

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude "The Peace may be exchanged" Dan Locklair

The Call to Worship

Let all the world hear the Good News! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Christ died on the cross, yet now Christ lives and reigns.**

In the resurrection we have the promise of salvation.

**As we repent and turn from our sin, we are truly forgiven by the grace of God.**

Let all people hear our joyful praise for our loving God!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 280

\*The Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's faithfulness and grace, let us confess our sins to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess our sins. When the risks of discipleship are high and we are nowhere to be found, forgive us. When we wash our hands of responsibility, forgive us. When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors, forgive us. When fear, prejudice, or indifference keep us from witnessing to your truth, forgive us. [Silent Confession.]**

**Almighty God, as our sin is exposed, your grace is revealed. With great joy, we proclaim your love, grace, and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* 106  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**

The Anthem *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Sebastian Temple  
Chancel Choir

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:36-49 page 121 NT

The Psalm Psalm 40:1-10 page 619 OT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\* The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* 370

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory                      Chant de Paix                      Jean Langlais

\*The Doxology    *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      592

**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. Amen.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn                      *Hear the Good News of Salvation*                      355

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response    *Go with Us, Lord*                      535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude                      Caprice sur les grands jeux                      Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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**Liturgist :** Kitty Myers

**Ushers:** Beverly Briggs, Josh Peters, Scott & Heather Rousseau

**Greeter:** Diane Kemerer

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Peggy Donaldson

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry  
and the Chancel Choir

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**We offer our prayers** and sympathies to the family and friends of Dick Brown at his passing on April 10, 2024. The flowers today are in memory of Dick. Please keep his wife Gerry, and the entire Brown family in your prayers.

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.**

# Second Presbyterian Church

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*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

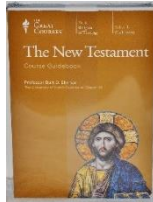
# Announcements and Upcoming Event

## For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second

Grab a refreshment and join us today after worship in the library as we continue the Great Courses Series on The New Testament.



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY to make a difference at Second Presbyterian Church?

If so, you may be interested in adopting an island! We are looking for approximately 10 individuals, families, or groups of friends to help maintain the island and curb areas of the parking lot.. This would entail being responsible for one (or more) of the islands or curb/gutter areas of the lot, keeping the gutters and stones free of weeds, leaves, maple helicopters, and the like. Dividing the responsibility between us divides the time and effort, allowing each individual or group to work at times convenient to them and at their own pace.



Billie Bauer maintained these areas as a “retirement mission” project last Summer and Fall during which, she realized that this is more than a “one-woman” job and came up with this idea of “adoption” (which has been presented to and approved by the Session). Contact Billie Bauer @ 989-280-7207 for more information and to sign up.



For the month of April, our Mission Focus will be through **Presbyterian Giving Catalog - Livestock Gifts**. The goal of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is "To connect people as neighbors with others experiencing needs, supporting projects and friendships that grow gardens and generations, bring water and watch for corruption, share education, tools and training, and link each of us, more closely with one another and with God." Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting donations to purchase livestock, which will be given to those in need to help foster independence through farming. The amount and number of donations received will determine the animals we are able to sponsor (flocks of chickens, piglets, goats, cows, beekeeping, or oxen/plow). These animals will help those in need to become self-sufficient, support their families, and enrich communities. Donations may be placed in the box on the Missions table or in the offering plate (designate for Livestock gift). If you would like more information on the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, please visit their website at <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org>.

The Stewardship and Mission Committee is truly thankful for your receptiveness and generosity to on-going Mission projects!



The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

- **We are still** in need of the following volunteers for Sunday, April 21 & 28.  
Fellowship Hour Host(s)  
Sign-up sheets are on the sign-up table.

## Prayer of Illumination

Lord, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Speak to us now as you have spoken to us throughout the ages. Reveal yourself and your will for our lives, that we might live as your Easter people. We seek your face, O Lord. Hear our prayers, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## Luke 24:36-49 New International Version

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

## Psalms 40:1-10 New International Version

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

<sup>5</sup> Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

<sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you did not desire - but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

<sup>9</sup> I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know.

<sup>10</sup> I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.