



First Presbyterian Church
April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday - 11:00 am Service

Easter Family Service

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Introduction

+Call to Worship

Today we come to worship Jesus

Walking together through his last days

To finally celebrate that he is risen

Hallelujah—today is a glorious day!

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Joining the Story: Loss and Sadness

Hymn 228

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Verses 4-5

Text & Music: African American spiritual, arr. Melva Wilson Costen © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen.

Joining the Story: Visiting the Tomb

Hymn 250

“In the Bulb There is a Flower”

PROMISE

Text & Music: Natalie Sleeth © 1986 Hope Publishing Company.

Joining the Story: Sharing the Good News

+ Hymn 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

verses 1-2

Text & Music: Donald Fishel, arr. Betty Pulkingham & Donald Fishel © 1973 International Liturgy Publications.

Sermon: “What Stories Do We Need to Tell ” *Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 246

“Christ is Alive!

TRURO

verses 1-2

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Announcements

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Feel free to start the prayer with “Our Father”, “Mother”,

“Creator”, “Holy One” as the Spirit leads you.

Our Father (or other name for God) 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.

+Charge and Benediction

+Hymn 246

“Christ is Alive!”

TRURO

verses 3-5

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Families:

We invite people of all ages to participate in today’s service. There is no nursery or kid’s church during this service. Join the story of joyful resurrection with us!

MISSION STATEMENT

To be an active, growing, inclusive and caring church family that witnesses to God's love and shares the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mission leads us to invite all people to participate fully in our community and worship life as safe, loved, and accepted children of God, including:

- Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics
 - Children and adults of all ages
- People of all sexual orientations, gender identities
 - People of all races, & cultures
 - People of all socioeconomic situations
 - People of all mental and physical abilities
- Those who bring hope to the world and those who seek hope

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

11:40 AM

Join us for an age-grouped hunt
(babies-preK, K-2nd, 3rd-6th)
on Easter morning!

AFTER THE FAMILY SERVICE - BRING YOUR BASKET!



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