

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *Toccata on Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Diane Bish

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Hear the amazing news: Jesus Christ is alive!

People: Praise God, who has lifted the veil of death and wiped away our tears.

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia

Leader: The Stone is moved. The body is gone!

People: The impossible has become a reality.

Leader: No grave can keep this body down:

People: No Grave can keep this body down! We sing: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia.

Leader: The Lord is risen... the world is turned around. The old order is ripped apart. Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed.

***Hymn #267** *Come Christians Join to Sing*

***Hymn #246** *Christ is Alive (verses 1,2,&5)*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, we tremble before Your awesome power to bring good from evil, new Life from death. We had rejected the way of Jesus, whom You made faith's cornerstone, because self-giving love seems impractical . We want to live more faithful lives, for our old behavior is unfulfilling, and there is no peace inside us or around us. Help us God, and deliver us, for we pray in the name of our risen Lord, even Jesus Christ.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Response #576 *Lord, Have Mercy*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: God's forgiveness gives us joy. Let us share the joy with one another. Friends,
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable.)

***Response #243** *Be Not Afraid*

Prayer For Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 118:20-29

~ Children's Message ~

New Testament Reading

John 20:19-23; Rev. 1:4-8

Sermon

GOD WENT FIRST

***Hymn #239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

***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.

***Gloria Patri #581**

Glory Be to the Father

Call to Offering

Offertory

This Joyful Eastertide
Choir with Becki Dicks, Flute

Charles Wood

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Hymn #238**

Thine is the Glory

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Don Wright, Liturgist Kevin Watts, Children's Ministry Director, Emily Kaltz, Organist and Music Director, David Stultz, Beckie Dicks, -flute, and The Sanctuary Choir.

Calendar

Sunday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Deacon's Mtg.

Wednesday, April 30

10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m.
Treasure Chest
7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 1

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study

Sunday, May 4– Communion

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Volunteers Needed

First Presbyterian Church is partnering with Cynthia Kahn and her ministry, Hope, Care, and Beyond, to offer English as a Second Language class on Monday evenings and a sewing class on Tuesday mornings. These classes will begin in April and will be held at the church. Cynthia needs volunteers from our church to help with these classes, which will serve immigrant and refugee communities in our area. If you are interested in helping with either, please contact Tami at the church office (313.274.1313).

Book of the Every Other Month Club:

Book of the Every Other Month Club will hold its final meeting of this program year on May 10, 2025 at 10 AM in the North Parlor. We will be discussing the novel, Martyr! by poet Kaveh Akbar. Martyr! was a nominee for Readers' Favorite Fiction and Favorite Debut Novel on Goodreads—"Electrifying, funny, wholly original, and profound." We will also be choosing books for the 2025-2026 program year, so come and bring your suggestions. All are welcome!

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*
Emily Kaltz, *Children's Ministries Director*
David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Jamie Palmer, *Custodian*
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Come Home to God's Love

Church Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9 :00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

