

Third Sunday of Easter  
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

PRELUDE *Toccata Per L'elevazione* Girolamo Frescobaldi

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to God, you faithful ones!  
Give thanks to God's holy name.  
**For God's anger is but for a moment,  
but God's favor is for a lifetime.**  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.  
**With glad and joyful hearts, let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 246, vv. 1, 2, 5 *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*\*

God whose Word called forth creation, we come bearing the weight of destructive words we have spoken.  
God whose Spirit is love, we come bearing the weight of the relationships we have damaged.  
God whose Son came to serve, we come bearing the weight of our own selfish acts.  
Forgive us, we pray. Lift the weight of our guilt, so that we may be freed to live as your creative, loving, servant people, walking your Way with light and joyful steps.

*Silent Confession*

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

1 2 3 4  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
5 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. 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

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-6

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER 798 *All with Joyful Exultation* Psalm 30

SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *In This Very Room* Ron and Carol Harris

\*GOSPEL READING John 21:1-19

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Trust Walk* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\*HYMN 252 *Day of Arising* SANTO DOMINGO

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

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. To be directed to our online giving site, please scan here:



OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry

\*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....**  
...with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS 597

*Holy, most holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light.  
O blessed is the One, the One who comes,  
comes in the name of God.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, sanna, sanna, sanna.*

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,  
we proclaim 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*To receive, please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. The center station contains Udi's gluten-free, dairy free bread.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 726 *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* Victor Johnson

\*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).

**ASSISTING** in worship is the Rev. Jim Choomack.

**The LITURGIST** for today is Logan Knight.

**The ACOLYTE** for today is 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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