# Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

**Forest Park Presbyterian Church**

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**Easter Sunday—12 April 2020**

**April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rev. Jones

**Gathering Music:** Jack Serwe

**Call to Worship** (*Leader* and **People** Responsively) Acts 4

One: We gather in the name of the risen Lord. Christ is risen!

**All: We gather as the community of faith of the Resurrected One.**

One: We were not eye-witnesses to this event, as were Mary and the disciples.

**All: We are here to witness to the power of God to overcome death and darkness.**

One: We worship together to proclaim the good news of Easter! Christ is risen!

**All: It is Easter morning! We celebrate the Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**

**\*\*Hymn#232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Easter Hymn

**Call to Confession**

*The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty, yet we stand at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away. Christ is Risen and we need reminders of the power of God to forgive us and set us free from the sin that binds us. With confidence let us confess together....*

**A Time for Us to Confess Together**

**Loving God, we confess that we do not always share in the joy of the resurrection, but are caught in the worries of the world. Forgive us, when we fail to show, through word and action, the truth of Your love for us and the glorious mystery of the Cross. We confess that we often choose to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death.**

 **A Time of Reflection and Examination**

Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. **Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of Your kingdom, that Your name might be glorified through our lives. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Christ calls us to new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. Friends believe the Good News of the Empty Tomb, you are forgiven; accept this forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith. Alleluia. Amen.*

**\*\*Response#132(Vs.3)** “Good Christians Friends Rejoice”In Dulci Jubilo

**The Peace**

One: On this day and every day, we walk as God's Easter people, forgiven and made whole. The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

 Remember to share the joy of Easter and the Peace of God with all.

**Prayer for Illumination**

*What you are about to hear again, has the capacity to change the world. I invite you to listen to God’s Word and allow the Easter Story to change your lives. Join me in a spirit of prayer...*

*Almighty God, breathe Your Holy Spirit on us that we may see the peace and be filled with the joy of the risen Christ. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of Your Spirit, that we may hear Your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the Scriptures. Teach us to tell the story of grace, and be Your agents of reconciliation in a broken and troubled world. Amen.*

**Interlude** “Allelu” Ray Repp

**The Gospel The Resurrection of Jesus** 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.”*

**Sermon** “Show and Tell”

**Pastoral and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Invitation to Christian Stewardship**

*We come in response to the event that changed everything. When Jesus conquered death, paying our sin debt; forgiveness flowed, opening the gates of heaven for all who believe. We respond to God’s grace with our morning offering, to witness to the Lord’s activity in our community.*

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication** Luke 15

Liturgist: *We present our morning offering with thanksgiving for the gifts of God that we have received.* Let us pray….

**Generous God, when we experience death and darkness, You open and surprise us with eternal and abundant life! This morning, we give You praise and thanks for this life! Surprise us again with Your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to Your love. We joyfully present these gifts as tangible offerings of hope for Your kingdom come! Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn#248** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna” Hymn to Joy

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude** Serwe

Worship can also be viewed through the church’s Website and Facebook page. A special Thank You to Elder Rick Pomeroy for bringing many separate videos together into one service. Also, appreciation for Jack Serwe and Sheri Masiakowski for music and recording expertise.

**Prayer Concerns**

* Prayers for all those who are ill, with Coronavirus or other ailments at this time.
* Prayers for all the medical and EMS professionals providing care on the front lines.

If you would like prayers included in next Sunday, please call me or the church office

262-786-5850 leave a message or email them to me by Wednesday.

Please remember we give to honor God and give thanks for the many blessings we experience. If you are able please remember to support Forest Park Presbyterian Church. You can mail in your pledges or contributions. The Mail is being held at the post office and picked up periodically, so it is safe mail it in.

**Session Notes** -The April Messenger is on hold. Since many activities are cancelled/postponed. We will attempt to get some information out each week.

Based on the current recommendations, in-person worship is suspended through April. Session will meet on April 16th and will let you know if that needs to be extended again.

Session is working with GAPC to extend the time of sharing my pastoral services into May with an option to extend it further as necessary so we can have a healthy goodbye.

**Deacons News—**Please remember to contact your Care Group Leader for concerns or suggestion on how we may provide care during this challenging time.Joe DeGaro is Deacon on Call for April 262-364-8123.