

# The Order for Worship and Celebration

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

10:00 a.m.

## Preparing for God's Word

PRELUDE

*"Pièce Héroïque"*

César Franck

Dr. Mariko Morita, organ

## Gathering Around God's Word

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Craig Sage

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty

**People:** *The one you are looking for has overcome darkness*

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

**People:** *The one you are looking for has overcome death.*

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

**People:** *The one you are looking for is alive!*

**Leader:** *Christ is Risen!*

**People:** *Christ is Risen Indeed!*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## Return of the Light

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

#232, Hymnal

(Choir Introduction *"Introit"*, arr. John Ferguson)

Benjamin Feuerhelm, Daniel J. Meier – trumpet, Dan Hummel – timpani

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies. This day, let us remember that we are to become "Easter People," people of the Resurrection. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. (silent confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Responsive)

Leader: Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for Jesus has risen to heal you; He has risen to forgive you; He has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

**People:** *Christ is risen! Thanks be to God!*

\*RESPONSE

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

#581, Hymnal

PASSING THE PEACE (Please greet those around you.)

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

ANTHEM

*"The Trumpets Shall Sound on Easter Morn"*

David Lantz III

Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin Feuerhelm, Daniel J. Meier – trumpet, Dan Hummel - timpani

## Hearing God's Word

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 118:1-2, 21-24 (pages 565-566, OT)

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 16:1-8 (pages 54-55, NT)

SERMON

**A Strange Sort of Ending**

Rev. Amy Wiles

\*HYMN OF REFLECTION

*"The Day of Resurrection"*

#233, Hymnal

## Responding to God's Word

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical Version)

*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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*



## **This Week at First Church**

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 27: Easter Sunday**

8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:55 a.m.	Prayer and Preparation	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee Hour	Calvin Hall

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 29:**

4:30 p.m.	House of Hope Meeting	Fellowship Hall
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### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:**

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Ringers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 2:**

9:30 a.m.	Family and Children's Service Event	Fellowship Hall
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### **SUNDAY, APRIL 3:**

8:45 a.m.	Adult Forum	Calvin Hall
9:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:45 a.m.	Prayer and Preparation	Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship & Coffee Hour	Calvin Hall
11:15 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
11:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School	Youth Room
11:15 a.m.	Koinonia	Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Sunday Supper	Fellowship Hall

## **Joys and Concerns for March 27, 2016**

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Sandra Joens, Allen Hospital; Mary Lou Junge, Western Home; Kathy Zenner, home; Gale Quirk, home; George Day, home; Orlan Ott, Pavilion, Friendship Village; home; Karen Dew, home; Don Broadston, home; Jennifer Lightbody, home; Janis Shea, home

### **Blessed are the Children:**

Congratulations to Jenny and Aaron Garoutte on the birth of a daughter, Claire, on February 28, 2016. Proud grandparents are Rev. John and Kris Gable.

### **First Church Extends Its Sympathy:**

To Patrick Enwright and family on the death of his wife Jeannine of Surprise, AZ, on March 21, 2016. Jeannine was a longtime member of First Presbyterian, director of the handbell choir, and also a member of the First Church staff. Patrick Enwright's address is 15719 W. Clear Canyon Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374.

### **Pray for Our Sister Churches:**

First Presbyterian Church, Jesup  
Rev. John Molacek

Please pray for our partners in mission: Outreach Foundation, the Presbytery of the Pines, the Presbytery of Arkansas, Bangladesh, the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, and Nepal.

Rev. Amy Wiles, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Pat Geadelmann, Minister of Care and Visitation  
Taemin Han, Director of Music Ministries  
Jackie Bass, Administrative Assistant  
Marie Fernau, Financial Secretary

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