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Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Jesus Is Alive”
by Ron Kenoly, © 1987 Integrity's Hosanna Music

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

“He was There All the Time” *Chancel Choir*
by Gary S. Paxton, © 1975 NewPax Music Press

WORDS OF PRAISE

Isaiah 25:6-9

Mary Meade

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 the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people God will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

See, 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.

***OPENING HYMN #232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of new life, we gather together with thankful hearts for all that you have provided on this momentous day. We thank you for your good news in Jesus Christ, for your forgiveness in spite of our brokenness, for victory over death. Speak to us once more your message of eternal life, and move within our hearts as we seek your words of faith, hope, and love. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, VA

Mission & Vision Statement

Adopted on September 10, 2024

We open our hearts and our doors to worshipping Christ in downtown Staunton as a visible witness to the Gospel.

We are called to be a congregation that...

1. Invites all people to faith in Christ.
2. Worships God in a vibrant community through discipleship, music, and fellowship.
3. Uses our resources, time, and talents in the service of the least of these.
4. Nurtures and strengthens those within and outside of our community.
5. Makes the best use of our historic downtown property to benefit others.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

The angels remind us of God's good news of forgiveness and life,
"Do not be afraid! The tomb is empty!" He is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #240** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "He's Alive!" *Chancel Choir*
by Don Francisco © 1977 NewPax Music

SERMON "I have seen the Lord." *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #245** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** based on Acts 10:34-43 *Unison*
God shows no partiality, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. We are witnesses to all that he did. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day. He commanded us to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal pg. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Love Lifted Me" *Chancel Choir*
by James Rowe & Howard Smith, 1912

***DOXOLOGY #606** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #268** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

May the God of new life give us the Spirit of wisdom, and confidence in the hope to which we are called.

And may we have the courage to follow our risen Savior wherever he leads us.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"There's Power in the Blood"

by Lewis E Jones, 1899

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS Scott & Sharon Wilson donated to our Easter flower fund in loving memory of their parents, Ada & Walt Wilson, and Charlotte & Ken Mitchem. Flowers were also given in honor of their grandmother, Betty Myers Kegley, and in loving memory of their grandfather, Fulton Brown Kegley, from his grandchildren: Sarah Virginia Kegley Scott, Mary Hays Scott, Juliana Earley Scott, Madelyn Jane Kegley, and Kathleen Elizabeth Kegley.

HEIDI WILL BE OFF Monday, April 6. She will return Tuesday, April 7.

THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET next Sunday, April 12, immediately following worship in the library.

PW CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, April 14 at 12:30pm in the library. Please respond to Alice Herbst if you can make it. And feel free to bring guests – all are welcome!

THE HOME GOODS PANTRY will take place on Wednesday, April 15 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE The deadline for submissions for the May 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, April 16. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brian, Jennifer, and Forrest Knott; Robin Knott; Fay Knicley; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Martha Manning; Jim Koi; Cindy & Randy Powers; Ruby Dowdy; Jill & Gerry Long; Josephine Colvin; family of Beverly Dunkin; family of Cecil Lucy

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.