



He Is Risen!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of Sumter

Sunday, April 17 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Setting by Dallas Blair

Evan Thompson, Trumpet

Triumphal March

Setting by S. Drummond Wolff

Brass Ensemble

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Glenn Woodrum

INTROIT

Festival Introit for Easter Day

Heinrich Schutz

Alleluia, alleluia.

*On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise,
In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song!

People: For God has done marvelous things.

Leader: By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over all that damages and destroys. Forgive us our sins, and let our lives be a testimony to your love and mercy through the power of the Holy Spirit in us. We bring our prayers to you.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: May the God of Mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. The good news on Easter morning is this: in the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Praise and glory and honor and thanksgiving to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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*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.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Bob Brearley

Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-22

Duncan James

(Pew Bible, pg. 690, Old Testament)

* HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 20:1-18
(Pew Bible, pg. 114, New Testament)

Rev. Bob Brearley

SERMON

"Incredible Hope"

Rev. Bob Brearley

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER (Remain seated) (Sing twice)

SHEPHERD ME

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Concertato on "We Know That Christ Is Raised"
Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Arr. by Hal Hopson

* Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* Offertory Prayer

* HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth
Choir: *Alleluia!*

Christopher Walker

*Solo: Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen;
He has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.*

Congregation: Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Alleluia (From Exultate, Jubilate)

W. A. Mozart

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Crucifer: Cooper Hill
Beadle: John James
Trumpet: Evan Thompson and Robert Berry
Trombone: Jessica Bettinger and Joseph Bettinger
Euphonium: Emmett Anglin
Tuba: John Wates
Violin: Lauren Decker
Organ: Denise Lynch
Handbells: Norma Abbott and Gus Blum

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Glenn Woodrum, Gus Blum
Assisting in Worship: Glenn Woodrum
Deacons: Charlie White, Jim Alexander
Youth Liturgist: Duncan James
Junior Usher: Brogdon Hill

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: Liza Cooper, Missy Coulter
Assisting in Worship: Liza Cooper
Deacons: Taylor Geddings, Gary Bratton
Youth Liturgist: Jennings Frerichs
Junior Usher: Ligon Ferguson

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR SERVING OTHERS LOCALLY AND AROUND THE WORLD?

The Foreign Missions Committee is planning two foreign mission trips this summer, and we're starting to build the mission teams for each trip. We expect both trips to be open to youth 16+ years-old (accompanied by a parent or guardian). Please reach out to the team leads or anyone on the Foreign Missions Committee for details on how you can participate.

Puerto Rico: Bill Richardson and Coles Dwight will lead a mission team travelling to Puerto Rico in June for our first in-person effort at building a relationship with the Presbytery in Puerto Rico. The mission's focus will be on establishing relationships and assessing future opportunities. We're coordinating the mission through PC(USA) and the Presbytery in Puerto Rico. Mission team members should expect an opportunity to engage in construction ministry as Puerto Rico continues recovering from hurricanes.

Costa Rica: Gus Blum and JD Dunn will lead a mission team travelling to Costa Rica in July to engage with our partners at Iglesia Vida Nueva and the Nueva Vision network of churches. We have maintained our solid relationship and have kept in contact through the pandemic, but this trip will give us a chance to reconnect in-person and to introduce some new team members to the mission. Expect a variety of mission work depending on the make-up of the team and conditions in Costa Rica.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

National Healthcare: Jennie Linn Duffie

Home: Carolita Cantrell, Harold Gadson, Bill Scobee, Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Sara Mitchell, who died April 7, 2022.