



THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

EASTER

APRIL 5, 2026

10:30 AM



FOUNTAIN CITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

If God loved us this way, we also ought to love one another. – 1 John 4:11

We, the people of Fountain City Presbyterian Church, dream to be a loving, caring family for all who hunger and thirst for the kind of world Jesus made possible.

PRELUDE

** Please stand as you are able*

WORD OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Glory to God Hymnal

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Dan Rhea

Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 118:19

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Col. 3:1, John 20:11,16

All: Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 118:18

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

All: **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.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Festive Praise

Arr. Pote

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John 20:1

The Rev. Susan Balfour

All: **Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*HYMN 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Glory to God Hymnal

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Book of Common Worship (p.387)

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks a praise... Therefore we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table... With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this wine, gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Minister: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body. Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us and remember them now before you. In life and death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: Let us thank God with our offerings.

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Arr. Springer

DOXOLOGY

The Old Hundredth

All: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Hymnal # 367 (1-3)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CHORAL PROCLAMATION

Hallelujah Chorus | G.F. Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
King of kings and Lord of lords,
And He shall reign forever and ever forever and ever. Hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Lilies and Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in memory or in honor of those listed on the next page. Thank you to everyone that donated toward this beautiful tradition.

Gift of the Month: This month our community outreach and engagement committee is seeking donations for Four Fountain City schools of snacks (not nuts) including small waters, granola bars, etc. Donations may be brought to the church office during regular business hours.

Belize Mission Trip: Registration for the 2026 Belize Mission trip is now open! For more information and registration, scan the QR code above or see Tom and Tere McDonough.

Family Promise: FCPC will provide a place of refuge and rest for families experiencing homelessness April 12-18th. Many opportunities are available to volunteer. Scan the QR code to sign up or speak with Tere McDonough.

F3 resumes on April 8 for a six-week study of the modern confessions in our Book of Confessions, which is Part I of the Constitution of the PC(USA). Scan the QR code to sign up!

UKirk Dedication: On Saturday, April 11th from 10 AM to 12 PM, UT UKirk (1831 Melrose Ave.) will dedicate their new backyard, the Sullivan Space, named in honor of FCPC member and former UKirk student Miller Sullivan. Due to limited parking, Don Grogan will chauffeur anyone who wants to attend in the church van. Don will leave from the parking lot at 9:15am.

JAHREZEIT

May their memory be for a blessing.

4/21/90 Arthur Woodruff, 4/26/90 William Jack, 4/24/94 Thomas Walker, 4/21/96 Bernice Mayes, 4/20/99 Mary Parker, 4/22/99 Lavonne Butler, 4/20/00 Harold Anderson, 4/22/00 Martha Wyrick, 4/21/04 Richard West, 4/21/06 Margaret Calvaris, 4/21/08 Ann Cleland, 4/21/09 Lewis Lynn, 4/21/17 Clara Smathers, 4/20/18 Dorothy Wadsworth, 4/25/24 James Hugh Leach

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/20 Linda Schnorr, 4/23 Mary Jane Watson 4/24 John Willis 4/25 Tere McDonough, 4/26 David Lufkin

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Dan Rhea
Greeters David & Nancy Noel
Ushers Dana & Mike Lamb, Denna & Don Grogan
Music FCPC Chancel Choir
Organist George Hill
Tech Team Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins, April Lamb
Faithful Friends (Children's Worship) Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

Interim Pastor The Rev. Susan Balfour
Office Administrator Ashton Hicks
Director of Music Bob Eubanks
Accompanist Nancy Wells
Nursery Staff Brittany Smith & Laurismar Wrinkle

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

To the Glory of God and in honor of

Donor

Louise Collier	Dawn Headrick
Cindy Ricker, Tammy Reed, Amy Nutter and Debby Dowling.....	Faye Jones
Our children and grandchildren.....	Joe and Penny Judge
Our grandchildren: Maggie, Mia and Graham	Tom and Tere McDonough
Our children and their spouses: Greg and Cailey, Kelley and Paul.....	Tom and Tere McDonough
Shelley, Brett and Meghan Miller	Jon and Darlene Miller
Our granddaughters, Marla and Lucy Miller.....	Jon and Darlene Miller
Our caring church family.....	David and Nancy Noel

To the Glory of God and in memory of

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Austin, Joan and Bradley Suneson	Don and Linda Barringer
Alva and Charles Barringer	Don and Linda Barringer
Donald Lucas	Jim and Angela Bell
Allen Bell.....	Jim and Angela Bell
Wanda Bell	Jim and Angela Bell
Marcia Cartledge	Ben Cartledge
Bill and Helen Early	Happi Chamblee
Jimmie and Billie Coppock	Jim and Martha Coppock
Walter and Ellen Willisson.....	Jim and Martha Coppock
My parents: Pearl and Larry Byrd and son Donnie Wallace	Carole Davis
My sisters: Charlotte Davis and Lindy Davis Moore	Bob Davis
Bill and Gladys Dillard.....	Tom Dillard and Susan Espiritu
John Dillard	Tom and Susan Dillard; Charlie and Susan Espiritu
My parents and brother.....	Charlie Espiritu
James and Elaine Goebert, John Ferris.....	Nancy Ferris
Jim and Del Lee.....	Dawn Headrick
Bob Collier	Dawn Headrick
Ralph Hickman	Janice Hickman
James and Mary Hickman	Janice Hickman
David and Robert Hickman	Janice Hickman
Ivan and Eunice Privette, Tom Privette, Henry Granju.....	Janice Hickman
John Frances Holladay.....	Phyllis Holladay
Buck and Joan Williams	Phyllis Holladay
George Jones.....	Faye Jones, Cindy Ricker, Tammy Reed, Amy Nutter, Debby Dowling

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Our parents, friends and family	Joe and Penny Judge
Ashley's dad, John Davis and Grandfather Clyde Harper.....	Mike and Ashley Kromer
Mike's grandma, Virginia.....	Mike and Ashley Kromer
Donald Lucas	Jearald-Dean Lucas
Amelia Henley	David and Lori Lufkin
Hedi DeVente Ellis.....	David and Lori Lufkin
Our grandparents	Tom and Tere McDonough
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Our parents and Libby Miller	Jon and Darlene Miller
Mimi, Aunt Julie, Wes.....	Parker Myers
Dan's parents	Dan and Paula Rhea
Paula's parents.....	Dan and Paula Rhea
Linda's parents, Gladys and Jerry Ritchie.....	Joe and Linda Schnorr
Joe's parents, Virginia and Chester Schnorr	Joe and Linda Schnorr
Ronald Thomas.....	Wanda and the Thomas Family
Mary Jane's parents, Opal and Leo Lobertini	Mary Jane and Jake Watson
Jake's parents, Mossie and Estel Watson	Mary Jane and Jake Watson



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