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First Presbyterian Church

Lexington, North Carolina



Founded 33 AD
Organized 1827



Blended Worship ❖ April 5, 2026 ❖ 11:00 AM
Easter Day

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Easter Fantasy* Clarence Kohlmann
Celia Stalvey, organ; Regina Pozzi, piano

The Passing of the Peace
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Choral Introit *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

*Call to Worship
One: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
All: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
One: Let us praise the name of the Lord,
All: **And He shall reign forever and ever. Let us worship God.**

*Hymn (insert) *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)*

*Prayer of Confession
Triumphant God, we need not look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive. No stone can hold him back, and he has become the Lord of life. Death no longer has any hold on him. And you have raised us from the darkness into the light by the gift of Jesus' risen life in us. Help us grow in that risen life so that, as your people, we would show the world your conquering love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness Psalm 118:1
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever!

*Response of Praise *Gloria Patri* Hymn #579
*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. Amen.*

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24* Ben Stalvey

Anthem *Alleluia, Christ Is Alive!* Raney

Scripture Reading *Matthew 28:1-10* Rev. Jon Martin
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *When New Beginnings Take Hold* Rev. Jon Martin

*Affirmation of Faith *Second Helvetic Confession, 5.073; Confession of 1967, 9.08*
We believe and teach that the same Jesus Christ our Lord, in his true flesh in which he was crucified and died, rose again from the dead, and that not another flesh was raised other than the one buried, or that a spirit was taken up instead of the flesh, but that he retained his true body.
The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Hallelujah, Amen!* G. F. Handel/Lani Smith

*Doxology Hymn #592
*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.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
We thank you for this offering, O God. Help us share this offering in response to your triumphant love. On this day of new beginnings in Christ, empower our service to others so that new beginnings take hold. Transform these gifts to become a blessing in your sight and a help to others in your name. Amen.

*Hymn #104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
The Invitation
The Great Thanksgiving
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #507

I Come with Joy

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Christ Arose

*Postlude

*Grand Choeur Triumphant
with The Day of Resurrection*

Alexandre Guilmant
arr. Regina Pozzi

* Let us rise in body or spirit.



Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Lexington! Whether this is your first time visiting or you are a longtime member, please know that you are always welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. If you would like more information about the congregation, please ask Pastor Jon. Information is also available in the lobby and narthex. It is a blessing to share this worship service with you.

We love children here at First Presbyterian and welcome them to our worship service. There are worship bags in the Kids' Corner in the lobby for younger children to pick up before the service.

We're glad you're visiting.
Can we connect with you?



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study will not meet this week. We are getting ready for a new study and will resume on April 15. All are welcome any week.

SAVE THE DATE!

Acts Alive Work Camp will be June 14-20. Vacation Bible School will be June 22-26. Please be in prayer for both of these events.

TWO CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

The Two Cents A Meal Offering is directed toward programs that address hunger in our region. Locally, Pastor's Pantry and First Hope Ministries have received Presbytery grants from this fund. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Please note "2 Cents a Meal" on the donation.

DONATIONS FOR HOSPICE NEEDED

We are collecting travel-sized hand sanitizers, travel-sized toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balms, and disposable razors (men's and ladies') for Hospice. Thank you, Church, for always being on "stand by!"

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Every year, our Faith in Action Ministry Team sends out grant applications to our local helping agencies. On that form, we also ask how else we can help their organization. Here are some opportunities to "step up" in faith and assist our local agencies:

- Davidson Prison Ministry – sponsor offenders outside prison, pray continuously for our prisoners
- Cancer Services – donate nutritional supplements and adult diapers
- Communities-In-Schools – volunteer to mentor students
- Home Solutions – volunteer to perform minor home repairs
- The Life Center – answer phone, work in garden
- Pastor's Pantry – help in the food pantry

If you're looking for a way to make an impact in the community and proclaim Christ's love of all, now is your chance! Please contact the organizations directly to volunteer or donate. Links to each agency's website may be found at fpclexnc.com/local-mission.

FLOWERING CROSS

Thank you for adding your flowers to the flowering cross in the Third Avenue courtyard.

EARLY WORSHIP ON APRIL 19

Early worship on April 19 will be at 9 am at Salvation Army Camp Walter Johnson (918 Walter Johnson Road, Denton). Whether you are attending the retreat or not, you are welcome to join us for worship that Sunday morning.



Online Giving

Thank you for your gift!

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Rock Ballad ♩ = 120

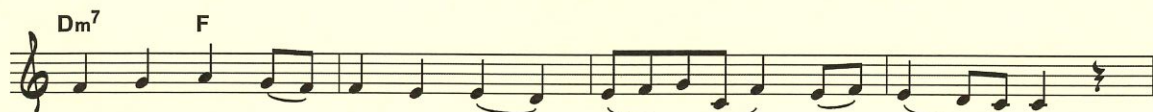
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Charles Wesley, Kurtis Parks
and Samuel Arnold

Verse



1. Christ the Lord is ris-en to - day, al - le - lu - ia;
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, al - le - lu - ia;
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, al - le - lu - ia;
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, al - le - lu - ia;



Sons of men and an - gels say, al - le - lu - ia;
 Where, oh death, is now thy sting, al - le - lu - ia;
 Fought the fight the bat - tie won, al - le - lu - ia;
 Follow - ing our ex - alt - ed Head, al - le - lu - ia;



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, al - le - lu - ia;
 Dy - ing once He all doth save, al - le - lu - ia;
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise, al - le - lu - ia;
 Made like Him, like Him we rise, al - le - lu - ia;

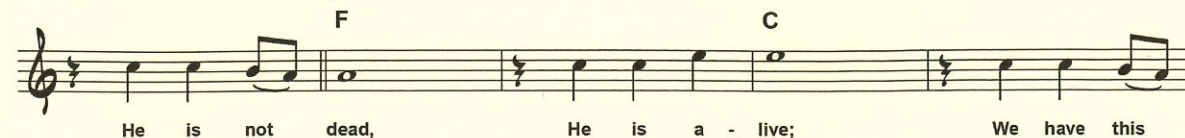


Sing ye heav - ens and earth re - ply, al - le - lu - ia;
 Where thy vic - to - ry, oh grave, al - le - lu - ia;
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, al - le - lu - ia;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, al - le - lu - ia;



ia. (Oh, oh.) ia. ia. ia.

Chorus



What's Happening this Week

Easter Sunday	Apr. 5	7:00 AM 7:45 AM 11:00 AM	Sunrise Service (Third Avenue Courtyard) Continental Breakfast (fellowship hall) Blended Worship (sanctuary)
Monday	Apr. 6		<i>Church office closed</i>
Tuesday	Apr. 7	7:15 AM 7:00 PM	Men's Breakfast (Cagney's) Boy Scouts (youth room)
Wednesday	Apr. 8	1:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Nancy Gilbert's home) Welborn Handbell Choir (choir suite) Chancel Choir (choir suite)
Thursday	Apr. 9	10:30 AM	Prayer Group (Prayer Room)
Friday	Apr. 10	6:00-8:00 PM	Fellowship Outing: Wine & Bingo (Weathervane Winery)
Sunday	Apr. 12	9:00 AM 10:00 11:00 1:00 PM	Early Service (fellowship hall) Sunday School Traditional Worship (sanctuary) Race Unification Committee (fellowship hall)