



* In honor of our boys, Landon and Peyton,
who are growing into wonderful young men
by Brian & Kristy Thomas

* In loving memory of our family who are no longer with us,
Sonny, Ma & Bucko, Big Ma & Pa, and Ahboo
by Brian & Kristy Thomas

* In honor of our grandchildren,
Jackson & Charlotte Bauer
by Beth & Scott Bauer

* In loving memory of Bobby C. Black,
Daddy & Choo-Choo Papaw
by The Grantham Family

* In honor of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren
by Mike & Shirley McClamroch

* In honor of our amazing Youth Leaders
by Anna, Ben and Chandler Erwin

* In loving memory of our beautiful friend, Callie Pounders
by Anna, Ben and Chandler Erwin

* In honor of our daughter, Ruthie
by Claude & Priestley Clegg

* In loving memory of Callie Pounders
by Randy & Vickie Essary

* In honor of our wonderful children and grandchildren
by Don & Martha Guare

* In honor of Trey, Maria, Lillian, and Claire Tull
by Tom & Beth Clardy

* In loving memory of Jack's brother, Lanny Griffith
by Joyce & Jack Griffith

* In honor of our parents,
Tom & Beth Clardy,
Walter & Jeanie Revell,
and Sam & Becky Tull
by Trey & Maria Tull

* In honor of the Jo Anderson Handbell Choir
by Ryan & Ellen Wesson

* In honor of my daughter, Bailee, son-in-law, Kevin,
granddaughter, Sophie,
and in loving memory of Bill Kramer
by Lisa Kramer

* In honor of our grandchildren,
Elizabeth Joan & Mollie Hess Worsham and Ruth Hess Clegg
by Whitney & Hayden Worsham

* In honor of Becky Stewart
You are such a blessing to all who know you.
*...you are the epitome of kindness, trustworthiness and
such a love for the Lord.* from Prov. 31
by Lana Hopkins Moss

* In honor of my Prayer Warrior, Sherri Shipp
by Blair Bryant

* In honor of my Prayer Angels,
Garrett and Mary Elizabeth Pounders
and in loving memory of Callie Pounders
by Allie Bryant

* In honor of our Prayer Angels, Mattie & Mary Ford Kirk
by Heather & Nick Ashmore

Happy Easter!



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LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
April 20, 2025
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY

The Piano Prelude: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Malechi Doren
Call to Meditation: Matthew 28:5-6
“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here, for he has risen as he said.”

The Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision” Malechi Doren
Choral Introit: “Resurrection Celebration”
(*please stand)

*Call to Worship: from Romans 6:9-10 & I Peter 1:3-5
Leader: Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!
All: We know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: Blessed be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. Alleluia, Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*The Hymn: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (vv. 1-3) No. 217

*Resurrection Litany: from Romans 6:3-11
Leader: Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
All: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
Leader: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
All: We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
Leader: For one who has died has been set free from sin.
All: Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
Leader: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
All: Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

*Congregational Response: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (v. 4) No. 217

*Profession of Faith:
Leader: “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)
All: 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.
(*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)

*The Invocation & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE

Corporate Prayer of Confession:
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon: Colossians 2:13
“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,”

*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.

Greetings & Announcements

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
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

PRAISE THE GOD OF TRUTH

The Choral Anthem: “A Resurrection Proclamation”
Rocks shout out! In joyous proclaim.
The stone of death has rolled away.
No longer does it mark a grave.
Alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia.
Trees raise swaying hands on high.
Your branches lifted Christ on high.
Now that cross draws all to life.
Alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia.
Earth pound out the beat of life.
God has put an end to strife
Quake to praise the risen Christ,
Praise the risen Christ,
Quake to praise the risen Christ!
Thunder, lightning, change your song
For right has triumphed over wrong.
Use your voice to greet the dawn.
Alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia.
Creation’s voice is now restored
For death has dropped its fearsome sword.
Sing and praise the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia.
Sing alleluia.

- Jon Paige

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12
Scripture Response: 2 Timothy 3:16,17
Leader: This is the Word of God.
All: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for re-proof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Sermon: “The Empty Tomb” Rev. Waring Porter

Prayer of Commitment

*Hymn: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 234


*Benediction

*The Choral Benediction: “Resurrection Celebration”

*Postlude Malechi Doren

The Easter lilies adorning
our Sanctuary today are given . . .

- * In loving memory of Carol Ann Gaines
by Shirley Gaines
- * In loving memory of Mary Margaret Franks
by Shirley Gaines
- * In loving memory of Callie Pounders
by All Who Love Her
- * In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Worsham
by Sally Sharlow
- * In honor of our daughter, Maggie
by Catherine & Hack Smith
- * In loving memory of Callie Pounders
by John & Virginia Boyd James and Family
- * In honor of my grandchildren!
Aiden, Hadley, Greyson, Thomas and Knox
by Kelli Harrell
- * In honor of the Youth and Youth Leaders at FPC
by Wesley & Tara Mathis
- * In honor of our daughter, Lyle Lee
by Spencer & Georgia Lee
- * In honor of our children,
Scarlett, Tripp, and Charlie
by Holland & Caitlin Yeates
- * In honor of our Prayer Warriors, Jeff and Dawn Johnson
by James & Brooks Bynum
- * In honor of Mrs. Laurin Porter
by James & Brooks Bynum
- * In loving memory of Marianne’s mother, Mrs. Lela Howard
by Alberto & Marianne Albarracin



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