

April 21, 2019

Eleven O'clock

# Easter Sunday SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WELCOME

*We're delighted that you're here! With the open arms of Christ, we welcome those of every age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity fully into the life of the church, just as we have been welcomed.*

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.*

*If you would like to add a flower to the cross, please do so as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

PRELUDE *Easter Alleluia Medley* arr. Gary Lanier  
Honey Kim, violin

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The grass is still wet with dew.  
**It is a new day!**  
The stone from the tomb is rolled away.  
**It is a new day!**  
Where there was darkness, there is now only light.  
**It is a new day, for Christ is risen!**  
This is the day that our God has made:  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the powers of sin and death. We confess that we are afraid to step out of the tombs that hold us bound—afraid to challenge injustice, reach out in reconciliation, hope for peace.**

**Forgive our frightened cynicism, we pray. Give us faith and courage to believe that your same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead can bring new and abundant life to us and to this world, as, in silence, we open our hearts to you....**

KYRIE 577 *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Now the Lord is risen in-deed. A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya. El Se-ñor re-su-ci-tó.

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65:17-25

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12

Jesus said, "Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Awash with Angels* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

## DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!* ALLELUIA NO. 1

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

FOCUS ON MISSION Earth Care Congregation Ann Gray Harvey

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row.*

*If you would like to make a gift electronically, scan here to be directed to our online giving site:*



OFFERTORY *The Holy City* Stephen Adams  
Luvada Harrison, soprano and Jeff Hairrell, tenor

\*THE DOXOLOGY 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise....**  
We join our voices with the faithful of every time and place who forever give glory to your name, singing:

SANCTUS 597 *Holy, Most Holy Lord* SANNANINA

We proclaim that great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

### 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.**

### BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. The far station on the left/lectern side contains Udi's gluten-free, dairy free bread.*

HYMN 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEU

### \*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

Go out with joy, proclaiming the Good News:  
Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Halleluia Chorus (from Messiah)* GF Handel

\*POSTLUDE

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Michael Thomas

\*Please stand as you are able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME VISITORS** Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at [www.fpcbham.org](http://www.fpcbham.org). May God's peace and blessing be with you.

**IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME**, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

**FOR CHILDREN:** Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 will go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

**LET THE BELLS PLAY!** Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

**SERMONS** are available from our website at [www.fpcbham.org](http://www.fpcbham.org).

**The FLOWERS** in the church today have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William J. Rushton II (1900-1987) and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Perry Rushton (1906-1972), both loyal and giving members of this church, by their sons.

**The LITURGIST** for today is Su Reid-St.John.

**The ACOLYTES** for today are Patricia Gauntt.

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

## MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**FIRST LIGHT, INC.** is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: [www.firstlightshelter.org](http://www.firstlightshelter.org)

**RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO)** has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact [chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org](mailto:chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org).

**THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER** provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is [www.eprcdc.com](http://www.eprcdc.com)

**FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA**, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at [daniel@fiaal.org](mailto:daniel@fiaal.org).

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION** provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

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