



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 18, 2021 11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LAUDATION  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GILBERT M. MARTIN

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

BUCK BELT

CHORAL INTROIT

SING ALLELUIA  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR  
(Live streamed from Easter Sunday, 2019)  
Sing alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today!

GORDON YOUNG

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters! It is a delight to be worshiping the Lord together!  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.  
Lift up your hearts!  
We lift them up to the Lord!  
The Lord be with you!  
And also with you!

\* HYMN # 234

COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

"ST. KEVIN"

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,  
God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,  
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:  
loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing  
led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel-comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \* HUMMED RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

PSALM 4

BUCK BELT

- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*
- <sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.
- <sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, <sup>[al]</sup> do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"
- <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup> I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

## ANTHEM

HALLELUJAH! RESURRECTION DAY!  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND BRASS ENSEMBLE  
*(Live streamed from Easter Sunday, 2018)*

LARRY SHACKLEY

*Come, see the place where Jesus lay, angels have rolled the stone away!  
Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!  
Tell me, O death, where is your sting? You cannot hold the risen king.  
Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!*

Down to the tomb that savior had gone, but Sunday morning there came a new dawn.  
God's mighty angel, at break of day, came to the gravestone and rolled it away.

The angel told Mary, "Shake off your fear! Jesus is risen, he is not here!  
Tell his disciples he's no longer dead, just as he promised, just as he said."  
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign.

## SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3: 1-7

LAY MINISTER LUCAS TAYLOR

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he<sup>la</sup> is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## SERMON

"LET THE WORLD KNOW"

LAY MINISTER LUCAS TAYLOR

## \* HYMN #703

JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME

"ST. CATHERINE"

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but  
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -  
 reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to  
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me  
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -  
 thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,  
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness  
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,  
 thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.  
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

## MORNING OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

(The offering is to be placed in the dish at the rear of the sanctuary. We are not passing the plate at this time)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAY MINISTER LUCAS TAYLOR

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.

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.  
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove  
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

\* BENEDICTION

LAY MINISTER LUCAS TAYLOR

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #750

GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

"GOODNESS IS STRONGER"

Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate.  
 Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, victory is ours! Through him who loves us.  
 Victory is ours, victory is ours! Through him who loves us.

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA ON "DUKE STREET"

GILBERT M. MARTIN

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.  
 Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

## This Morning's Worship Leaders

Lay Minister.....Lucas Taylor  
 Liturgist.....Buck Belt  
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
 Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir (previously recorded)  
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
 Ushers.....David Stickler and John Mullan

## Worship & Music Notes

**Today welcome lay minister, Lucas Taylor, to the pulpit.** Lucas Taylor grew up in Keyser, WV and attended Fountain United Brethren Church. After high school, he played Independent Professional Baseball while attending Potomac State, Davis & Elkins College and Shepherd University. Following his baseball career, he attended Wheeling Jesuit University as a Grad Assistant Baseball Coach where he met and married his wife Kaitlyn. Lucas is the Dean of Student Experience at WVU Potomac State College and Kaitlyn is the Director of Rehab at WVU Medicine Potomac Valley Hospital. They are the proud parents of two boys, Baxton (5) and Bowen (1).

**A Congregational Meeting** has been called by session for **Sunday, May 2, 2021 following worship.** The purpose of the meeting is to fill current vacancies on session. According to Presbytery, all those who vote at a Congregational Meeting must be able both to see and to hear all that transpires. To fulfill this requirement, only those who are physically present in the sanctuary on May 2, 2021, can vote.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! Whether you are very young, in your teens, adult, older adult; black, white, brown, or any other color; straight, gay, transgendered; very well off financially or not so much; feel great today or your bones are hurting again; have little cares or are weighed down with a lot of concern; speak English fluently or speak little English; raised in a church, not raised in a church; haven't been in church since that special person was baptized, or just exploring spirituality; whoever you are, YOU are welcome here!

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at [www.fpc-cumberland.org](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland). Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

**THE PRAY-GROUND** is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES:** (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in celebration and dedication to their parents, William & Doris Adkisson and Carl & Edna Belt by Buck and Jane Belt. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund. We have flower openings for 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**OFFERING PLATES:** Offering plates are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please deposit your gifts, offerings, and tithes into the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
**RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY**

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of April 11, 2021</b>
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$56,356.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$56,430.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (74.00)