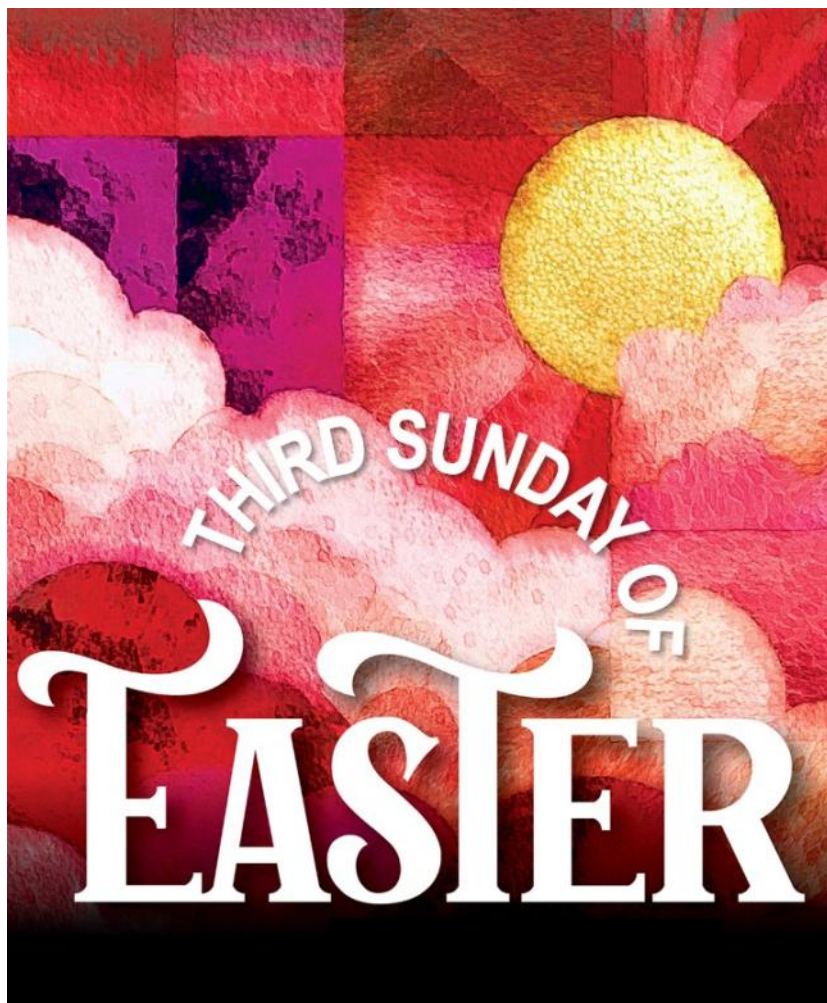


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Inspired by Scripture, guided by Spirit, and nourished by our life together, we seek to be a reflection of God's radical grace. We believe God's love models a world without walls; therefore, we provide a safe and affirming home where you are welcomed exactly as you are. No matter the color or your skin, who you love, your gender, or the unique ways your mind and body work, you have a place here. Following the way of Jesus and empowering one another to grow in faith, we commit to feeding the hungry, caring for those in need, and working for justice and peace in our community and the world—living out our confidence in the promises of God.

April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *The Spacious Firmament on High* Rosalie Bonighton

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT *Soft rains of spring flow through the fields* GTG #680, vs. 1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Along the winding roads of our lives, the Risen Christ comes near to walk with us.

Congregation: Our hearts burn within us as the Word is opened.

Leader: In the everyday moments of hospitality, we catch glimpses of the Holy.

Congregation: We move from the isolation of the tomb to the community of the journey.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life. Open our eyes to recognize you in the stranger and in the breaking of the bread, that we may be transformed by your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 231** *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we often look for the living among the dead. We are slow of heart to believe the good news, and we dismiss the stories of your grace as idle tales. We admit that we have kept our doors closed to the stranger and our hearts closed to the mystery of your presence. Forgive us for our cynicism and our lack of hospitality. Enliven our spirits and set our hearts on fire with your love, that we may move from the destination of the tomb to the journey of your new creation. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Tender young shoots, green in the sun* GTG #680, vs. 2

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The tomb is empty; the table is ready for all who hunger.

Congregation: The shadows of the past are eclipsed by the light of the living Word.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to walk a new way.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for the gift of eternal and abundant life.

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Creator,
and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end!
Amen, amen.*

***THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

**At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light

Mark Schweizer
Laurie Peebles, flute

*Creator of beauty and giver of light,
Who set the stars shining in dark sacred night;
We offer our music with hearts full of praise,
With joyful thanksgiving for all of our days.*

*In pastures of heaven, where green valleys sing,
And high mountains echo, each prayer to our King;
May this song, a gift forever be found,
Now offered with grace, and eternity bound.*

*The journey of each soul remains in your care,
Your guidance and faithfulness, always you share;
Your spirit, within us, each strength that you send,
Returned to your glory, a world without end.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-35

NT 90

SERMON

Two Easters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM SCRIPTURE

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***HYMN 252**

Day of Arising

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR HISTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING



You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the QR code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher
arr. Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts as tokens of our lives. Use them to feed your sheep, to welcome the stranger, and to extend the table of your grace to all the families and peoples of the earth. Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BLESSING *Our hearts are filled: God gives us grace*

GTG #680, vs. 3

*POSTLUDE

Alleluia, Alleluia

Andrew Moore

As the postlude begins, you are invited to depart for fellowship or remain seated in prayerful reflection as the music sends us forth into the world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The youth will host a taco bar fundraiser lunch today after service. \$5 per person or \$15 per family– what a deal! Let's support them as they raise funds for their summer retreat.
- Sandwich Squad meets next week after service to prepare lunch packs for the community fridge at Midway Hills Primary. Please bring your contributions of sandwich supplies, baggies, chips, fruit, and drinks for this monthly service opportunity.
- Bicentennial posters are available in the church office. Come take a couple to put up at your office, nearby park, or friendly businesses around town.
- Sunday, May 3 the bicentennial committee will present the playlet written by Libby Lounsbury for the 1976 anniversary celebrations. Pioneer garb is encouraged to mark this special occasion.
- Bicentennial Commemorative Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church? See Ruby Werts.
- The flower calendar is now on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please consider honoring or remembering someone with the gift of flowers for the sanctuary. Contact Becky (478-457-5349) for more information.



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 19-26

Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:00	Youth Lunch Fundraiser
	1:30	Bicentennial Play Practice
Monday	7:00	PATH/ORC All Recovery
Tuesday	9:00	Samaritan Ministry
	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
	7:30	NA Meeting
Wednesday	6:30	Potluck and Study
Thursday	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship Service
	12:00	Sandwich Squad



Wednesday, April 22 is Earth Day!

"The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord." Psalm 33:5

WORSHIP with us

Join us in-person or online
on [Facebook Live](#) every week.

9:45 AM Sunday School Class (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), doing an intensive study of the Book of Jeremiah. Please contact Joel Burns joeldburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

Sunday: 9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *Questions of Faith: A Practical Guide to Christian Faith* by Nicky Gumbel.

Sunday: 10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study- we are studying *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted V. Foote and P. Alex Thornburg, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!

Greeters

Apr. 19: Anne Smart & Becky Humphrey
Apr. 26: Millie Murphy & Margaret Ivester

Nursery Volunteers

Apr. 19: Susan McGill/Gloria Burns
Apr. 26: Laurie Peebles/Anne Smart

Liturgists

Apr. 19: Nancy Miller
Apr. 26: Glory Nwankonta

Communion

May 3: Andrew Allen, Gloria Burns, Anne Smart, Nancy Miller

Special thanks to our youth and their parents for preparing and serving the fundraiser luncheon today! All donations support the summer youth retreat.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.





Lord, hear our prayers

CONDOLENCES:

Sunda Coleman on the loss of her son Chris Pearson
Carpenter family on the loss of Nan Carpenter

CHURCH FAMILY:

Min Lindsay, anticipating surgery
Eleanor Naber-Allen, daughter of Andrew and Elise, at home
Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta
Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Kathie Bishop, Mari Turner's mother, moving into memory care
Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, health issues—at Carlyle House in Macon
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, at home with health concerns
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care
Wayne Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING:

Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Runette Pounds, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive
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Frankie Holder, Pruitt Health-Marietta, 50 Saine Dr. SW-Rm 215, Marietta, GA 30008

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

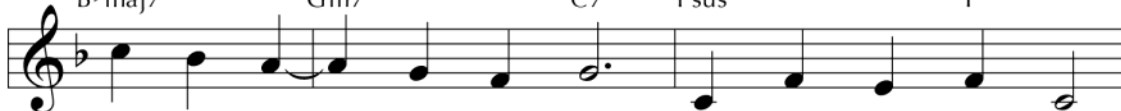
252 Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)
 Fsus F C F



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)
 Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)
 C F Bbmaj7 C7 F



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Based on Luke 24:13–35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.