

Prayers of the People and 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

"Meditation"

Douglas Wagner

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*Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory"

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*Benediction

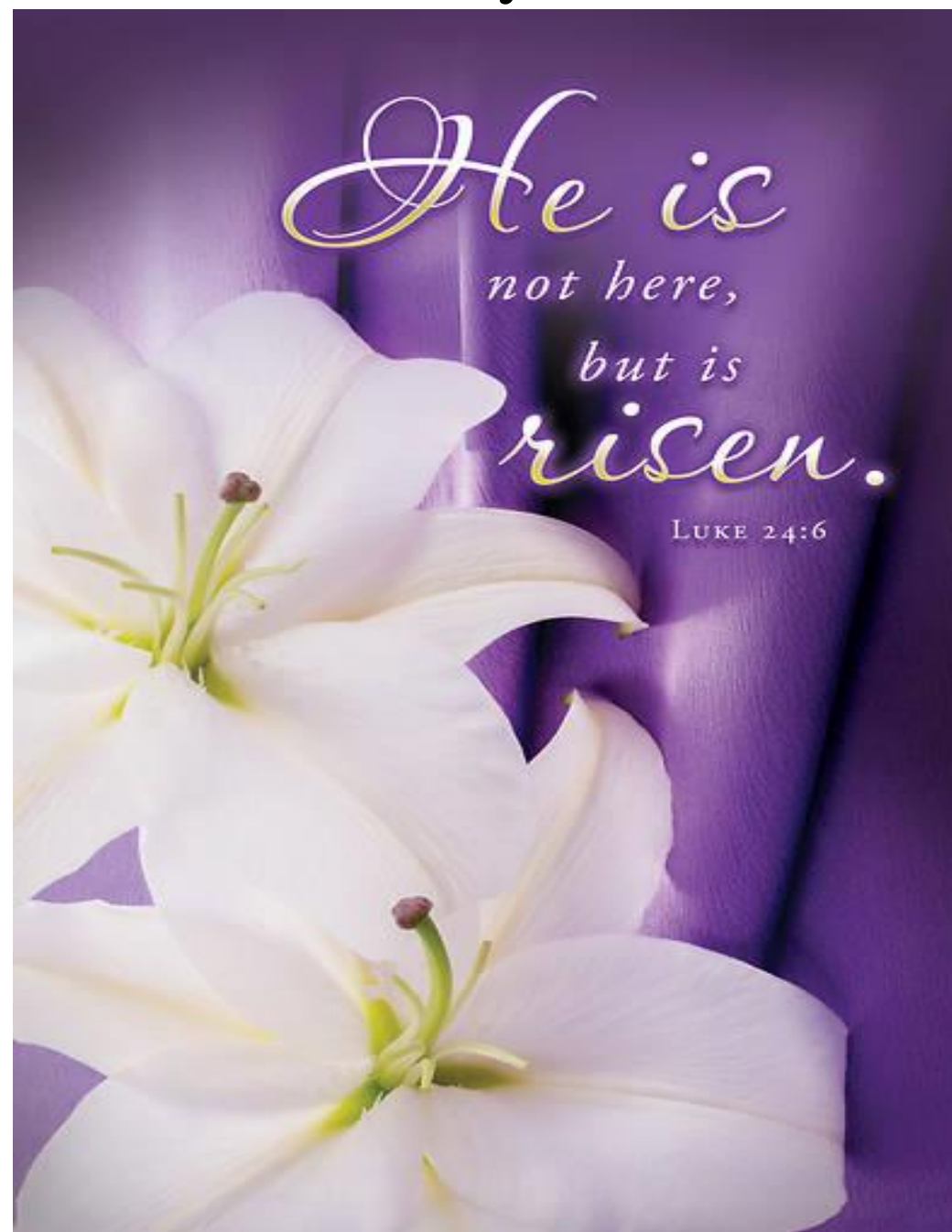
Postlude

"Carillon Toccata"

Douglas Wagner



The First Presbyterian Church



EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

*Congregation May Stand

10:30 AM Worship



*During the first hymn, congregants are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross.

Prelude	<i>“Processional”</i>	Douglas Wagner
Welcome and Announcements		James Brandon
Call to Worship	Psalm 113:1-3	
Invocation		
*Hymn	<i>“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”</i>	Page #234
*Responsive Reading	Psalm 118:14-19	
Leader:	The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.	
People:	Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,	
Leader:	The right hand of the Lord is exalted, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”	

People: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

All: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

Gracious God, our passion burns low. Our commitment runs out. Our love grows cold. We know what the grave feels like because we have been buried in the knowledge of our doubts and failures. Forgive us for the times when our faith seemed lifeless and our hope disappeared. Have mercy on us, and heal us. We ask You to let the resurrection life flow into our minds and hearts. We are tired of the grave. Fill us with the desire to walk with Jesus, our risen and victorious Savior. Help us to believe that when He burst out of the tomb He brought us with Him.

Silent Confession *(continue in silent prayer)*Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

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Children’s Sermon

He is Risen!

Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Pew Bible Page #679

Anthem

“With Songs of Rejoicing”

J.S. Bach

Second Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

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Sermon

The Resurrected Mind

Pastor Scott Cress

*Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection”

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*Affirmation of Faith

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CHURCH CALENDAR



TODAY, APRIL 5

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
NO Sunday School
10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 6

Tuesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 8

Thursday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room
6:30 p.m. Nursing Home Ministry, Medical Care Facility

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

Next Sunday, April 12

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Sunday, School, Classrooms
10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

WELCOME

We joyously greet all worshipers in the name of the risen Lord. Easter is the most glorious day in the Christian calendar. On this day we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Praise God with great enthusiasm. Christ is risen indeed!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 73

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST: Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER: James Brandon
BUILDING CLOSER: Bob Roberts
DEACONS: Earla Carver & Sheryl Sanford
USHERS: Laureen Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross

PRAYER REQUESTS: Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sandy Kneen (*Betty's Daughter-in-law*), and Michael Brown & Robert Jones (*Irma's Nephew & Husband*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Dennis Anders (*Brother Tammy James*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), Marlene Risedorph (*Wife Stuart*), Barbara Craine & Susan Wilson (*Sisters C.Hoffman*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Kevin's Father*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), John Scott (*Friend C.Ringenberg*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*Nat'l Guard--Grandson C.Dear*); Army First Lt. Cheryl Jackson (*Granddaughter W.Schneider*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children's Foundation, Father's Table Food Pantry, King's Cupboard, Love, INC, Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, and Share the Warmth;

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS: Diane Eames and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY, THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS will be included as part of this morning's service! For those of you who have never seen this done, **during the first hymn, the congregation comes forward and will place a flower** on the wooden cross. In a short period of time the Cross becomes beautiful, new, and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: This week Irma will still be home taking care of her husband Robert so again, the Church office hours will not be as normal. So, if your calls don't get answered or if the Church isn't open, please remember office is not as usual! In case of an emergency please call or email Pastor Scott at (636) 422-0075 or an Elder. We ask for your understanding and continued prayers for her husband and family.

EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY! We are happy to host an Easter Egg Hunt for the children this morning! After worship, those who would like to hide eggs will stay in the sanctuary for that task. The children wanting to hunt for eggs should meet in the Parlor. Please follow the instructions of those leading the hunt so that the event is enjoyable for everyone!

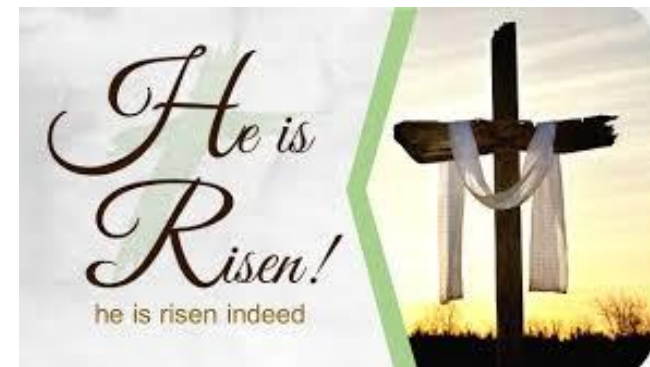
EASTER OFFERING: All Easter Offering envelopes and loose offerings collected today will be given to the Salvation Army for their work to help the many in need within our community. Easter Offering envelopes will be accepted throughout April.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Scott for a weekly Men's Bible Study Thursday mornings at 9 AM in the Anniversary Room. Come ready for a great time together studying God's Word together. Pastor hopes to see you there!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! There are no Sunday School classes today. But we ask that you please join us for Sunday school at 9:40 a.m. next Sunday morning in your classrooms. Please spend your day rejoicing at the Resurrection with family and friends!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY (April 9): First Pres has partnered with other local churches to minister at the Medical Care Facility at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings on a rotation basis. The next ministry time is this **Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 PM** for those who would like to help. If you are interested in this ministry, reach out to Pastor Scott or Marsha Rollins.

SAVE THE DATE! On April 18th at 9 AM we will host a Dual Training Session. First, we will review the tasks of the Ushers for all those involved in this ministry. Second, we will review CPR and AED procedures. Please join us. Coffee and donuts provided.



**He has risen . . .
sweet heavenly music from above
He has risen . . .
the epiphany of God's true love.
For, His beloved Son,
died for you and me
so from the fiery pit
He could set us free.
He has risen . . .
hallelujah the angels sing
He has risen . . .
eternal life to man He brings.
For, Jesus is alive,
resurrected and living
in our lives
His Spirit is breathing.
He has risen . . .
the Lamb of God from above
He has risen . . .
with peace and eternal love!**