

First Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in Milledgeville

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**Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.**

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday

PRELUDE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

John Troutman

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to Rev. Susan. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

Heaven shall not wait for the poor

(GTG #773, vs. 1-2)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

Congregation: Come, let us put our trust in God.

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Congregation: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Congregation: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Joel Respass

PRAYROF THE DAY

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 244

This Joyful Eastertide

CALL TO CONFESSION

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin (Acts 3:19). Trusting in God's promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHORAL RESPONSE

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn

(GTG #773, vs. 3)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are” (1 John 3:1). Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

**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**

*A memory of Eden stirs,
and walks within the warmth of spring;
It whispers ev'ry hope God has
to Life Eternal, listening.*

*Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey,
unfurl by faith and not by sight;
to touch the light of length'ning days
that calls thee forth to green delight.*

*The season of new growth begins,
embrace the promise we all share;
lift ev'ry voice and celebrate,
the living God, who's always there.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

		Pew Bible Page #
NEW TESTAMENT	Acts 3:12-19	NT P 120
OLD TESTAMENT	Proverbs 22	OT P 604
NEW TESTAMENT	1 John 3:1-3	NT P 240
GOSPEL	Luke 24:36b-48	NT P 91

SERMON

Wesley Applebury, M.Div./MPT Candidate

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING (see insert)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



In response to God's abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God's kingdom. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



Scan. Pay. Go.

OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY

The Blessed Christ is Risen
**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!**

J. S. Bach

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today, and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs*

(GTG #773, vs. 4)

*POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Heinrich Fleische



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor, Rev. Susan Balfour, revsebalfour@gmail.com
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Treasurer, Joel Burns

OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm M-Fri.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

10am ~ 1pm Tues-Fri.

If you would like to schedule an appt.
with Rev. Susan, please call the office
(478) 452-9394.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

RADIO MINISTRY
WKZR (102.3FM)



Under the Palm
Podcast: [https://
anchor.fm/susan-balfour0](https://anchor.fm/susan-balfour0)



Our deepest condolences to the family of Beth Baarda on her death. Please be in prayer for David, Laura, Jo Anna and the family as they grieve this deep loss.

LIMITED MOBILITY
Helen Danuser

CHURCH FAMILY:

Wesley Applebury, attending seminary in Atlanta
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns
Greg Jones, congestive heart failure

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Joseph Bennett, Joe Bennett's father, ongoing health concerns
Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns
Heather Brooks, Susan Balfour's cousin, lung and brain cancer
Peggy Deschermeier, Jennifer Flory's aunt, stage 1 pancreatic cancer, recovering at home from Whipple procedure
Margret Ellen (Meg) Clark, Margaret Ivester's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer surgery
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Karen Hartmann, Susan Balfour's cousin, stage 4 cancer
Alonzo Kelly, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melenoma
Velma Kelly, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Mildred Moore, Sundae Coleman's aunt, in hospice care
Janie Mullis, Bill Werts' son-in-law's mother, ongoing health concerns
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon
Paul Orman, Barbra Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis
Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns,
Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall
Charles Sallstrom, John Sallstrom's brother, ongoing health concerns
Willy Sanders, Sunda Coleman's cousin, ongoing health concerns
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis
Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, in rehab
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care
Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

George and Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549
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Jackie Northington, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place, Ste 118
Suzy Smith, Savannah Court 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro GA 30642

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 14- April 21

Today 9:30 Sunday School
9:45 Intergenerational/Confirmation Sunday School Class
10:15 Children's Sunday School
11:00 Youth Sunday Worship with communion
12:00 Soup & Sandwich Youth Fundraiser
5:00 PW Bible Study

Monday 7:00 MSG

Tuesday 9:30 Food Pantry and Samaritan Ministry
12:00 Kiwanis

Wednesday 6:30 Pot Luck and Bible Study

Thursday 10:30 UMC Planning Meeting

Saturday **10:00 Family Sweet Meet at Dunkin' Donuts**

Sunday 9:30 Sunday School
9:45 Intergenerational/Confirmation Sunday School Class
10:15 Children's Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:00 Youth Group
1:30 Homeless Awareness Club

Offerings in April	\$3,741.00
Anticipated April expenses:	\$20,100.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



Join us for worship in-person, online at Facebook Live or on the radio at 102.3 WKZR radio every week.

Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*
www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 871 5078 2729
Passcode: 881336

Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying *Contrarians Guide to Knowing God: Spirituality for the Rest of Us* by Larry Osborne, Meeting in the Parlor Room

9:45 AM **Intergenerational/Confirmation Sunday School Class**, studying *Confessing Our Faith*, for new members and confirmands meeting in the Fellowship Hall

10:15AM **Children's Sunday School Class**, Feasting on the Word curriculum, singing, crafts and stories, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, *The Other Evangelicals, A Story of Liberal, Black Progressive, Feminist and Gay Christians and the Movement That Pushed Them Out*, Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

According to Christ's commandment: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory...


SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
F C F B^b C F C F/A Am



(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

244 This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 wake the dead in num - ber. Had Christ, who once was
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

The verbal and musical elements of this hymn mesh so well because the words were written to fit this Dutch tune (whose name means "fruits"). The news of Christ's resurrection is joyfully conveyed by the ever-higher phrases and final cascade of notes at the end of the refrain.

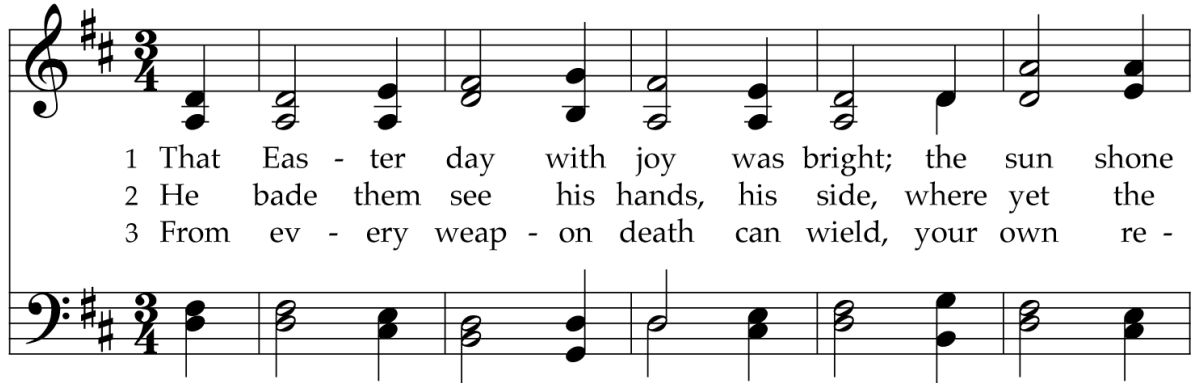
JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in

vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

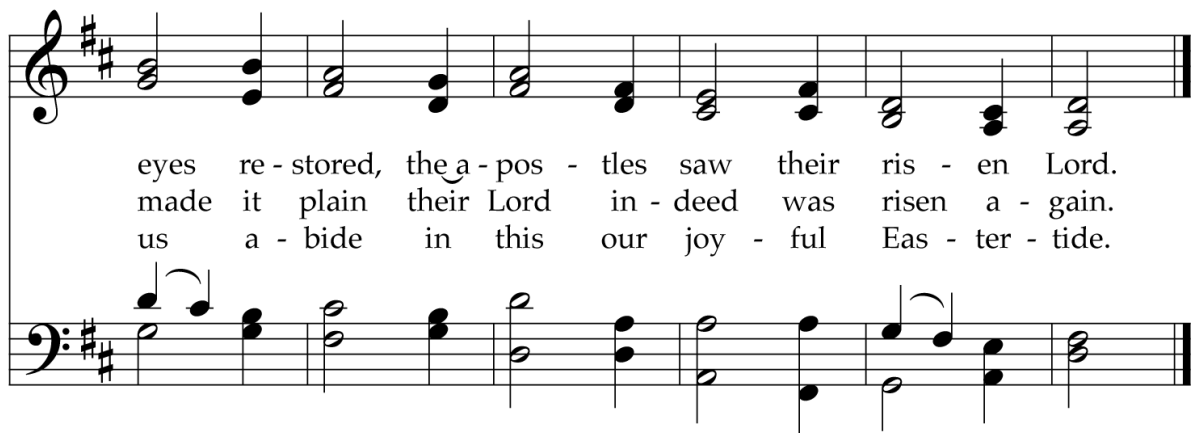
254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -



out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."

Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.