

A WORD OR TWO ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The candle burning on the communion table today has significance in the story we have told liturgically this past week. During the Service of Darkness on Friday evening, the candles were extinguished to commemorate the coming death of the Savior. Today this candle burns brightly again to commemorate the Resurrection—that evil, darkness, sin, and death are never the last word! That is the theme of today's worship.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday "He has Risen"

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday, April 6-Office is Closed

Tuesday, April 7

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women's Night Circle

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee meets in the Crossroads Class

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 10 - Sunday, April 12

Women's Retreat at Prothro Center

Sunday, April 12

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Tuesday, April 14 - Friday, April 17

Rev. Doughton will be away for continuing education

Tuesday, April 14

7:30 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting in Youth Classroom

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 18

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Ladies Who Love the Lord in Wilbanks Hall

Sunday, April 19 - Youth Sunday (One Worship Service will be offered)

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

We want to thank the following who provided flowers for our services today:

Debbie Aynes in memory Papa James

Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of our daughters, Kenzie and Adeline

Ronnie and Amanda Aynes in honor of our parents, DiAnna Greer, Clarence and Brenda Greer, and Debbie Aynes

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory of RJ Farmer, DDS, Karen Dixon and our parents

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory of Nickie Wilbanks and Marjorie Akin

Kirk Dixon in honor of Susan

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of our children and grandchildren

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Tom Wilbanks

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Jones, Mary Lee and Family

Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Renee Stormer and our FPC Staff

Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in honor of Dallas and Lynda Ward, and Leila Doughton, Bennett Doughton, and Mary Claire Doughton

Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in memory of Erastus B. J. Doughton and Jack MacMillan

Rich and Barbara Follansbee in memory of our parents, Richard and Betty Follansbee

Rich and Barbara Follansbee in memory of our parents, Hugh and Frances Hightower

Jan Fort in memory of Adam D. Fort

Jan Fort in memory of Douglas N. Fort

Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke

Linda Fricke in memory of Lisa Fricke, Billie Hill, Carolyn Hill and Hazel Gates

Sheila Hammer in honor of our L.I.F.E Youth Group

Sheila Hammer in memory of my father, Roger Rich

Sheila Hammer in memory of my mother, Christy Portillo

Meg GarverHamilton in memory of Kathy White, P.W. Synod of the Sun

Meg GarverHamilton in memory Patty Mingus, P. W. Synod of the Sun

Rod and Carol Graham in memory of Carmen and Frank Bernal, and Pat Jensen

Rod and Carol Graham in memory of Clifford Graham and Roger Graham

Gerald and Cindy Jenkins in memory of W.W. "Pete" and Winnie Skidmore, grandparents

Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of Rev. Jones Doughton and Family

Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the Ministry of Tom and Nickie Wilbanks

Patty Kim in honor of the FPC Choir and the direction of Ryoji Shimpō

Patty Kim in memory of Stephen Kim, H.W. Burton, H.W. Burton, Jr., Curtis Burton, and Jim Hostetler

Ann Kyle as a gift to the church

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Paul R. Leake

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Louis Morris Tanner

Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith

Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Estalene Marshall

Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Carmelita Lee

Evelyn Parker in memory of Toliver Jordan Hutchinson

Liz Ramsey in memory of Tim Ramsey

William and Gail Richardson as a gift to the church

Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Hanby

Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Robinson

Eric Schwartz in honor of my loving wife, Lori, and our 3 fine sons

Eric Schwartz in honor of Ryoji Shimpō and his beautiful musical contribution to our church

Jan Sloan in memory of John Sloan, the sweetest man I ever knew

Ann Smith in honor of Ryoji Shimpō, for all the beautiful music he provides each week

Ann Smith in honor of my children and grandchildren

Ann Smith in honor of and appreciation for all who lead a Sunday School class

Ann Smith in memory of our loved ones no longer here

Paul F. Snyder in memory of my mother, Lillie Synder

Paul F. Snyder in memory of Wallace Berry

Paul F. Snyder in honor of Marilyn Miller

Mari Straub as a gift to the church

Clint Turner in memory of Linda Turner

Rodney and Celisa VanSickle as gifts (4) to the church

Dallas and Lynda Ward in memory of the Ward Family

Dallas and Lynda Ward in memory of the Carlson Family

Beverlee Witty in memory of Mel Witty

Beverlee Witty in memory of Vince Romo

Steven and Carolyn Yaden in honor of U.S. Military serving overseas

Steven and Carolyn Yaden in memory of Bill Yaden

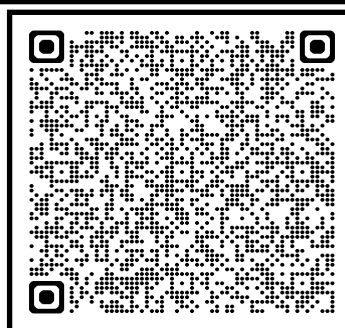
Steven and Carolyn Yaden in memory of Janet Yaden

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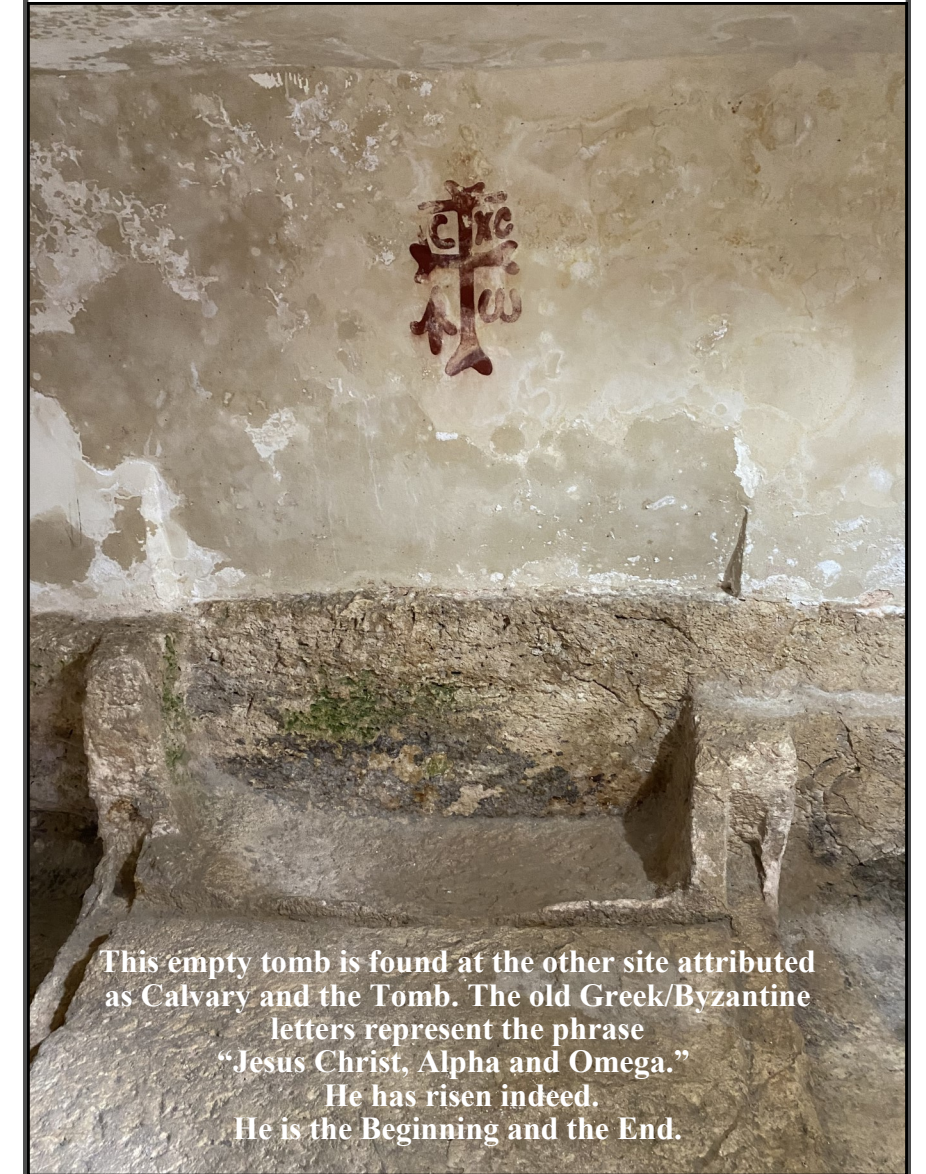
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GUIDE TO WORSHIP

APRIL 5, 2026

8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.



This empty tomb is found at the other site attributed as Calvary and the Tomb. The old Greek/Byzantine letters represent the phrase "Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega." He has risen indeed. He is the Beginning and the End.

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor

Ryoji Shimpō, Director of Music Ministries, Organist/Pianist

Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT *Christ is Risen!* Jan Sanborn
Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet
Christ is risen! Allelujah!
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.
Death has no dominion over Him.
For in that He died, He died unto sin.
For in that He lives, He lives unto God!
Christ is risen! Allelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Easter Acclamation* (Repeat three times)
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PSALM AND PRAYER *from Psalm 118*
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through and give thanks to the Lord.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glorious Lord of life, by the resurrection of Your Son You overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, you sent Your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

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. A—men. A—men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

*ANTHEM *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* G.F. Handel
(from "The Messiah")
Sarah Yaden, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty, Eternal, and Victorious God; You give strength to those who believe and hope to those who doubt; as we heard Your Word read and proclaimed, may we see the hope and strength of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 7:24-27*

"Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Matthew 5:8*

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Before the Throne of God Above* C.L. Bancroft,
Brass Quartet arr. David McKeown
Juan Carlos Duarte, Jr. - Tuba, Mauricio Munoz - Trumpet 1,
José Monarrez - Trumpet 2, and Hugo Salazar - Trombone

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Doughton
The children and youth are invited to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 236 *The Strife Is O'er*

SERMON *The Pure in Heart* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

*HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther
Brass Quartet arr. David McKeown

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 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 †

ANTHEM *The Day of Resurrection* John of Damascus
Brass Quartet German Tradition

*BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The love of God our Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.

Amen.

*RESPONSE *Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel
Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; And He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah!
King of kings, Lord of lords! Hallelujah!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - Roger Foltz (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)
Ushers - Rod Graham, Evelyn Parker, Kirk Dixon, Susan Farmer (8:45)
Rod Graham, Susan Leake, Mary Claire Doughton, Kenzie Aynes (11:00)

*A Special Thanks to Our Brass Instrumentalist,
Our Soloist, and
Our Wonderful Chancel Choir*