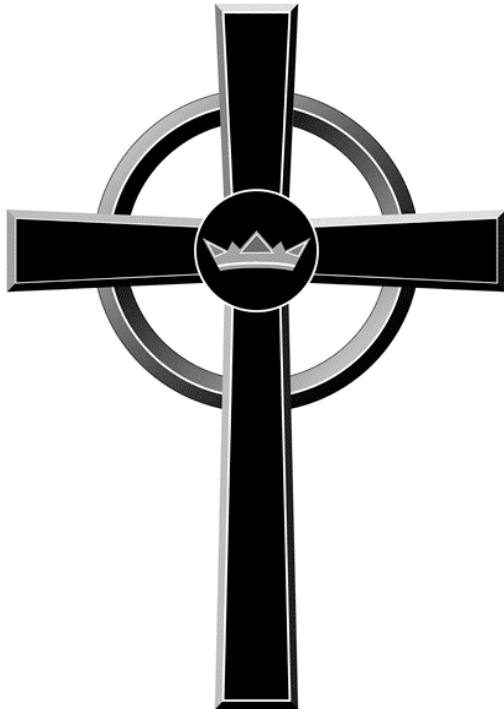


ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRIST THE KING
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)



In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to whomsoever will come.

THE ORDER FOR GATHERED WORSHIP
The Lord's Day – April 8, 2012
Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of Our Lord

**GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN AND REIGNING LORD JESUS CHRIST AND
WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

*We are glad you are here! Please fill out a Communication Card and either place it in the offering plate
or give it to one of our usher/servers at the close of the service.*

TO HELP AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*After the Coffee Gathering, please try to make your way into the worship area by 10:45 a.m. and begin to quiet yourself
as you continue your preparation for worship. Please pray expectantly that the Triune God who has gathered us this
morning will be exalted and glorified as we worship Him in spirit and truth, and that we would be open to receive all
our Lord desires for us. The Gathering Hymn will begin at 10:45 am
as we "come into His presence with singing! (Psalm 100:2)*

PASSAGES FOR REFLECTION AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION UPON ENTRANCE

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
1979 Book of Common Prayer

GATHERING HYMN

"Thine Be the Glory"

Words: Edmund Budry, trans. Richard Hoyle
Music: G.F. Handel

Thine be the glory, Ris'n, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death has won!
Angels in bright raiment roll the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death has won!*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb,
Lovingly He greet us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death has won!*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death has won!*

THE TRIUNE GOD GATHERS US TO WORSHIP HIM

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 118

Minister:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People:

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Minister:

The right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

People:

*This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.*

Minister:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People:

The Lord is risen indeed!

❖HYMN OF RESURRECTION PRAISE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

Unison:

*Glory to You, O Father Almighty,
who on this day did raise up Your Son from the dead
and made us share in His victory over sin and death.*

❖ Congregation stands.

*Glory to You, O Christ,
who for us and for our salvation has overcome death,
bringing us everlasting life, and making all things new forever.*

*Glory to You, O Holy Spirit,
who breathes resurrection life into us and leads us into all truth –
as it is in the risen Christ.*

*Glory and blessing to You – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
who brings life and immortality to light through Your Gospel.*

Blessed be Your glorious name forever and ever.

*Grant that we, who celebrate with joy this day of our Lord's resurrection,
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.*

Amen.

GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND CLEANSSES US

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us approach Almighty God, our Heavenly Father as His children who have sinned against Him in thought word and deed, but also knowing that we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, whom God raised from the dead for our justification. Let us pray:

*Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life
in order that death might be brought to an end
and that we too might live a new life.
Yet we have, too often, chosen death over life.
In our thoughts, words, and deeds
we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us.*

❖ Congregation stands.

*In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you,
whom to know is life itself.*

*In so doing, we have hurt others,
and have diminished their lives.*

*In so doing, we fall short of your glory
and of the calling you have for us.*

Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake.

*Fill us with the risen life of Jesus,
that we might walk in the way
of holiness, justice, and love,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Here the sure promises of God to all who humbly confess their sins and believe the Good News: "Jesus Christ was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."(Rom. 4:25; 10:9-10)

❖ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

❖ HYMN OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

Words: Jack Hayford

Music: Henry Smart

Rise, O church, and lift your voices,
Christ has conquered death and hell,
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him,
Empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain him,
For the throne of life he shares."

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
See the stone removed with pow'r;

❖ Congregation stands.

All hell's minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand his hour,
He has conquered, he has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.

He is risen, he is risen,
Now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus,
Now we sing your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
But your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ the risen King!

❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (2nd-6th centuries)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead;*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

❖ THE PASSING OF EASTER BLESSINGS

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Minister: Filled with the hope, joy and peace of the resurrection,
let us offer one another an Easter blessing.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with the Easter sign of friendship and blessing,
"Christ is risen," and the response, "He is risen indeed."*

YOUNG CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS – Children ages 3- 6 are dismissed to the Catechism and Worship Class.
They will be escorted back to the Worship Service during the Hymn of Response, after the Sermon.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, SUPPLICATION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Brothers and sisters, the our Lord Jesus teaches that God's house is a house of prayer for all nations and that we should not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God. So let us confidently approach our Heavenly Father whose peace will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened, aloud and by name. Some requests are listed on the "Highlights" prayer page, but please feel free to also pray for other requests not listed.

Leader: And now let us prayer together with one voice, the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray:

*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.*

GOD RENEWS AND CONSECRATES US THROUGH HIS WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord!
People: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

❖ **THE EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING SERMON

“Resurrection Realities”

Rev. John Ratliff

SERMON NOTES

❖ Congregation stands.

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“In Christ Alone”

Words: Stuart Townend

Music: Keith Getty

In Christ alone - my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and
storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Because all things in heaven and on earth belong to the Lord, and in grateful response to God's lavish grace, which He pours out upon us in Christ Jesus, we dedicate ourselves, our tithes and our offerings to the Lord and His Kingdom.

CHRIST FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

THE EUCHARIST

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

The Eucharist, also called Holy Communion or The Lord's Supper, is the new covenant sacramental meal for all who are united with Christ and His visible church by baptism and professed faith in Him. If this is not true of you, then you should not partake, but instead we encourage you to spend this time in prayer or reading God's Word as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and His body, the Church. If you have doubts or questions, the pastor or one of the church elders would be eager and pleased to meet with you after the service or another time.

❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: It is good and right to do so!

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; and chiefly we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he gives us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing together:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might;
Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory – Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the Highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

❖ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION**

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; there is grape juice in the inner circles for those who are not able to drink the wine. Please hold each element until all are served so that we can all partake together, as one body.

❖ Congregation stands.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Jesus Lives, and So Shall I"
Words: Christian Gellert
Music: Johann Crüger

As the bread is passed, sing vss. 1-3, and say "The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you."

Jesus lives, and so shall I.
Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die,
Lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust:
Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, and reigns supreme,
And, his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him,

Ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised: be it must:
Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace,
Vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways,
Ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust.
Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

As the wine is passed, sing vss. 4-5, and say "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you."

Jesus lives! I know full well
Naught from him my heart can sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,
Joy nor grief, hence forth forever.
None of all his saints is lost;
Jesus is my Hope and Trust.

Jesus lives, and death is now
But my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou
Hast a crown of life before thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just;
Jesus is the Christian's Trust.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US

❖¹THE BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 15: 55-58

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

❖DEPARTING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

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