

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2010
11 am Service

First Presbyterian Church
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Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM	MEDITATION	(Please pause in quiet preparation.)
11:00 AM	CHIMING OF THE HOUR	
PRELUDE	<i>Sonata in B Flat (KV 68(41))</i>	W. A. Mozart
INTROIT	<i>Introit for Easter</i> Christ is arisen, alleluia!	Giovanni Gabrieli

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The long day stretched into night and time crept onward towards the new day. With the first gold of dawn came a resurrection, a new hope that grew with the rising sun, and went out to a waiting world. Christ is risen; He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Men: Risen in quiet and mysterious darkness before the chorus of the dawn. Alleluia, Christ is risen;

All: He is risen indeed.

Women: Risen with glory and grace in reserve, and authority beyond measure. Alleluia, Christ is risen;

All: He is risen indeed.

Men: Risen to prove that violence is no solution; to offer us peace and life and in all its fullness. Alleluia, Christ is risen;

All: He is risen indeed.

Pastor: For God has taken into his own flesh the sin of the world. The last laugh is God's laugh: for freedom comes beyond the cross, for peace comes beyond the crushing of life. The first laugh and the last laugh are God's. And God has made laughter for us. Alleluia, Christ is risen;

All: He is risen indeed.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #123 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* "Easter Hymn"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Lord, in this moment we are gathered welcoming love's return. Our hearts are lifted, we open our eyes and we welcome love. The tomb is empty, the stone laid back. The womb is full and the stones cry out for joy. Risen One, stand among us, speak your words of peace, release us from our fears and heal us from our wounds. Forgive our betrayals, our denials of your love, that we may participate in your just living.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#574, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Cents-Ability Offering

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Katie Ross

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!
"Gelobt Sei Gott"

THE FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible p. 654

THE SECOND LESSON:

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible p. 84

THE SERMON

"A Hard Road to Glory"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE ANTHEM/AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Creedo (Mass in G Major)

Schubert

As the sanctuary sings the Latin translation, please silently reflect on the words of the Nicene Creed as printed below:

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ the Only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of True God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: And was made Man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose again He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets. And one holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I await the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

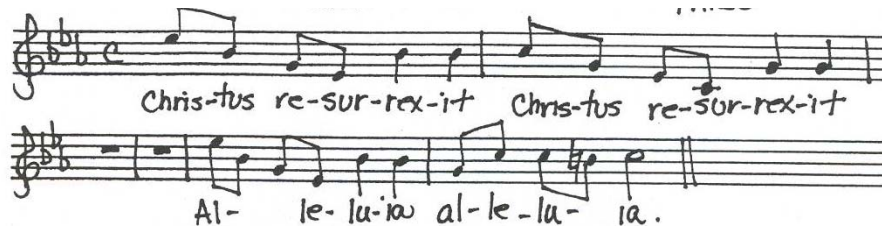
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

During Communion, "Christus Resurrexit" from the Taize liturgy, will be sung. Please join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the refrain:.



WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY DUET

Christ is Arisen

Francois Couperin

Alleluia! O Jesu, O Jesu, Thou art our Light and Life! Christ hath triumphed and we conquer, ours the cross, the grave, the skies! We with him to life eternal by His resurrection rise! Glorious light and life immortal, life immortal on his holy Easter morn. To immortal life we too shall rise! Alleluia!

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

"Llanfair"

Anyone familiar with singing the Hallelujah Chorus who would like to sing with the choir, please come to the choir loft during the final hymn.

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, The Risen Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Hallelujah

G. F. Handel

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand



EASTER FLOWERS: If you can take an Easter flower to one of our shut-ins, please take a card from the table in the library and take one of the flowers marked "For Delivery" on the bottom. NOTE: Because we have many different varieties this year take only the flower with your name on it. Some flowers were more expensive and people had very specific orders.

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION of The First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland, is called by the Session for **Sunday, April 18, 2010**. The meeting will begin immediately after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is:

- To vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws,
- To receive the report of the Nominating Committee, and
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the congregation.

—By Order of the Session

Deborah J. Hendrickson, Clerk of Session



Easter Morning Paraments

The new, Easter Paraments are designed as a colorful celebration of Easter. The bright, spring colors are intended to resemble a stained glass window. Buttons and small butterflies continue the theme. Upon closer inspection, you will find a whimsical touch.

The set was designed and sewn by Joan DeVee Dixon.

What's Happening This Week:

SUNDAY, APRIL (4)

Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Rocky Gap
Mountain View Pavilion (nearest the Lodge)
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, Easter Sunday
Communion, Special Music,
Moment for Mission, OGHS Offering
Cents-Ability, On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, APRIL (5)

Church Office Closed
NO Learning Tree Preschool
5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Mtg. in Parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL (6)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
5:00 PM Personnel Mtg. in Parlor
6:30 PM Worship Mtg. in Parlor
7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Comm. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (7)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL (8)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM Session Meeting in the Library

FRIDAY, APRIL (9)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

SATURDAY, APRIL (10)

8:00 AM Cumberland Jazz Society Rehearsal
in the Fellowship Hall (all day)
3:00 PM Union Rescue Mission Benefit at
Centre St. United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, APRIL (11)

9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM Worship Service, Eisenberger Sunday
2nd Sunday of Easter, Special Music,
Special Guests, On the Air WCBC
12:15 AM Punch & Cookie Reception in the Library