

CHORAL ANTHEM *“O Praise the Gracious Power”* Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

Leader: This is the word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Running on Empty”* Pastor Barry Williams

THE THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

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.

Breaking of Bread/Sharing of the Cup

The Communion Bread is gluten-free so all might partake.

Communion of the People

SHARING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory *O Hail This Brightest Day of Days*

J.S. Bach

*Doxology

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.

Offertory Prayer

* HYMN #118 *“The Day of Resurrection!”*

Lancashire

Christina Stabenow, trumpet

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *“Thine is the Glory” (verse 3)*

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!

Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.

*Postlude *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Westenkuehler

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

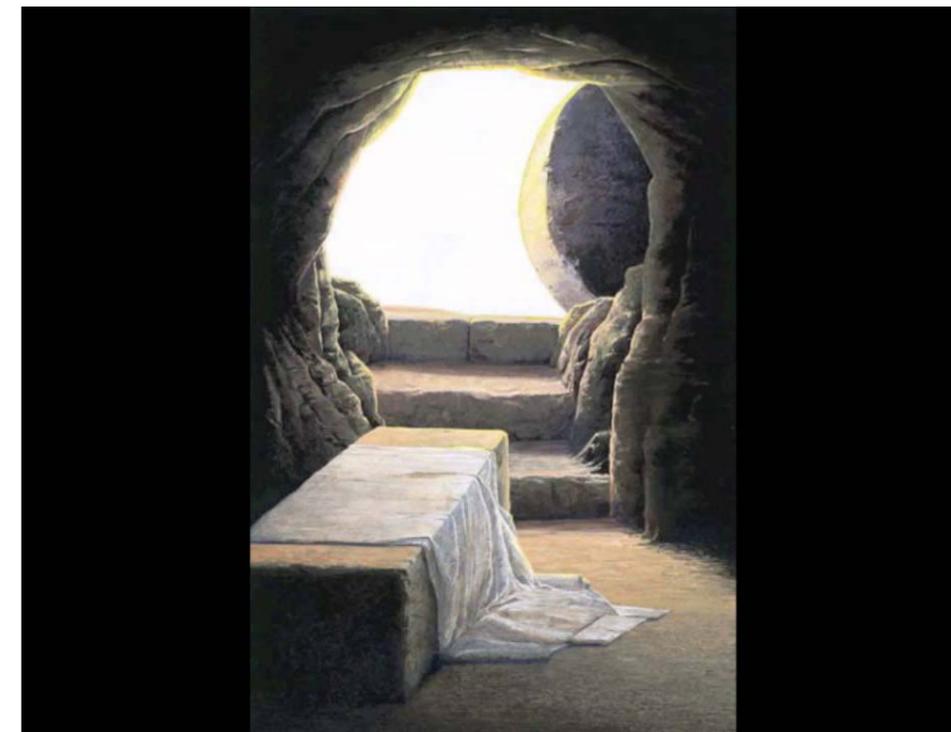
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Please be sure to take your Easter flowers home after the Easter service you attend. Have a blessed Easter!

“Running on Empty!”



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Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

TODAY AT FPC

For more event dates & times, please see the calendar on our website at www.fpcjcmo.org

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lift High the Cross* Manz/Ore
Jimmy Kay Sanders, organist

INTROIT *"Christ Is Risen!"* Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir, Dr. Natasia Sexton, Director

ENTERING OF WORD AND LIGHT

THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 118:24)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

* OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN #123 *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"* Easter Hymn

* CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,
we confess that, even on this most holy day,
we are unable to believe in the victory over death
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life
but also for faith, hope, and love.
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,
we would be lost.
Forgive us and transform us,
that in every way our work and prayer will
make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.**
Our Silent Personal Prayers of Confession

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia and 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

"Peace be with you...and also with you."

(8:30) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - SELAH RHAYE WOLFE

(10:45) A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

* HYMN #371 *"Lift High the Cross"* Crucifer

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9

Leader: This is the word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME to our service of worship this Easter Sunday. Join us for refreshments in Knox Hall following worship.

OUR RADIO BROADCAST over Station KWOS (950 AM) at 11:00 a.m. today is dedicated to the glory of God.

FLOWERS in the sanctuary this day are dedicated to the glory of God.

USHERS: 8:30 am Janet Shinkle
10:45 am Allison Pearson
5:00 pm Jessica Cox

BUS DRIVERS: Beth Archias & Cecil Caulkins

FLOWER VISITATION: Tom Holt, Bill Covington & Blaine Smallwood

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday we will focus on first disciples' witness to Thomas, who doubted that the Risen Lord had appeared to them, and on the witness of the earliest followers of the Risen Lord who "were of one heart and soul". Our texts will be Acts 4:32-35 and John 20:19-29 and Pastor Dave will preach on **"Can I Get A Witness?"**.

EASTER SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE @ FIVE

We will celebrate our Risen Lord Jesus Christ with the Lord's Supper as Pastor Zac will reflect on **"Finding Life"** based on Luke's story of Easter morning (Luke 24:1-12). We will end our celebration with a meal together. All are welcome!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

EASTER SUNDAY

6:45 am Easter Sunrise Service - Governor's Garden
7:30 am Easter Breakfast - Knox Hall
8:30 am Easter Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 am Easter Worship Service
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
2:00 pm Easter Worship - Primrose Retirement Community
5:00 pm Easter Worship at Sunday Night Live @5
5:45 pm Shared Meal - Knox Hall

PLEASE PRAY for our sister congregation of Climax Springs

Presbyterian Church. It is part of our being the connectional church.

THE CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Pastor Dave is teaching on "The Power of the Resurrection" today. Please join us as we share together in faithful learning and spiritual growth.

FOOD 4 KIDS - First Presbyterian is hosting the Food 4 Kids program again this summer from June 25-August 15. I am looking for a few new people to be weekly co-coordinators with some of our veteran coordinators. Each weekly coordinator takes one week and is charge of the groups assigned to make and deliver lunches during that week. We average about 110 lunches per day. Its a very rewarding program and a fun way to work with people from our neighboring churches. If you think you might be interested or would like more information, please see Shelley Swoyer or contact her at sswoyer2002@yahoo.com or call 573-645-6175.

**WORK ON REPLACING THE ROOF IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN
APRIL 2ND - PARKING AT THE CHURCH DURING THE WEEK
MAY BE CHALLENGING.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Monday, April 2 through Sunday, April 8

MON - FRI	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Preschool
MON - THUR	8:30 am - 3:00 pm	K-Plus
MON	5:00 pm	Facilities Committee - Library
	5:15 pm	Bible Study - Parlor
	5:30 pm	Social Justice Ministry Team - McAfee Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 2 - Gym
TUES	No Volleyball Tonight	
	9:30 am	Bible Study - McAfee Room
	11:00 am	Preschool Easter Pageant - Sanctuary/Knox Hall
	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	5:00 pm	Christian Education Committee - 3rd Floor Library
	6:00 pm	Deacon Officers Meet - Chapel
	6:30 pm	Board of Deacons - Chapel
WED	10:30 am	Presbyterian Women Bible Study - McAfee Room
	6:00 pm	SWAG (Mid Highs)
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	EPIC (Senior Highs)
THUR	5:30 pm	Worship Committee - Library
SAT	9:00 am	Work Day at Camp Covenant Point
SUN	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
	9:45 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:45 am	Worship Service
	11:45 am	Coffee Fellowship - Knox Hall
	2:00 pm	Celebration of Life for Priscilla Klinger
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live @5 Worship Service
	5:45 pm	Shared Meal - Knox Hall

WORK DAY AT CAMP COVENANT POINT - Sign up to help our Presbyterian camp get ready to summer campers! FPC will be working from 9 to noon on Saturday, April 7th. Please sign up in Knox Hall or contact Carol Scott (xombuddy1@gmail.com).

MISSION JC: IN THE CITY, FOR THE CITY - SIGN UP TODAY!
A Morning of Service in our Community! Join with members of 9 area churches and community friends as we give back to our city on Sunday morning, April 29th. There are over 50 Service Projects to choose from— from serving breakfast at Ken Locke Apartments or Lincoln University to yard work and planting trees to writing letters and more! Registration begins TODAY at missionjc.org.

APRIL 15: FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST YOUTH FUNDRAISER!
The youth will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, and new this year breakfast burritos! Join us before the 8:30am service, during the Sunday School hour, and after the 10:45am service. Free-will donations support our youth's Mission Trips and Montreat Youth Conferences.

Youth News

This Wednesday SWAG and EPIC meet! SWAG from 6-730pm and EPIC from 7-830 in the Youth Room.

April 15 (Sunday)- Our fundraiser breakfast at the church. More details coming after Easter!