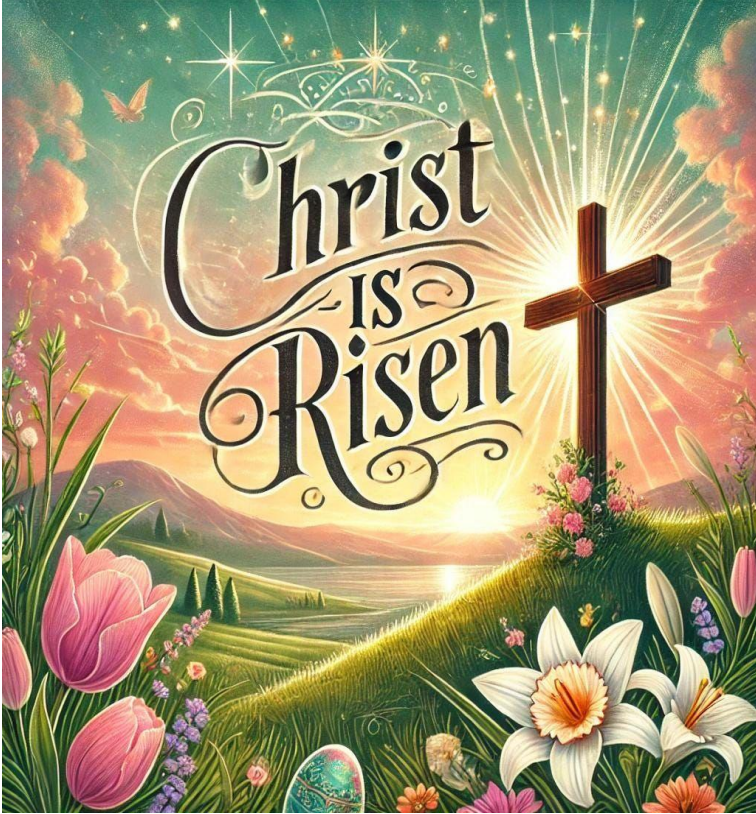


First Presbyterian Church  
Salem, Ohio

April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day



Worship will be live streamed on  
**Facebook:** First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,  
**You Tube:** [www.youtube / FPCSALEM](http://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM); and  
our website, [www.fpcsaalem.org](http://www.fpcsaalem.org).

*"We are centered in Christ and powered by love."*

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Please stand if you are able.

### PRELUDE

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Arr. Dale Wood  
Arr. John Innes*

### C MAJOR PEAL

*Carillon Ringers*

*Let us silently turn our hearts, minds, and bodies  
to the worship of God as the light of Christ  
and the joy of Easter are brought forward.*

### PRELUDE

*Christ Arose*

*Robert Lowery*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Celebrate this day of days!

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!**

### \*HYMN 302

*I Danced in the Morning*

### \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our**

**addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us.  
Restore us. Resurrect us for new life in Christ. Amen.**

*(Moments of Silent Prayer)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the empty tomb, God declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God; nothing we have done, or left undone; no one whom we have been or failed to be.

**Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Friends, believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** *(Unison; Hymn 579)*

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. Amen. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*Rise Up, Easter Morning!*

Shawnee Press, CCL#2595933

*The Haviland Choir*

*Arr. Vicki T. Courtney*

Rise up, Easter morning, rise up, Easter morning,  
rise up, early singing "Hallelujah!"

Rise up, Easter morning, rise up, Easter morning,  
rise up, early singing "Hallelujah!"

Rise up and feel the sun.

Redemption's work is done.

Rejoice and sing to the Lord,

For life and joy are restored this glorious morn!

Rise up, Easter morning, rise up, Easter morning,  
rise up early singing "Hallelujah!"

Rise up, Easter morning, rise up, Easter morning,

rise up, early singing "Hallelujah!"  
Rise up, early singing "Hallelu, hallelujah!"

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning.  
See, the stone is rolled away.  
My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning.  
My Lord, what a morning, this is Resurrection Day.

Rise up, Easter morning, rise up, Easter morning,  
rise up, early singing "Hallelujah!"  
Rise up, Easter morning, rise up, Easter morning,  
rise up, early singing "Hallelujah!"  
Rise up, early singing "Hallelujah!"  
Rise up, rise up, rise up, rise up.  
Hallelujah!

## THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

**Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to

the Lord. <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the Word of the LORD!  
**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Alleluia, Praise the Risen King!*

Beckenhorst Press, CCL#2595933

*The Haviland Choir  
Lloyd Larson*

Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!  
The King of love, our glorious King,  
has conquered death and He lives again.  
Let earth and heaven ring!

On Easter morn at the break of day,  
To the tomb, the women made their way.

"He is not here," the angel said,  
"He is risen from the dead!"

Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!  
The King of love, our glorious King,  
has conquered death and He lives again.  
Let earth and heaven ring!

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life, from earth to sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns, hymns of victory!

Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!  
Let earth and heaven's praises ring!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, praise the risen King!

## THE GOSPEL READING

*John 20:1-18*

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

*"The Gate is Flung Open"*

*Rev. Annie Parker*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

\*HYMN 123

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison; The Apostles' Creed*)

**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 again 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Near the Cross*

*William H. Doane*

*Mike Newman, Trumpet*

*OGHS envelopes are in Pew Racks.  
Cash offering today will go to the Board of Deacons.*

\*RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds, your generosity fills to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All who seek the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ  
are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *including* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION /  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

Glory to God in the highest,

**Peace to all people on earth.**

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

**We give you thanks for your amazing grace,**

Lord Jesus Christ,

**Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

You take away the sin of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

In you all things have their being and all things resound with  
your grace. With the people of God through every age, in  
every nation we praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 OF BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

*The bread and the cup will be received by coming forward and given a piece of bread, taking the cup, and returning the cup to a tray. If you cannot come forward, you will be served in the pew.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your glory, we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned by the risen Christ – to feed as we have been fed, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN 118 (vss. 1, 2)**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Hymn 118, vs. 3)**

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen,  
Our joy that has no end.

*Please remain standing as the Light of Christ  
is carried into the world.*

POSTLUDE

*Onward Christian Soldiers*

*Arthur S. Sullivan*

*Mike Newman, Trumpet*

*As you leave worship today, please take one of the  
Easter Eggs at the Sanctuary entrances  
from the Congregational Care Committee.*

**Head Ushers:** Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

**Liturgist:** Barbara Yonker

**Light-Bearer:** Joseph Seefeldt

**Bulletins** have been given in honor of Fred Denton's birthday.

**Café Justo's great Organic Coffee we serve every Sunday during Coffee Hour is for sale today in Fellowship Hall!** Cost is \$15.00 for a 1-pound bag of REGULAR, DECAF, or WHOLE BEAN. Cooperative members own the entire business from growing through the roasting, and the coffee is famous for its smooth taste and low acidity. It is Organic certified and has a Fair Trade Plus certification.

**A 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** for Fred Denton will be held next Sunday, April 12 during Coffee Hour.

**Earth Sunday 2026** – The Environmental Team is busy planning for the next Earth Sunday which will be celebrated on April 19. Please wear either green or very colorful clothes that day in celebration of the beauty of our world. Our Preschool will be sharing music during the service. Our theme this year is "Leave Them a Flower." Just as a flower needs clean air, water, and a clean place to live, so too will those who come after us. It is our responsibility to leave them a world with clean air, clean water, and a clean and safe world in

which to live. Just who will reap the benefit of the “flower”? All the children on earth, especially our children, our grandchildren, and for some of you, your great grandchildren. We invite you to bring photos of these special people to display around the Sanctuary on Earth Sunday. You can bring them on April 12 or 19 when you come to church or any day during the week. Leave them on the front pews if you bring them before April 19. Why don't you also BRING your special young family members with you to church on Earth Sunday? That would be a perfect addition to our celebration. It's going to be another great celebration.

Our Environmental Team would also like to invite anyone interested to join us for a **Book Study**. We have chosen the book *The Serviceberry*, written by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It is a book about abundance and reciprocity in the Natural World. Grace Smith has offered to lead our study. **The first session of our study will take place following our worship service on Earth Sunday.** Books for the study will be ordered soon. If you are interested in joining the Book Study, please let Phyllis know by April 7<sup>th</sup> so we can get the books ordered and to you by April 12.

### **Paper Shredding Event – April 18**

The Salem Public Library Community Paper Shred will take place on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 to 12:00 in the library parking lot.

**Limited Deacon Scholarship Funds** are available for students from our church who are enrolled in College or University and who have not previously received Deacon assistance. Requests should be sent to the Church Office stating the name of the college or university attending, and course of study, if known, by June 30.

### Vision Statement

*To glorify God and share the Spirit and love of Christ  
with our community and the world.*

Monday, April 6

**1:00 Board of Deacons** (Library)

Tuesday, April 7

**8:30 Investment Committee** *via Zoom*

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (S)

**7:00 Finance and Administration** *via Zoom*

Thursday, April 9

9:30 Holy Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

**5:30 Preschool Board** (Library)

**6:00 Christian Education** (FH) / **Mission I and S** (Parlor)

**7:00 Property** (FH) / **Worship, Music, and the Arts** (Parlor)

Saturday, April 11

2:00-4:00 Kuhns Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 12

9:00 Sunday School for Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

10:00 Coffee Hour (FH) – *Property and Maintenance Committee*

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Fred Denton during Coffee Hour

10:30 Service of Worship

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