

SUNDAY
8:15 & 11AM
MAR 31, 2024

Worship Service for THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

Chorale Fantasia on *Christ the Lord Has Risen*
Dance Prelude on *Thine is the Glory*
Jesus Christ is Risen Today
West Virginia Brass Quintet, Timpani and Organ

Flor Peeters
Kenneth Grinnell, Jr.
Robert Hobby

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Ginger Thomas

INTROIT

Early at the Break of Dawn *David Billings*
Early at the break of dawn as the garden filled with light, solemn women carried spice tombward,
Christ to wait upon. Earth's explosion crust to core rolled the boulder from death's door!
(Matthew 28:1-2)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Thankful is the song we sing!

For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!

* HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed be the Lord, who has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43 (NT, pg. 129)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11AM ONLY)

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

Children attending Kids' Church may follow Pastor Lori. (11am only)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8 (NT, pg. 54)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“. . . and Peter”

Rev. Roger Owens

ANTHEM

The Day of Resurrection

Thomas Matthews

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright. The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light. And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing Ye to the Lord

Edward C. Bairstow

Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously. Pharoah's chariots and his hosts hath he cast into the sea. Mighty victor from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie. Thou hast conquered in the fight; thou hast brought us life and light. Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall. Thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise. Mighty victor from the sky... Alleluia! Amen.

*** DOXOLOGY**

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN 238**

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

During the last verse of Hymn 238, all those wishing to join the Choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus may come forward to the chancel.

A copy of music will be provided.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hallelujah! (Messiah)

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and of his Christ. For he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah! (Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16)

POSTLUDE

Toccatà (Symphonie V)

Charles Widor

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All are invited to remain for the postlude.

Participants Today

Rev. Ginger A. Thomas, Co-Senior Pastor (ginger@fcpc.us)
Rev. Dr. L. Roger Owens, Co-Senior Pastor (roger@fcpc.us)
Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Associate Pastor (rebecca@fcpc.us)
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Andrew Boag, tenor
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Jenny Clark, Livestream Producer (jenny@fcpc.us)
Don Moyer, Temporary Caretaker (don@fcpc.us)

The West Virginia Brass Quintet

Matt Inkster and Matt Barabas, trumpets; Andrew Scott, horn; Brian Plitnik, trombone; Logan Lindsey, tuba; and Darren Humbert, timpani

For Children and Families during 11am Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the lowest level Kids' Space, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship. The lowest level is accessed via the elevator in the Atrium or the staircase near the main entrance.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

Chancel Flowers

Given for the glory of God and in memory of Clay Hardon, Sr. by Sally Hardon and family.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance. If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neck loop receiver.

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