

Announcements

Easter Sunday | There is a light brunch this morning before worship. Food is laid out in the Youth Room.

VBS Applications are Open! | VBS will be June 1-5 from 9am-noon, for rising PreK-5th Grade. If you know that you'd like to attend, letting us know early helps us plan more effectively. Huge thanks to those of you who have already signed up! You can access applications for students and volunteers at fpcpooler.org/VBS2026

VBS Skit Practice | **5pm** on Wednesday.

Communicants Class | From April 12 to May 24 our 3rd - 5th grade will be going through the curriculum *Preparing for the Table*, during Sunday School in order to foster a conversation about church membership. If you have any questions, you can see our Children's Ministry director, Annie Lamson. We will also have a summer class for the youth, on June 12-13. Full details for that are coming soon.

State of the Church Luncheon | Will be held next Sunday, April 12th. There will be various ministry updates as well as a financial report. All are invited to attend.

Church Work Day | There is a work day on April 18 at 9:30am to help with minor repairs and projects around the facility.

Women's Retreat | Registration is now open for our women's retreat, open to ladies 3rd grade and up. This year's topic is "Made for More" and is about our identity in Christ. We will learn, laugh, eat, and play together. You can register by scanning the QR code at the left.

A Service of Praise and Worship of Almighty God on the Lord's Day
April 5, 2026

Call to Worship: Psalm 30:1-2, 11-12

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Hymn of Praise: Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Trinity Hymnal #277

"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 has 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!

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!

To God Be the Glory
Trinity Hymnal #55

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **[Refrain]**

3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **[Refrain]**

Prayer of Invocation & 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.

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Questions 33-34

Why is Jesus called God's only-begotten Son, since we also are children of God?

Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.

Why do you call him our Lord?

Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession

The Gloria Patri

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin:

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to you; we humbly confess our sins and implore your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and fervent heart; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with our God.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your free Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace: *John 3:16-17*

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Tithes and Offerings: *1 Timothy 6:17-19*

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Offertory: I Serve a Risen Savior

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Doxology

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

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 3

(p. 2 of Pew Bible)

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" **2** And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, **3** but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" **4** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" **10** And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." **11** He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" **12** The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
[15] I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

[16] To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

[17] And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
[18] thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

[19] By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

[20] The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the
mother of all living. **[21]** And the LORD God made for Adam and for his
wife garments of skins and clothed them.

^{122]} Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ^{123]} therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ^{124]} He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks Be to God!*

Hymn of Preparation: *All Sufficient Merit*

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherent, by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not

In love, He condescended, eternal now in time
A life without a blemish, the Maker made to die
The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

It is done, it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full, all sufficient
Merit now my own.

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus, and thank Him for the cross
Yes, I'll thank Him for the cross

It is done, it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full, all sufficient
Merit now my own
Merit now my own

Preaching of God's Word: 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 12-28

(Page 961 of the pew Bible)

[1] Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, **[2]** and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

[12] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **[13]** But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. **[14]** And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. **[15]** We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. **[16]** For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. **[17]** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. **[18]** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. **[19]** If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **[21]** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **[22]** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. **[23]** But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. **[24]** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. **[25]** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **[26]** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **[27]** For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. **[28]** When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn: Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

How can it be the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing "Hallelujah!"

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King:
Christ, Christ He is risen!

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed:
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
They saw Him and their hearts believed;
But bless'd are those who have not seen,
Yet sing "Hallelujah!"

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,
They preached the truth and pow'r of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed:
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed:
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh sing "Hallelujah!"
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed:
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

Benediction

Sermon Notes

But in Fact

1 Corinthians 15:1-2, 12-28

(p. 961 in the pew Bible)

The Big Idea: *The resurrection of Jesus is both foundational and transformative.*

I. Hold fast to the foundation (vv. 1-2).

II. Know what's at stake (vv. 12-19).

III. Wrap your head around resurrection reality (v. 20).

IV. Choose your representative (vv. 21-28).