

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1-5

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

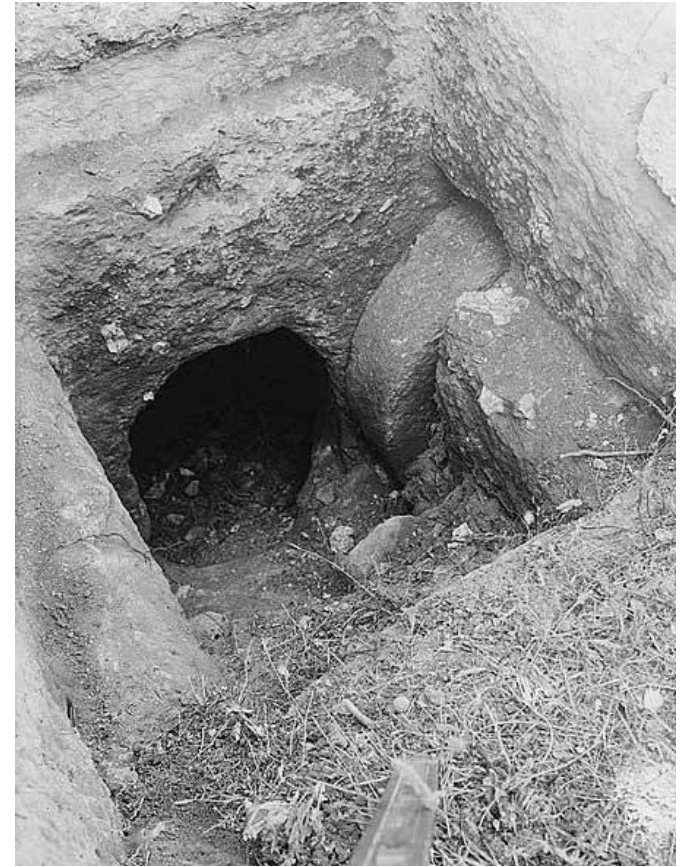
Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Thanks for rising early and coming to worship with us and greet the Risen Savior in the light of this Easter dawn. You are invited to join us for our Easter Morning Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m., our Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and our Sunday Night Worship at 5:00 pm followed by a light meal.

You are invited to join us for breakfast in Knox Hall, First Presbyterian Church, immediately following this Sunrise Service (324 Madison Street).



Easter Sunrise Worship

First Presbyterian Church

April 1, 2018

6:45 am

Interim Pastor: Reverend Barry W. Williams

Associate Pastor: Reverend Dr. Dave Henry

Associate Pastor: Reverend Zac Wolfe

EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP
Sunday, April 1, 2018
6:45 am – Carnahan Memorial Garden

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: Now is Christ risen from the dead to become the first fruits of them that slept!
People: Break forth into joy, sing together, for God has comforted those whose hearts were broken in sorrow.
Pastor: By human sin came death, but by the sacrifice of Christ came life abundant and eternal.
People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

*Hymn of Joy

“He Lives”

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever folks 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.

Refrain

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. **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1-5

Litany of a Joyful Easter

Pastor: Joyful is the sound we make today, O Lord!
People: For the stone has been rolled away!

Pastor: Alleluia is the song we sing today, O Lord!
People: For the stone is moved and shows an empty tomb!
Pastor: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips today, O Lord!
People: For this day awakens in us the possibilities of new life for all!

Pastor: Grateful is the felling within us today, O Lord!
People: For this day brings forth a response of praise for you.

Pastor: With the women of old, we have journeyed to the tomb, to discover again that the stone has been rolled away; that the power of God has won the victory over the powers of death.

People: Now we can truly rejoice. Now we can truly celebrate. The journey is from death to life; from darkness to dawn; from sunset to sunrise; from despair to unbounded joy!

Pastor: We have journeyed to this place, to this day, to an empty tomb, and to the glorious words....

UNISON: HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA. AMEN.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Meditation

“The Stone”

Pastor Dave Henry

The Easter Prayer

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*Charge and Benediction