

*Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service*



April 11, 2021

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

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We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

INTROIT

"Christ Is Alive" st.1

No. 246

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.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: We are born anew.

PEOPLE: **We have a living hope!**

PASTOR: We have an enduring inheritance.

PEOPLE: **It is God's love for us.**

PASTOR: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

PEOPLE: **We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!**

PASTOR: We gather to rejoice with hearts filled with praise.

PEOPLE: **We gather to worship God!**

HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

No. 263

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our divisions all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name. May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division. Most merciful God, who has given your Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word. Remind us that we are your Easter people. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" st. 1,2 No. 169

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

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In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Give Me Jesus"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Acts 4:32-35 (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Great Grace Was Upon Them (Sermon Series: "Acts for Easter")*

HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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OFFERING

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 606

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 DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Now the Green Blade Rises" st. 1-3 No. 247

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Dona nobis pacem"

No. 752

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Welcome to Sunday morning worship! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us at First Presbyterian London. This is a place of love and hope and safety and forgiveness. We will be food for the hungry, living water for the thirsty. We will comfort the bereaved and come together as a family of faith that bridges the chasms of loneliness and despair. We are open and inclusive, welcoming everyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As Christ drew no distinctions on the cross so we draw none here as his church. You are loved. Come on in – we've been waiting for you. Welcome, we are the church.

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Prayer Requests

We have several members and friends that are in need of our thoughts and our prayers. Please add them, or keep them on, your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Pray with thanks for those who are healing!

Brandon Wagers— Beverly Grigsby's grandson's stepdad, a young firefighter in London, was suffering from pneumonia that resulted from Covid. Brandon is now home and doing better. Keep him and the family in your prayers.

Swinney Family— **Great news** - Oaklee is now home!!

Jim & Betty Collins & Family— Continue to pray for Betty's continued healing.

Randy Schott family: Randy (dear friend of Wynona) passed away from Covid and prayer for the safety and comfort of his wife.

Brenda Hail & Bowman Hail— Keep Brenda and the family—her children & grandchildren—in your prayers as medical issues are being handled, and as progress is being made.

Susan Hampton (close friend of Brenda Hail)— Please pray for Susan, as she was diagnosed with breast cancer and will be pursuing treatment. Also pray for her close friends and family.

Caroline Robinson— Caroline's health is continuing to improve and she thanks her church for the prayers that have helped her. Continue to pray for her.

Lea Green and Family— Pray for Lea's continued healing and pray for her family and life partner, Karl.

The Burns Family— Please pray for Bob Burns and family. Lil Burns passed away recently. They will need our thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks as they deal with the loss of wife, mother, and grandmother.

The Putman Family— Please pray for Bill Putman and family. Lynn Putman passed away recently. They will need our thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks as they deal with the loss of wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

The First Presbyterian Church of London: Please keep the church staff, volunteers, and the whole church family in your prayers during this time. Times are challenging in regard to the virus, and we want just to think and pray about every member of our First Presbyterian family. Everyone needs a prayer, even if they don't know it!

The Mission Committee would like to thank all those that participated in the **\$0.40 for 40 challenge**. Through your love and commitment to our food pantry we were able to raise over \$1000!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

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It with a heavy and broken heart that we share the news of the death of **Keith Adams**, a Commissioned Ruling Elder in the Transylvania Presbytery. Keith was the Commissioned Pastor for Doermann Memorial Church in Blackey and Isom Presbyterian Church in Isom. Keith and his parents were involved in a car crash on Thursday and his father also passed away.

Keith was the principal at Letcher County High School and impacted many lives over his years of teaching, coaching and serving the church. Keith was married to Ann and had two teenage boys, Sam and Aidan. Please keep Ann, Sam, Aidan, both churches and the whole community in your prayers as the work through this devastating news.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SOON!!!!

- Sunday School Kickoff April 11 following church service
 - Adult Class- Richard Webb will lead a 6-week study called "The Lord's Prayer"
 - Middle/High Class will be led by Barb Plymire
 - Elementary Class will be led by Betsy York
 - Preschool/Kindergarten class will be led by Debbie Crawford and Karen Jewell
- Big THANK YOU to these teachers plus the backup teachers- Melanie Callahan, Judy Sturgeon, Trish Hardin and Sam Grigsby.

****If you are interested in leading an adult study, please let Karen Jewell know so you may be added to calendar.**

