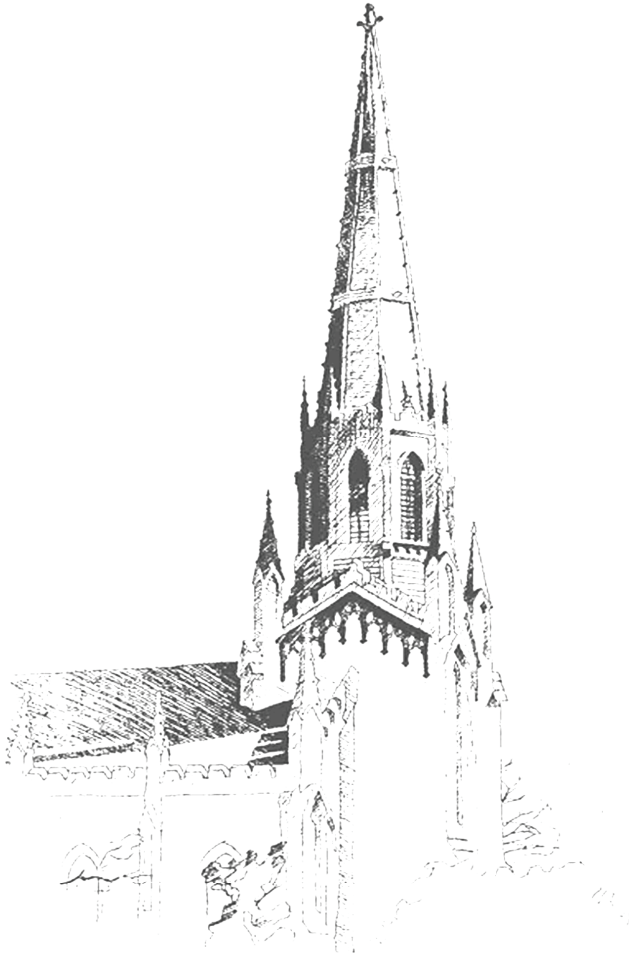


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# First Presbyterian Church



*Lord's Day, April 12, 2026*

6:00 P.M.

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MARION

*Please find the music on page 5 of your bulletin.*

## + PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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LEMMEL

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Colossians 3:1–4  
(ESV Standard Bible page 984; Children's Bible page 1277)

**SERMON** "Aim at Heaven"

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**PRAYER**

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A great High Priest whose name is love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I AM,"  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
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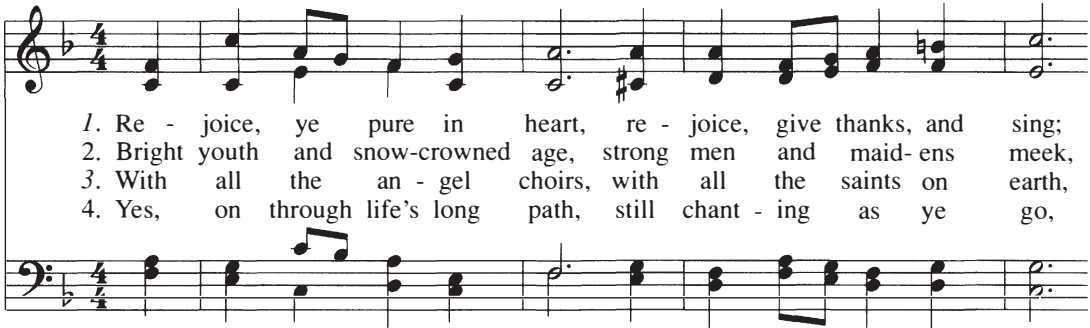
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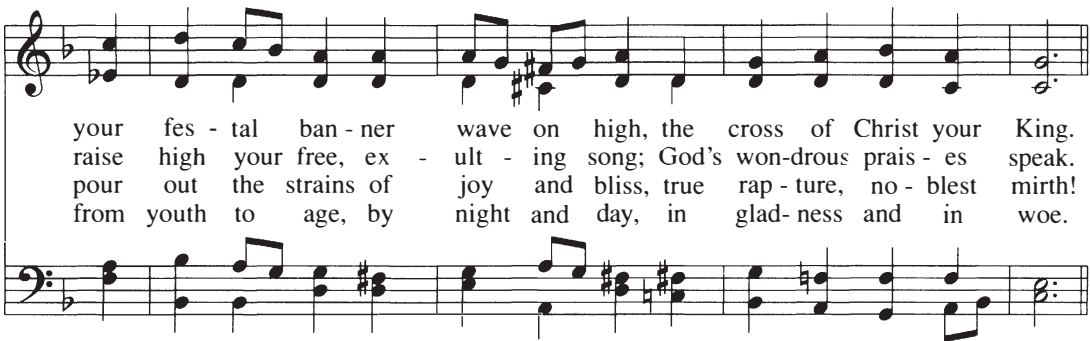
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## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?... He who has clean hands and a pure heart.*  
Ps. 24:3, 4




1. Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;  
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid - ens meek,  
3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.

REFRAIN



Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing.  
Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce,

6. Then on, ye pure in heart,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

## Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

*Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth. Is. 45:22*

F B $\flat$  F $^7$  B $\flat$  Gm B $\flat$  F C F

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
 2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he passed, and we  
 3. His Word shall not fail you—he prom - ised; be - lieve him and

Am C $^7$  F B $\flat$  F

dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the  
 fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no more hath do -  
 all will be well: then go to a world that is

G $^7$  C F G $^7$  B $^7$  C G $^7$  C

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 min - ion— for more than con - qu'rors we are!  
 dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

REFRAIN

Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his

Chord symbols: F, C, C<sup>7</sup>, Dm, F<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>, Gm

won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow

Chord symbols: B<sup>b</sup>, Gm, G<sup>7</sup>, C, F, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C<sup>#dim7</sup>

strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

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# SERMON NOTES

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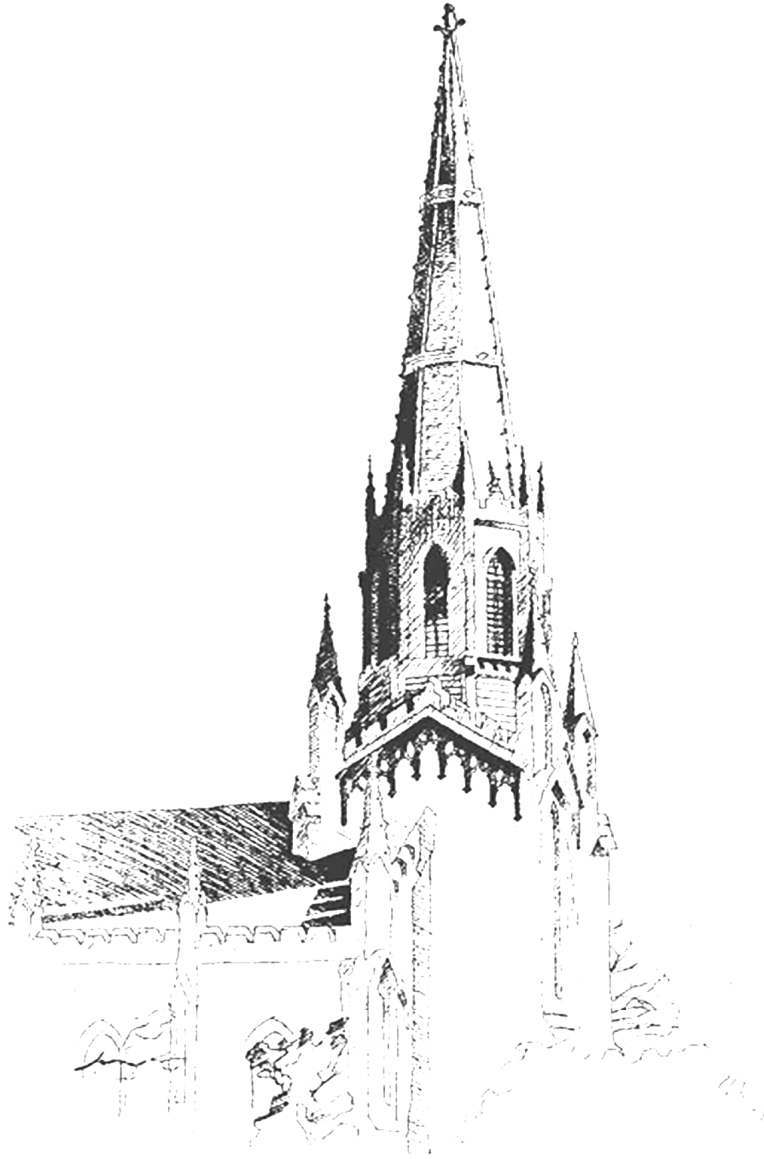
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