



\* In honor of Beth and Tom Clardy  
by Maria & Trey Tull

\* In honor of Becky and Sam Tull  
by Maria & Trey Tull

\* In honor of Jeanie and Walter Revell  
by Maria & Trey Tull

\* In honor of William Potts  
by The Gramling Family

\* In memory of Ben Gaines, Sr.  
by The Gramling Family

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

\* In honor of our children and grandchildren  
by Alan and Gina Smith

\* In honor of my daughter, Bailee, and granddaughter, Sophie,  
and in loving memory of Bill Kramer  
by Lisa Kramer

\* In honor of our wonderful grandchildren  
Manny, Natalie, and Foster  
by Don & Martha Guare

\* In memory of my parents, Frank and Shirley Simmons  
by Steven Simmons

\* In memory of Dr. Bob Crowe  
by Wanda Crowe

\* In honor of Maggie Smith,  
and in memory of Nancy Smith (Nonnie) and Sue Rice (Gee)  
by Terre & Orma Smith

\* In honor of our children's Prayer Warriors,  
Mark and B.J. Mazurkiewicz  
by Ken & Edi Williams

\* In memory of John Orman and Ladron Mattox,  
two great fathers and husbands  
by Jennifer Orman

\* In honor of our sweet granddaughters, Joan and Ruthie  
by Whitney & Hayden Worsham

\* In gratitude for our college students  
by Jason & Jennifer LeGoff

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

\* In honor of Alberto Albarracin  
by J.R. & Kerisa Burns

\* In honor of Courtney and Micah Monaghan  
by J.R. & Kerisa Burns

\* In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Garland Hendrick, Sr.  
by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Houston Perry, Sr.

\* In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Ellis R. Perry  
by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Houston Perry, Sr.

\* In memory of Lt. Com. Robert Gunn Sansom  
by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Houston Perry, Sr.

\* In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Albarracin,  
Mr. Joseph Howard,  
and in honor of Mrs. Lela Howard  
by Christian & Katty Albarracin

\* In memory of Mr. Moody Summers,  
in honor of Mrs. Loy Summers,  
and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Varn  
by Christian & Katty Albarracin

\* In honor of our daughter's Prayer Angels,  
Steve and Cindy Blair  
by Micah & Courtney Monaghan

\* In honor of our Youth Ministry Leaders  
for all they do for our children  
by Tara & Wesley Mathis



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# First Presbyterian Church



**DO NOT  
BE AFRAID;**

for I know that you  
are looking for Jesus  
who has been crucified.

**HE IS NOT HERE,**  
*for He has*  
**R I S E N,**  
just as He said.



*to be disciples . . . to make disciples*

**LITURGY FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**March 31, 2024**  
**Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday**

**PRAISE THE GOD OF GLORY**

**The Piano Prelude** Jill Taylor

**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** Malechi Doren  
**Choral Introit:** “Resurrection Celebration”

(\*please stand)

**\*Call to Worship:** from Luke 24:34 & I Peter 1:3-5

**Leader:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Congregation:** *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!

**Congregation:** *He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

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

**\*Responsive Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, 55-57

**Leader:** Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some  
of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no  
resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ  
has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.  
We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about  
God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are  
not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.  
And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your  
sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in  
Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be  
pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of  
those who have fallen asleep.

**Congregation:** *Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your  
victory? O death, where is your sting?*

**Leader:** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**All:** *But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

**\*Profession of Faith: from the Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 52**

**Leader:** How was Christ exalted in His resurrection?

**All:** *We believe... “Christ rose again from the dead the third day by His own  
power; whereby He declared himself to be the Son of God, to have satisfied  
divine justice, to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it, and  
to be Lord of the living and the dead: All of which He did as a public person, the  
Head of the Church, for our justification, progress in grace, support against  
enemies, and to assure us of our resurrection from the dead at the last day.”*

**\*The Invocation & The Lord’s Prayer**

**PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

*Our Father in heaven, we thank you that you have led us into the light. We thank  
you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were  
dead in sin before we heard his call, but when we heard him, like Lazarus, we  
arose. But, O Father, the grave clothes bind us still. Old habits that we cannot  
throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to  
live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, O Father, to break the  
bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with  
your help we cannot fail. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who has taught  
us to come to you.*

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Divine Pardon:** Romans 4:25

“He was delivered over to death for our sins and  
was raised to life for our justification.”

**\*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:** “An Easter Alleluia”

*Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, repl’y, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!*

*Come hear the news the angel said,  
“Christ is risen from the dead!”  
Look! The stone is rolled away.  
Christ is ris’n today, to day.*

*Lives again our glorious King! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!*

*Love’s redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Fought the fight the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!*

*Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Christ the Lord is risen,  
He is risen today. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!* - Cindy Berry

**Scripture Reading:** John 14:1-4

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my  
Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I  
go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will  
come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be  
also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.”

**Scripture Response:** Psalm 119:12,16

**Leader:** This is the Word of God

**All:** “Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. I will delight in your  
statutes; I will not forget your Word.”

**Sermon:** “The Promise of Heaven” Rev. Waring Porter

**Prayer of Commitment**

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

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Choral Benediction:** “An Easter Alleluia (Reprise)”

**\*Postlude** Malechi Doren

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*The Easter lilies that adorn  
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 honor of our YouthHouse Student Ministry Leaders

by Gregg & Deb Parker

\* In memory of Bobby C. Black, Daddy & Choo-Choo Papaw

by The Grantham Family

\* In honor of Becky Stewart, a strong Christian and a precious soul.

You are a blessing to those who know you.

by Lana Moss

\* In honor of Ruth Hess Clegg

by Claude & Priestley Clegg

\* In memory of Linda Lee Droke and Krystie Sweat

by John, Claire, Grace, Jack & Polly Windsor

\* In loving memory of John Burnett

by Brandon Lowrey

\* In memory of Kristy’s grandmother, Ahboo

by Kristy & Brian Thomas

\* In memory of David Pittman

by Camp Pittman

\* In memory of Lenoir Stanley

by Susan & Bob Joiner

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