

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday in Easter

April 19, 2015

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymnal 455

***Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
Listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand***

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Since by Man Came Death" Handel arr. Smith/Hustad
Beverly Bright, piano; Kay Ten Eyck, organ

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust.

We do not understand what you reveal to us

in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our help in this life and always.

We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us, we pray. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 587

"Alleluia!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3 (NT, p. 240)

Psalter: Psalm 4 (Hymnal 776)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Sizohamba Naye" Traditional South African; arr. Taylor
Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:36-49 (NT, p. 91)

Sermon: "Disbelieved for Joy"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

arr. Hobby

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 295

"Go to the World!"

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "The Trumpet Shall Sound" Handel, arr. Smith

 * All who are able shall stand.

- The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God
- by Lonnie and Bob Lipscomb in memory of their parents;
 - by John and Jo Conklin in memory of John's brother, Tom.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Members of the Chapel Choir
Joyful Noise Leaders	Tori Yankow, Andy Kepler
Welcomer	Linda Schuller
Ushers	Anne Deremer, Bill Farrell



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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of
 will be PREACHED
 in his
 NAME
 to all nations...
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1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Luke 24:36-49

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."