



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

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## IN PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed! Today, we worship the Lord Jesus Christ, who is victorious over death, the devil, and sin. By the Father's command, He rose. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He walked out of the tomb. We worship the One who brings eternal life to our hearts, saving us from certain death.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### Welcome, Announcements, & Congregational Greeting

### Gospel Greeting

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Scripture Meditation: *Mark 16:6*

*(Recite in Unison)*

Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

### Introit & Silent Preparation

#### \* Call to Worship: *Psalm 96:1-3, 9*

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

#### \* Prayer of Invocation

\* Please stand if you are able.

\* *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – Trinity Hymnal #277

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!  
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*  
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*  
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al.  
*Lyra Davidica*, 1708; alt.

\* *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -  
 Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we  
 Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly

deem - er and Friend; Who would have thought that a  
 long to em - brace; You of - fer hope when our  
 lov - ing Your own; Here in our weak - ness You

Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh You  
 hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way. Oh, we  
 find us, fall - ing be - fore Your throne, Oh, we're

res - cued the souls of men. You are the One that we  
 hope - less - ly lost the way.  
 fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

praise, You are the One we a - dore. You give the

heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for,

oh our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

## **Reading of Scripture: *Luke 24:1-12***

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

## **Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin**

*(Recite in Unison)*

Lord Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your holy nativity, by your baptism, fasting, and temptations—deliver us, O Lord. By your agony and bloody sweat, by your cross and passions, by your death and burial, by your resurrection and ascension, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter—deliver us, O Lord. Amen.

~ *Martin Bucer*

## **Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 40:11***

*(Recite in Unison)*

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

## **Giving of Tithing & Offerings**

*Choir: Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

## **\* The 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.

## The Pastoral Prayer: *Isaiah 52:13*

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

## The Lord's Prayer

*(Recite in Unison)*

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### \* *Because He Lives*

God sent His Son; they called Him Je - sus;  
How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by,  
And then one day, I'll cross the riv - er;

He came to love, heal, and for - give.  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

He lived and died, to buy my par - don;  
But great - er still, the calm as - sur - ance:  
And then, as death gives way to vic - t'ry,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives!  
This child can face un - cer - tain days, be - cause He lives.  
I'll see the lights of glo - ry, and I'll know He reigns!

Be - cause He lives, I can face to - mor - row; be - cause He

lives, all fear is gone; Be- cause I know He holds the  
 fu - ture, and life is worth the liv - ing, just be - cause He lives!

## \* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word

### The Preaching of God's Word

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11 – THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

### The Lord's Supper

Reading of Scripture and Fencing of the Lord's Table

Silent Preparation to Partake of the Lord's Supper

Sursum Corda (Lift Your Hearts)

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks.

Leader: Praise, all praise.

All: Unto the Lamb who died.

Leader: Ascended now in glory, forever magnified.

All: Praise, all praise, unto the name of Christ Jesus.

**\* The Apostles' Creed**

*(Recite in Unison)*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten 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 arose 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.

**\* And Can it Be That I Should Gain? – Trinity Hymnal #455**

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 • ray!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proch

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -  
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

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die for me?  
 • quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 found out me. A - maz - ing love! How  
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How  
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 can it be that thou, my God,

Charles Wesley, 1738  
 Alt. 1990

SAGINA L.M.D.  
 Thomas Campbell, 1825

**\* Benediction: *Hebrews 13:20-21***

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**\* Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**\* Postlude & Dismissal**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*\*\*\*If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Jeni Hartley at [jhartley@jfbceden.org](mailto:jhartley@jfbceden.org)\*\*\**

### Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Billy Shafer
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor
- Tristen Wittman and the 109<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion

### Our Missionaries

- Stephanie Black – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Ben and Ellie Childs – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Al and Joy Doomy – Outreach to Asia Nationals
- Bradley and Jessica Long – Frontier Fellowship
- Brent and Marianne Pilson – Café 1040

### Operation World – People’s Republic of China

Some call this the “Chinese Century” because of China’s rising role on the world stage. It had more people than any other country (until 2023 when it was surpassed by India), and has massive influence on world economics and politics. China invests billions of dollars in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to develop trade, but also to gain influence. But it also remains politically oppressive and corrupt. It has a poor human rights record, and imposes harsh laws and punishments. The cult of personality surrounding President Xi, the increasingly bellicose tone of China’s foreign policy, and the accelerating oppression of minorities and dissidents should compel us to prayer! Pray for God to do a mighty work in and through the Chinese government.

*Father, help us to be a God-glorifying, Christ-exalting, Spirit-led, Bible-saturated, Mission-driven, and Fellowship-focused people.*

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

### The Lord's Supper

Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on April 5, 2025.

#### Session

Paul Sasser (2026)  
Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)  
Kenny Mabe (2028)  
Everall Peele (2028)  
Bill Robertson (2028)  
Pastor Brad Milks

#### Staff

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#### Ministries

Sunday School | Sunday 9:00am  
Public Worship | Sunday 10:00am  
The Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am  
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm  
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm  
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am  
Women Bible Study | Thursday 6:45pm  
Romans Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

#### Stewardship – Thru February

##### Operational Budget

YTD Received \$29,818  
YTD Expenses \$55,031.23  
Budget YTD -\$25,213.23

##### Building Fund

Building Need: \$30,262  
Building Received: \$22,599  
Building YTD -\$7,663

##### Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)

Sunday, April 5, 2025

## NEW TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

We are thankful that you have gathered with us this morning to worship the living triune God, seeing and savoring His glorious grace in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We pray you encounter the Lord's presence and glory through singing, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Nancy and Bill Putnam's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.** To the friends of Nancy and Bill Putnam: On April 2, 2026, Nancy and Bill will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. There will be a gathering at the church on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm for a light lunch. Please come and join the celebration of this wonderful event. Please RSVP by April 6th with the number of people attending and any questions to: [putnam.60th.anniversary@gmail.com](mailto:putnam.60th.anniversary@gmail.com), or call Laura Putnam at 781-248-1340, or speak with Bill and Nancy. The RSVP is for food-ordering estimates; if you don't RSVP, you can still come to the party.

**Rockingham Council of Bible Educators.** THE RCBE will host its annual banquet in the sanctuary at FPC on April 14 at 6:00pm. Attend the banquet to hear how God's Word is impacting the public school students in Eden!

**Missions/Outreach Meeting.** There will be a meeting held on April 8, 2026, at 4:00pm. For more information, please contact Paul Sasser.

**To parents with children:** We are glad you, your family, and your children are here this morning. Children are a blessing from the Lord. Sometimes they wiggle and squirm throughout the service. Children are not a distraction to the church. They are a gift from the Lord.

**To children:** If you want to doodle all over this bulletin – go for it! We are glad you are with us.