



# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**Sunday, March 31, 2023**

*Easter Sunday*

*Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Dr. Bruce Gerlach

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30 Gavin Elias-Lizardo

**WORSHIP: 8:30 am and 11:00 am**

*Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.  
"Be still and know that I am God." ~ Psalm 46:10*

PRELUDE: *"In Humble Adoration"* W. A. Mozart  
*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* arr. W. Winans

AMAZING GRACE / RINGING OF THE BELL / UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He is Risen!

**People: He is Risen Indeed!**

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\*HYMN *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* insert  
*"He Lives"* insert

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and triumphant God, we thank You and praise You for freeing us from the bondage of sin. Hallelujah! We confess that we do not know how to live fully in this new life. Forgive us when we allow anything to keep us from achieving our full potential as Your reconciled people. On this triumphant day, open our minds to the transformative power of the Resurrection. As we welcome Your Spirit, strengthen us to serve Your kingdom here, and in so doing, may You be glorified. We pray together joyfully in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE *[Please share Christ's peace with one another.]*

\*HYMN *"Christ is Alive!"* No. 108, vs. 1  
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristin Kondratowski

ANTHEM	<i>“Easter Festival”</i>	M. Bryson
FIRST SCRIPTURE		Isaiah 25:6-9
SECOND SCRIPTURE		Matthew 28:1-10
SERMON	<i>“The Feast of Easter”</i>	Rev. Robert Bronkema
*HYMN	<i>“Because He Lives”</i>	insert
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”</i>	arr. J. Denton
*DOXOLOGY		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		
PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED		Page 14
*HYMN	<i>“Thine Is the Glory”</i>	No. 122
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	<i>“Triumphant Praise”</i>	M. Powers

*\*You are invited to stand if you are able during those places in the worship service marked with an asterisk.*

Sermon Notes

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\*Praise & Worship

*All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises  
Death Was Arrested  
What A Beautiful Name*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message

Kristin Kondratowski

First Scripture

Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

*"The Feast of Easter"*

Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

\*Praise & Worship

*Resurrecting  
The Anthem*

\*Benediction

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**Please contribute your tithes and offerings using one of the following methods:**

- Place your contribution in the collection plate
- Scan the QR code to the right and follow the prompts
- Click the DONATE button on the church web site
- Mail your check to FPCS, 101 St. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Easter Sunday, March 31

- 8:30am **Worship** (Traditional)  
9:30am **Coffee Hour**  
10am **Sunday School Classes** for all ages  
Children's Sunday School (Grades K – 5) – Rm 12  
Youth Sunday School (Grades 6 – 12) – Youth Room  
Young Adults – Choir Room  
Wired Word – Library  
Young at Heart – Rm 3/4  
11am **Worship** (Contemporary)  
**\*No IGNITED Youth Group**
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**Nursery Time:** Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays • 9am – 1pm

### Monday, April 1

\*In observance of Easter, the church office will be closed today.

### Tuesday, April 2

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|------|------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| 9 am | Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4 | 7pm | Women's Bible Study – Rm 3/4 |
| 2 pm | Food Bank                    | 7pm | Worship Committee – Library  |
| 6pm  | CE Committee – Room 5        |     |                              |

### Wednesday, April 3

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|------|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 1 pm | Knifty Knitters – Library    | 7pm | Deacon's Meeting – Rm 3/4 |
| 3 pm | Stitchin' Sisters – Room 3/4 | 7pm | Praise Team - Sanctuary   |
| 6pm  | Kid's Clubhouse              |     |                           |

### Thursday, April 4

- 6:30am Men's Fellowship & Devotions – Library – Bring your own coffee/breakfast items  
5:30pm Youth Band Practice – Sanctuary  
6 pm Bible Study – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzgg>  
7pm Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal for April 7<sup>th</sup> service

### Friday, April 5

- 9 am Toddler Gym – Fellowship Hall  
2 pm Food Bank  
6 pm "Our Table" Dinner and Prayer Gathering – Fellowship Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: [www.straspres.org](http://www.straspres.org) under the "Events" tab for current church events and please be sure to like us on Facebook. Children's Church is available for kids K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.

**COFFEE HOUR** • Join us today in Fellowship Hall and each Sunday at 9:30am for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Hosts for today: Leo & Andrea Petrokonis. Next week there will be no coffee hour due to having one service at 10am with a luncheon following. Volunteers are needed. All volunteers will be reimbursed for their purchases. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please contact Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954 or email [rinertheresa@yahoo.com](mailto:rinertheresa@yahoo.com). There are openings in April and thereafter. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

**GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** for the 2024-2025 school year is open! Contact Heather Reynolds, Administrative Director at [hreynolds@straspres.org](mailto:hreynolds@straspres.org) or 717-617-9501, or pick up an application at the church office or the preschool mailbox.



Join the choir for service on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be rehearsals on **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm AND Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am**. All are welcome!



Consider sponsoring **CHANCEL FLOWERS**, a ministry the Deacons are pleased to provide. Sponsor one or two arrangements of flowers and sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice on the "Chancel Flower Sheet," located on the new wall racks by the welcome desk. Complete the yellow Chancel Flower form, and return the form to the church office by Wednesday the week you are providing flowers. Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary!

**CARDS:** One of the outreach ministries of the Deacons is sending cards to members of our church family and friends of FPC. Should you have any cards you would like to donate to this outreach please leave either on top of the church mailboxes or in our Deacon mailbox.

### *Prayer Requests*

*Please keep the following in your prayers.*



- Gwen Bortzfield – recovering at home
- Bill Hosker – recovering at home
- Jerry Paparo – Penn State Hospital

*March Deacons of the Month:* Robin Kendlehart and Margie Beers

*In Need of the Prayer Chain?* Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.

## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!

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There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on **SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>** due to having one worship service at 10am, with a visit from the Co-Moderator of the PCUSA.

**"OUR TABLE" WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY • Every Friday Night Beginning at 6pm •** Got friends? Bring 'em along! Everyone is welcome at Our Table! The meal is followed by an interactive Bible study, worship songs, and prayer. Eat and run or stay for the fun; we're just happy you showed up. *There's always room at Our Table!*

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WALK/RUN GROUP •** Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) we will meet at the church parking lot at 5:25am and take off at 5:30am sharp. We will embark on 3, one mile loops through town, each loop ending at the church before starting the next. All are welcome! You can walk, run, or both. You can do 1, 2, or all 3 miles and then some! Questions, or to be added to the text message update group please contact Dillon Sickler at 484-467-1587.

**TODDLER GYM • Fridays • 9am – 10am (Sept. – May) •** Weekly playtime for ages 1 – kindergarten with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Amy Black at 717-224-3036 or [ablack@straspres.org](mailto:ablack@straspres.org).

**NEXT WEEK ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**  
**One Service at 10am**

*Sermon Title: Holding on While Letting Go*

Scripture: John 20:11-18

*Guest Preacher, Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace,  
Co-Moderator of the PCUSA*



## 2024 Easter Flowers

Mary Lou Butler	In Memory of husband Mel Butler & parents Marie & Jack Austin and Alma & Carl Butler
Joy Corey and Family	In Memory of husband Ken Corey
Alice Eisenhooth	In Memory of Edward and Thelma Eisenhooth
John and Glenna Kirchner	In Memory of Anne & Glenn Esbenshade and Tyler Zook
Linda Lawrence	In Memory of parents LeRoy & Ruth Welk and son Jason Lawrence
Shawn Murphy	In Memory of dad
Sue Schenke	In Memory of husband Reynold Schenke and brother Carl Wilson
Jim & Nancy Smith and Family	In Memory of Jim's parents Martin & Hazel Smith and Nancy's parents Carl & Virginia Mosebach and In Honor of our children Jim, Andy & Amy
Reuben & Barbara Stoltzfus	In Memory of son Jeffrey and parents
Kay Straley	In Memory of husband Ron, grandson Jordan, and son-in-law Steve
Barb Szczesniak	In Memory of Irene Szczesniak
Steve & Donna Szczesniak	In Memory of father Stefan Szczesniak
Harold & Karen Welk	In Memory of H. LeRoy & Ruth Welk, Richard & Viola Ludwig, and Robert Ludwig





## 213 Because He Lives

*Because I live, you also will live. John 14:19*

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my  
 and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
 - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.  
 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

*Refrain*

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He

lives all fear is gone; Be - cause I know

TEXT: Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

MUSIC: William J. Gaither

RESURRECTION

Irregular meter

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## HIS RESURRECTION

He holds the fu - ture. And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He

lives. lives. Be - cause He lives

1,2 D.C. 3 Optional repeat of last Refrain

I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives all fear is

gone; Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture.

And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

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## 220 He Lives

*I am the Living One. I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! Rev. 1:18*

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day;  
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care,  
 3. Re - joice, re - joice, O Christ - ian, lift up your voice and sing

I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say;  
 And tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will de - spair;  
 E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ the King!

I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
 I know that He is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast,  
 The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,

And just the time I need Him He's al - ways near.  
 The day of His ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

**Refrain**  
 He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He walks with me and  
 He lives, He lives,

TEXT and MUSIC: Alfred H. Ackley

ACKLEY  
Irregular meter

## HIS RESURRECTION

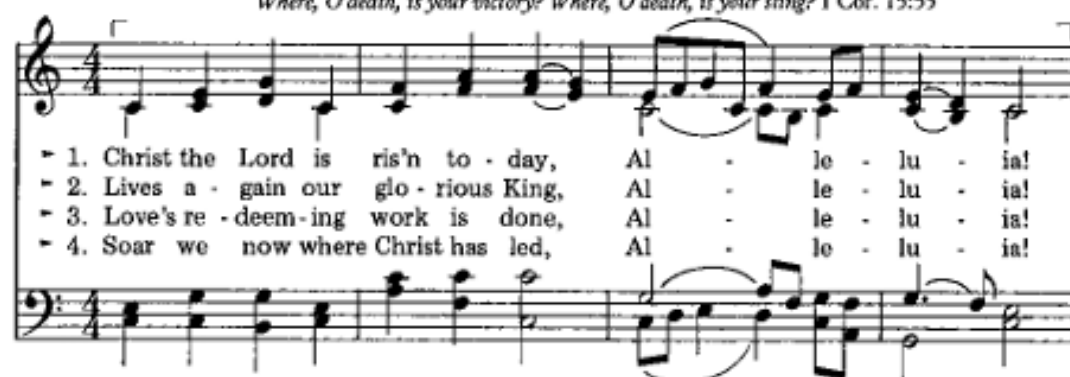
talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He lives, He lives, sal-  
He lives, He lives,

va - tion to im - part! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with-in my heart.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the voice, and the last two are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 217

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? 1 Cor. 15:55



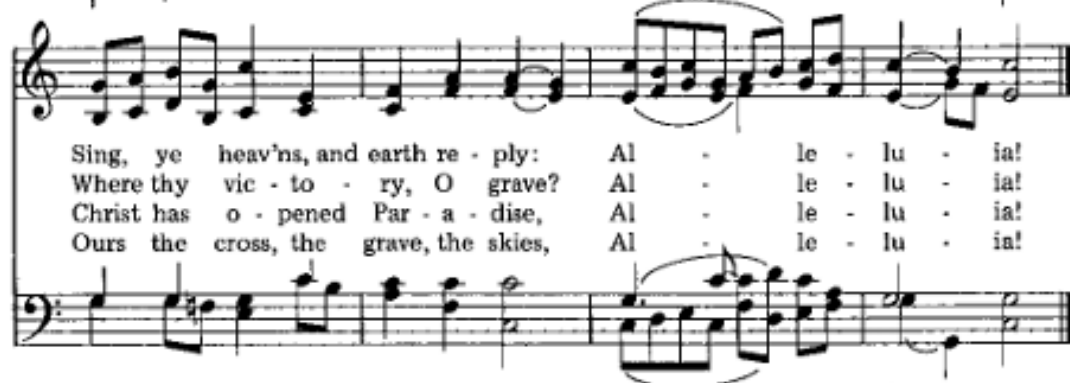
1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing 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'n's, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O 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!

Optional choral ending on the next page

TEXT: Charles Wesley  
 MUSIC: from *Lyræ Davidica*, London, 1708

EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7, with Alleluia

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg**  
**10am Worship Service**

*Following the service, there will be a luncheon  
for all the churches of Donegal Presbytery to attend. You are invited too!*

**Join us for a visit of the Co-Moderator of the PCUSA,  
Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace**



Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace was a classmate of Pastor Bob and Stacy at Princeton Theological Seminary. Following seminary they worked together with the Waldensian Church in Italy.

Ruth is currently serving as Co-Moderator of the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA, for which she was elected in 2022.

Ruth currently serves as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, which she began in 2014, making her the first woman and person of color to be installed in their more than 300-year history.

After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary, she served as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, PA. She then became Executive Presbyter of San Gabriel Presbytery in Southern California.

Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace just recently completed her service on two national boards: The Presbyterian Foundation and Princeton Theological Seminary. At Princeton, Ruth was the first woman of color to serve as vice-chair of the board. She is the 2023 recipient of Princeton Theological Seminary's Distinguished Alumnus Award and elected Trustee Emeritus of the seminary.