

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

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## April 2025

### The Resurrection

*I believe in Jesus Christ...who was crucified, dead, and buried...on the third day he rose again from the dead.*

Our faith as Christians is built upon historical events and persons. The gospels, Acts, and the epistles provide theological interpretation of these events as well as reporting them. This helps us understand our salvation. But the good news is often recounted by a simple recitation of the redemptive events themselves.

1 Corinthians 15 is rich in this respect concerning the life of Jesus Christ.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,...

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Further, the apostle is dead earnest in his explanation of the resurrection of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. .... <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Without the resurrection we remain dead in sin and destined for hell.

However, he continues,

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

These facts of history mean everything to us and our salvation.

Though the infamous “they” have changed *Before Christ* (BC) to *Before the Common Era* (BCE), there is still no hiding from the birth of Jesus of Nazareth as the hinge point of our calendar. Likewise, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the hinge point of reality as we know it. The resurrection matters.

Jesus our Lord “was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification” (Rom. 4:25). Jesus rose from the dead so that the

believer could be justified, that is, made right—declared righteous—before God.

Paul writes of God, “according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:19b-20). Jesus rose from the grave that he might ascend to his rightful place of authority above all things forever. Jesus is King of kings.

“And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent” (Col. 3:18). Jesus rose from the dead that we might rise with him in due time. He rose to take his rightful position as head of the church. All things are ultimately from him and through him and to him.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Pet. 1:3). Jesus lives again so that we might not only receive new life *in* him, but the hope of eternity *with* him.

But every human being on this planet must take heed. “The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31). The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides the certainty that he will judge the living and the dead in righteousness, justice, and holiness. If you have not done so, call on Jesus alone and be saved! (See Mark 1:15; Acts 4:12; & Romans 10:10-13.)

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!  
Pastor Josh

Join us for

# HOLY WEEK

April 17: Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 6:00 pm

April 20: Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service, 6:00 am, at Spillway Falls - Lower Pool (Foscue Park)

Sunday School, 9:30 am

Worship Service, 11:00 am

APRIL 2025						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 <b>B-day:</b> Chonda Griffith	2 <b>Fellowship, Study &amp; Prayer Time:</b> 6pm	3	4	5 <b>B-day:</b> Billy Symon, Sr. <b>B-day:</b> Meredith (Mackin) Cole
6 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am	7 <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am	8 <b>B-day:</b> Isabella Dukes <b>Anniv:</b> TJ & Cindy Keasler	9 <b>Fellowship, Study &amp; Prayer Time:</b> 6pm	10	11	12
13 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Deacon Meeting</b> <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am <b>Fellowship Potluck</b>	14 <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am <b>B-day:</b> Kelly (Keasler) McClure	15 <b>Presbytery Meeting:</b> 9am <b>B-day:</b> Bess Weltin	16	17 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Communion:</b> 6pm <b>B-day:</b> Chaney Rimes	18 <b>Good Friday</b> <b>B-day:</b> Talon Rimes	19
20 <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Sunrise Service:</b> 6am <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am <b>B-day:</b> Lucy Lessmann <b>B-day:</b> Linus Lessmann	21 <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am	22	23 <b>Fellowship, Study &amp; Prayer Time:</b> 6pm	24	25	26
27 <b>Sunday School:</b> 9:30am <b>Worship:</b> 11am <b>HOP:</b> 2pm <b>B-day:</b> Emily Mackin	28 <b>Game/Fellowship Time:</b> 9:30am	29	30 <b>Fellowship, Study &amp; Prayer Time:</b> 6pm			

## APRIL 2025

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH:** David Coddington and Ray Evans

**MEAL MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH:** Betsy Carmichael

**RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS:**

- Sunday School at 9:30 am.
- Sunday Worship at 11:00 am.
- Monday Game Time at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday Fellowship, Study, and Prayer Time at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**SESSION:** Dr. Josh Carmichael, Teaching Elder. Ruling Elders: Dennis Davidson, Scott Kirkpatrick, Jimmy Mackin, and Billy Symon.

**DEACONS:** Glenn Basinger, David Coddington, Mike Cork, and Ray Evans.

<u>2025</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$10,899.47	\$21,649.47
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 9,952.49	\$18,280.78
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 946.98	\$ 3,368.69

<u>2024</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 9,686.16	\$19,610.32
Gen. Fund Expenses	\$ 11,910.91	\$19,249.89
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (2,224.75)	\$ 360.43

**FEBRUARY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 48

### APRIL EVENTS

**April 13:** Palm Sunday

- Deacons Meeting.
- Monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon, immediately following the worship service. Setup/Cleanup Committee: Mackin, Basinger, Resto and Cork families.

**April 15:** Presbytery Meeting at Trinity PCA.

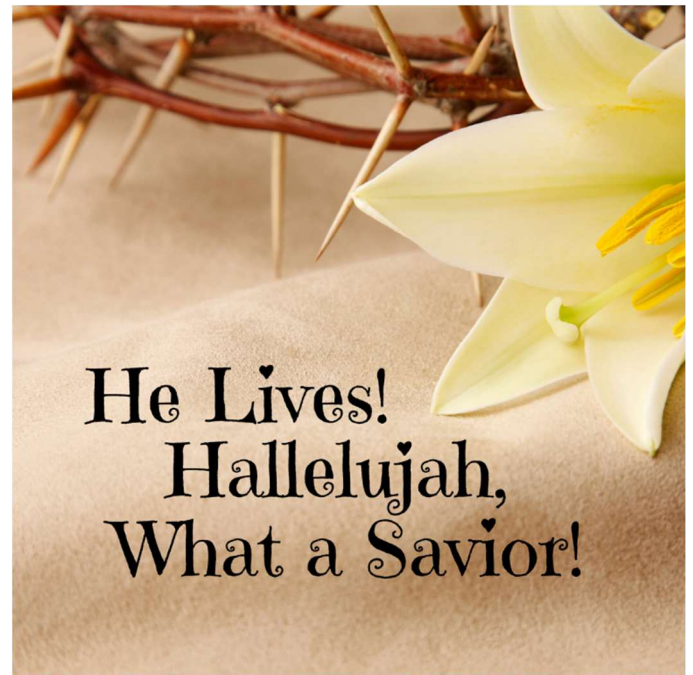
**April 17:** Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 6:00 pm.

**April 18:** Good Friday

**April 20:** Easter Sunday

- Easter Sunrise Service, 6:00 am, at Spillway Falls - Lower Pool (Foscue Park).
- Sunday School, as regularly scheduled.
- Worship Service, as regularly scheduled.

**April 27:** Hooked on Prayer (HOP) meeting, 2:00 pm at Eloise Harris' home. For more information on HOP please see page 4.



### COMING IN MAY

**May 1:** National Day of Prayer / 12-Hour Prayer Vigil.  
Be looking for upcoming information and sign-up sheets.



# HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart	Mission to the World — Japan
Andy & Bev Warren	Mission to the World — Ethiopia
Doug McNutt	Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa
Jimmy & Nadia Dukes	Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru
Clete Hux	Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL
Joy Ayabe	Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea
Jonah	Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country
Palmer Home	Hernando, MS
The Lighthouse Women's Ctr	Demopolis, AL
Chaplain Ministry	Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC)

## HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

Acton, Beth	Lawrence, Lisa
Aultman, Keegan	Lessmann, Linus
Beale, Amy	Ligon, Brandon
Beeler, Peggy	Loney, Judith
Belcher, Samuel	Mader, Rebecca
Brooker, Chrissy	Malone, Bessie
Brooker, Jan	Margo, Chrissy
Busby, Rhae	McIntier, Jodie
Bynum, Linda	Mee, Marilyn
Davidson, Karen	Morgan, Laura
Duncan, Conner	Morris, Seth
Dyer, Doug	Odom, Cassidy
Earl, Amelia (Tulipan)	Phillips, Ronnie
Faust, Maggie	Ramey, Carrie
Gardner, Greg	Renner, Andy
Graffeo, Anthony (A.J.)	Renner, Elizabeth
Gross, Ernie	Reynolds, Christy
Hall, Jimmy	Sharpe, Adam
Harrison, Anna Katherine	Stewart, Lee
Hart, Sarah Elizabeth	Townsend, Laura
Haubert, Chloe Belle	Tulipan, Hansen
Headley, David	Twist, Ty
Hux, Karen	VanderMolen, Popko
Johnson, Glenda	Wilder, Emily (Espy)
Kell, Gale	Womble, Caleb
Lawrence, Bill	

If you have a heart to pray for the critically, chronically or terminally ill, HOP needs you.

**Can you pray?  
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you knit or crochet?  
WE NEED YOU!**

**Can you write note cards?  
WE NEED YOU!**

HOP is a prayer shawl ministry. We give shawls, throws or blankets to the critically, chronically or terminally ill to let them know we are praying for them. You do not need to know how to knit or crochet to be involved.

Any monetary gifts or donations of supplies, yarn, note cards and/or postage is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Eloise Harris or Joy Mackin for more information on how you can get involved.



If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.

## OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

### Cancer:

Luke (Jonah's son)  
Scott Kirkpatrick  
Rick Wilson  
Jimmy Hall  
Adam Sharpe  
Bessie Malone  
Lulu (Kendall) Ivy

### Illness:

Laura Morgan  
Neal Bules  
David Headley  
Linda Dunning

### Special Needs:

The Hutton Family

### Other Needs:

Christina & Danny Addison  
Abigayle Kircharr  
Harry Jeong  
Eliza Horton

### Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick  
Sam Brasfield  
Steven Mackin  
Victor Resto  
Josh Tyson  
Austin Griffith  
Kaleb Brown  
Nathan McCaskill