11:00 am Worship April 5, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Call to Worship (Hymn #387) "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
Greeting/Announcements/Scripture Reader:
Prelude: (arr. Carol Tornquist) "All Creatures of our God and King"

*Salutation and Call to Worship:

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!
He has risen Indeed!
The Lord has risen!
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He has risen Indeed!
Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Death has been swallowed up in victory!
Christ has risen indeed!
Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."
Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Lord has risen!
He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Hymn# 288

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession: (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon:
The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection.
In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734
Walks with Jesus Rev. John McCarthy
First Scripture: Isaiah 53 Pew Bible #716

Prayers of the People (see list below)
Choral Call to Prayer "O How He Loves You and Me" Choir
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover

*Hymn: "He Lives" Hymn # 302
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymn #34
*Prayer
Anthem: (Choplin, Johnson, Choplin) "Resurrection People" Choir

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:55-58 Pew Bible #1117
Sermon: "Where, O Death, is your Victory" Rev. John McCarthy
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostles' Creed Hymnal – Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: "Because He Lives" (vs 1-2) Hymn #447
Lord's Supper
*Hymn: "Because He Lives" (vs 3) Hymn #447
*Charge and Blessing
* Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Paul & Reinhild Sydnor, IAFR, France
Prayers continue: Ann Cabell Zimmerman
- Full Prayer list listed in monthly newsletter – copies available at each entrance

We welcome our visitors *and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.*

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like a card sent to someone we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send a card the following week.

Flowers – Given with love to my First Presbyterian Family, and in appreciation for God's immense love "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 NIV

Ushers – Serving today Robert Guthrie at the North Door. Robin Hall at the South Door. Acolyte today Liam McCarthy. Audio is Colter Wickemeyer.

This Week's Announcements

Office Hours – Tomorrow, Monday, April 6 – the office will be closed for Easter Monday.

Flowering of the Cross – After worship all are welcome to go out to the cross to help flower the cross. Please plan to stay to help decorate and flower the cross.

Card Ministry – Tuesday, April 7 at 10:30 am

Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 8 at 10:30 am

Good Samaritan – April – canned fruit and/or vegetables.

Operation Christmas Child – April collection – Hygiene items – toothbrush (no toothpaste), washcloths, combs, hairbrushes, nail file/clippers, etc.

Memorial Service – There will be a celebration of life memorial service here at First Presbyterian, for Kim Albert, on Saturday, April 18 at 1pm.

Leadership Retreat – Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25th. Mark your calendars. The book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church* by Thom S Rainer, will be discussed. Get your copy so you will be prepared for the discussion.

Calendar

Sunday, April 5	9:45 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am – Worship
Monday, April 6	Office Closed
Tuesday, April 7	10:30 am – Card Ministry
Wednesday, April 8	10:30 am – Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm - Choir 6:00 pm – NA
Friday, April 10	Office Closed 12 noon – AA 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship

Church Staff
Rev. John McCarthy - Pastor
Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
Jim Luedtke, Church Musician
Sue Wilkins, Church Treasurer

Session
Rev. John McCarthy – Moderator
Don Cherry – Clerk of Session

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Bob Hughes	Don Cherry	Mike Freshour
Les Powell	Joni Owens	
	Colter Wickemeyer	

Diaconate
Sterling Roberts – Chair

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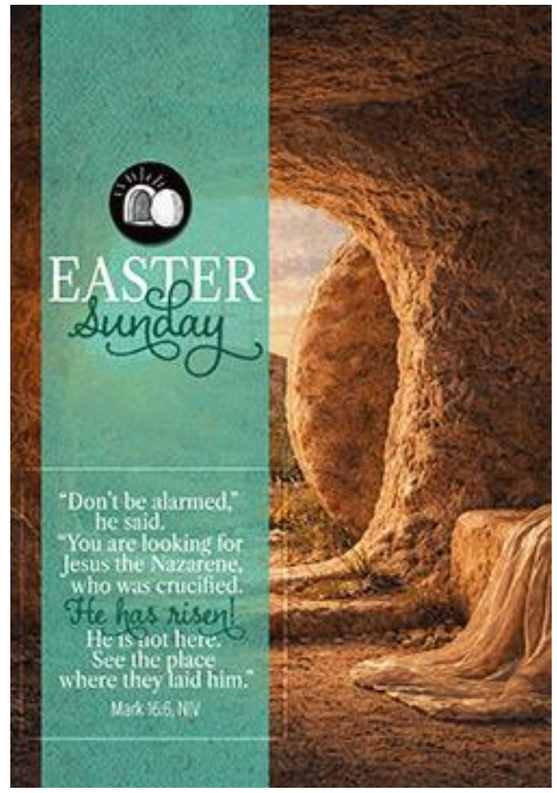

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Matthew & Teresa Lee, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Cameroon
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Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love

Values

Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery will be provided at this time.
Children's Church (Jesus Squad) meets during Sunday School time
5 cents-a-meal Offering collected the third Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday at 11:00 am; Sunday School is at 9:30 am.
Fellowship at 10:15 am. **Internet: 1stPres: Romans3:24**

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