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*Presbyterian Church*  
Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, March 31, 2024*

Easter Sunday

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



**CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE**

*Resurrection Suite*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*I Live Because He Has Risen*

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE✝**

**CALL TO WORSHIP✝**

One: O Day of Resurrection, we lift our hearts with joy!

All: Christ has led us from death to life. Hallelujah!

One: O Day of Resurrection, we will with hope!

All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven. Hallelujah!

One: Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed.

**OPENING HYMN✝**

*#367 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

*We Renew Our Relationship With God*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**LORD'S PRAYER HYMN**

*Our Father In Heaven*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Resurrecting joy, we confess it's not easy to sustain Easter hope.

We let discouragement, fear and frustration settle in and

✝ Please stand in body or in spirit





we let anger and anxiety turn our hearts away from you. Resentment and disappointment cling to us and we forget your great mercy and love. Forgive us. Restore within us the joy and hope you promise us in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.



## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### *We Respond to God*

**MINOR DOXOLOGY**✝

*#813 Glory Be To The Father*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

**ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Jesus is My Lord*

**OFFERTORY**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

**DOXOLOGY**✝

*#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**✝

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**✝

*#817 O Bless The Gifts*

### *God Speaks to Us*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 16:1-8 (New Living Translation)

<sup>1</sup> Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone,







which was very large, had already been rolled aside. <sup>5</sup> When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, <sup>6</sup> but the angel said, “Don’t be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. <sup>7</sup> Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.” <sup>8</sup> The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION**

*#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord*

## **THE PREACHED WORD**

**“Trembling and in Ecstasy”**

## **CLOSING HYMN✝**

*#359 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

*God Sends Us Into the World*

## **COMMISSION & BENEDICTION✝**

## **SENDING HYMN✝**

*#764 The Trees Of The Field*







Christ  
is  
Risen!

Alleluia



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us online for the practice of *Lectio-Divina* which is a traditional Christian practice of scriptural reading, meditation & prayer, to promote communion with God and increase the knowledge of God's word. Contact the office at 941-625-5045 for more info.



To connect go to [www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us)  
Click “Join” on the right hand upper corner  
Meeting ID: 878 3208 0869  
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Bring a friend & enjoy popcorn & soda  
as we journey through history into the lives  
of Jesus & his disciples, continuing  
Tuesday, April 2nd at 6 PM in the sanctuary.  
Rides can be arranged for people that do not  
drive at night.



If you ordered an Easter Lily  
don't forget to take your lily  
home with you after the service.  
Thank you to all who honored  
their loved ones this Easter.



# PRAYER LIST

Bernadine & Tom Allesee Family	-	<i>safety &amp; health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ruth Hester	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Donna & Loren Livengood	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan	-	<i>health needs</i>
Margorie Lotz	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Donnie Webb	-	<i>health needs</i>

## FPCPC FAMILY -

**If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,  
please call the church office at 941-625-5045.**





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