

Sermon "Mary Magdalene, The First Witness to the Resurrection"

Moment for Meditation "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"
Lyra Davidica 1708/arr. Carol Tornquist

Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed

* Hymn: #235 "Christ Arose!"

Charge

*Sung Response : #238 "Because He Lives"

Got sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Benediction

Postlude: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Latin Hymn, 14th C.



Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of FPC: Kathy Atkins and family (Danette's neighbors), Mary Black, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), Casey Caudill (Danette's daughter), Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Neil Dunnavant (Pastor at FPC from 1992-2003), Brad Hall (the uncle of Verna & Ed's daughter-in-law, Tim Heinlein, Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Lynne Kessler, the family of Leigh Alan Littleton, Laura Holt McCann, Will Nicely (son of Hi Nicely), Roderick Plenge (22 yr. old friend of Hi Nicely), Mary Lee Reese.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday!

March 31, 2024 —10:30 am & Live Streaming starts at 10:20 am

Gathering Music Lori Turner

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*
Back Street Ringers Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

* Opening Hymn: #362 (verse 1) *"Morning Has Broken"*

Call to Worship: (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

One: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Many: For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

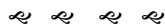
All: for as we all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: #234 *"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"*



Call to Confession: (Hebrews 4:14-16)

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Many: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Mighty God,

By your power is Christ raised from the dead to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and

gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your kingdom comes.

Silent Confession: **Amen**

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen, and rules over all.

Many: We praise you for his presence with us.

All: Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

* 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. #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Offering

Regular Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory Anthem *"Let There be Peace on Earth"*
Solo—Lynne Bolton Jill Jackson-Miller—Sy Miller

* Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #808
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication



Special Music *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*
Back Street Ringers Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 531) Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Hymn: #240 (please remain seated) *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 944 & 945) John 20:1-18

Announcements

Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 31	Resurrection / Easter Sunday Sunrise Service with FUMC at Godwin Cemetery, 7am Breakfast at FUMC Family Life Center following Sunrise Serv. Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Cathy Goad and _____
Tuesday, April 2	Ferrum College Softball (Kaycee Kincaid) vs. Roanoke, Botetourt Sports Complex, Double header, 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Thursday, April 4	Session Meeting, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 7	2nd Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Lyn Burton Fellowship _____
Sunday, April 14	3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Lyn Burton Covered Dish Luncheon
Saturday, April 20	Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am, Greenwood Restaurant, Troutville

- ◆ Please check the Fellowship calendar in the Fellowship hall and sign up for available Sundays.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for April 2 and plan on attending Ferrum College Softball games vs. Roanoke College! We can watch our own Kaycee Kincaid play! Games to be played at the Botetourt sports Complex at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- ◆ Note: March session meeting has been moved to Thursday April 4, so as to not conflict with Maundy Thursday service.
- ◆ Note that on Sunday, April 14 we will be having a covered dish luncheon immediately follow the worship service.
- ◆ Saturday, April 20 will be a Men's breakfast at 9:00 am at Greenwood Restaurant, Troutville
- ◆ Thank you to the Back Street Ringers for today's special music—Cathy Goad, Patsy Dickerson, Lyn Burton, Lynne Bolton, Verna Shuey, Debbie Coots, Patty Vari, Lori Turner.



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

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Mission Statement:

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
Growing in God,
through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences,
And serving the community in love.

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Service Music: # 823 Kyrie, #805 Gloria Patri, #809 Doxology.

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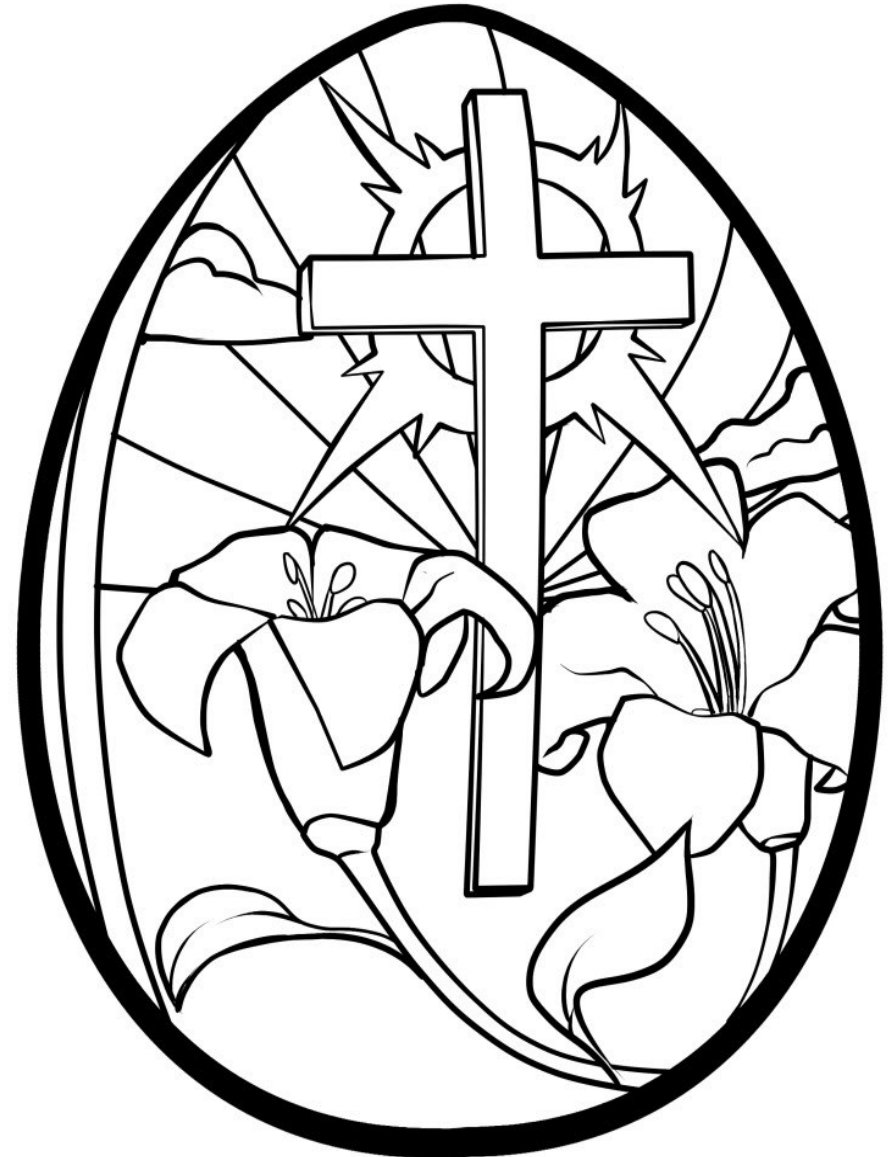
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**Thank you to all who have blessed our Sanctuary with the beauty
of Flowers this Beautiful Easter morning!**

Who	In Honor of:	In Memory of:
Danette Heinlein	FPC Church Family The Back Street	
Lori Turner	Ringers	
Lyn, Kip Burton	Our family	Pat & Bill, Monty & Brenda Sim- mons , Eli Dickerson and George Reese
Patsy & David Dickerson		
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Lynne Bolton		Marshall Gates
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Richard & Barbara Woodard		



Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 118

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

² Let all Israel repeat:
“His faithful love endures forever.”

but the LORD rescued me.

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.

¹⁵ Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the
godly.

The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious
things!

¹⁶ The strong right arm of the LORD is raised in triumph.
The strong right arm of the LORD has done glorious
things!

¹⁷ I will not die; instead, I will live
to tell what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not let me die.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the LORD.

²⁰ These gates lead to the presence of the LORD,
and the godly enter there.

²¹ I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD’s doing,
and it is wonderful to see.

²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament Reading: John 20:1-18

²⁰ Early on Sunday morning,^[a] while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— ⁹ for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they went home.

¹¹ Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. ¹² She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

¹⁴ She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. ¹⁵ “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

¹⁶ “Mary!” Jesus said.

She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).

¹⁷ “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

#362 Morning Has Broken

1 1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

#234 Christ The Lord is Risen Today

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

#240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

[Refrain] Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name!

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus had died and has risen.

3. We have been crucified with Christ,
Now we shall live forever.

4 Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.

235 Christ Arose

1. Low in the grave he lay-
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day-
Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch his bed-
Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead-
Jesus my Lord. [Refrain]

3 Death cannot keep its prey-
Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away-
Jesus my Lord. [Refrain]