



# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Stewart Smith

**PRELUDE**

*Because He Lives*  
Music by William Gaither (b. 1936)

Xiao McCollum, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Stewart Smith

Leader: Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

**People: After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side.**

Leader: Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

**People: Let us who gather for worship this day, believe by faith that which we have not seen.**

Leader: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing.

**People: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!**

Leader: The risen Christ is here among us.

**Unison: Let us praise God for the glorious gift of Easter. Let us worship the risen Lord!**

**\*HYMN #409 (verses 1, 2, 4)**

*God is Here*

Glory to God

Words by Fred Pratt Green; Music by Cyril Vincent Taylor

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.**

**Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.**

**Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.**

**Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*seated, unison*)

LaNelle Cagle

**Righteous God, we admit that we come down fast from the high celebrations of Easter. We so soon lose the amazement and momentum of Easter morning, and fall back into the doldrums of the ordinary, into our old ways, returning to our doubts and fears. We fail to expect to find Jesus continually in our midst, and we easily slip into believing we are really the ones in control.**

**Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief. Through Jesus Christ, put us right with You, we pray, and give us new strength to be faithful. ... (*Silent Confession*) ... Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE #469**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
Words and Music by Ken Medema

Glory to God

**Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also, with you.**

**CHILDREN'S SONG #591**

*Halle, Hallel Hallelujah*  
Traditional Caribbean Song

Glory to God

**Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hallelujah!  
Hal-le, Hal-le, hallelujah! hallelujah! hallelujah!**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Kristi Button

**ANTHEM**

*Our Great God*  
Words and Music by Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega

Cole Jackson, baritone  
Isaac Thomas piano

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown.  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown.  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne.  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

[Refrain] Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!  
Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm.  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee, before our sovereign God. [Refrain]

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,  
let every mountain, every field, and valley of the earth.  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe.  
sing praises to the Living God, who rules them by His Word. [Refrain].

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Rev. Stewart Smith

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

*Locked Out*

Rev. Stewart Smith

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*The Love of God*

SungKun Jung, piano

Music by Helen H. Lemmel; Arranged by Marianne Kim

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

\*RESPONSE #652 (verses 1 and 3)

*A Grateful Heart*

Glory to God

Words by David Gambrell and Music by Edward Miller

**A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.**

**With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery  
with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amanda McDonald

God, in your grace.

**You hear our prayers.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stewart Smith

\*HYMN #543 (verses 1, 4, 5)

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Glory to God

Traditional Celtic Prayer

**God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me. O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Stewart Smith

## **PARTICIPANTS**

**Interim Senior Pastor** – Rev. Stewart Smith

**Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder** – Isaac Thomas

**Director of Christian Education** – Kristi Button

**Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries** – Amanda McDonald

**Audio/Visual Team** – Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker

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**Worship Band** – Nina Andrews (drums), Rob Button (guitar), Dennis Brewer (guitar), Jeffrey Kerst (bass)

**Organist** – Xiao McCollum

**Pianist/Choral Accompanist** – SungKun Jung

**Membership Coordinator** – Amy McCann

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