



Old Presbyterian Meeting House

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 31, 2024 | 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Wie will ich mich freuen" from *Cantata 147*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Prelude in D Major BWV 532/i

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God!

Rev. Katherine Stanford

INTROIT

Shout Aloud This Easter Day

Carol McClure
(b. 1955)

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
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Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection, we celebrate and sing this day, rejoicing that Jesus is alive. But we confess that we often act as though he were not. We imagine Jesus safely sequestered in heaven, little different from loved ones who have died. Often we seem unaware of his presence, unaware that he moves among us by the Spirit. O God of new life, heighten our senses, and let us know the risen Christ In our midst. Fill us with the Spirit, that we may experience new life in him.

Please join in silent prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ **ACT OF PRAISE 239**

Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing, v. 1

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

GOD'S WORD TO US

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

ANTHEM

The Day of Resurrection

Steven Seigart

text by John of Damascus (8th century), trans. by John Mason Neale (1816-1866)

(b. 1990)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Noelle Castin

Bridges to Worship does not meet today and will resume April 14.

You are a child of God. You are a glimpse of God's new creation.
You are a child of God, you are a child of God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

As Good as Dead

Rev. James Sledge

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

▲ HYMN 236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*
text from Revelation 19:6, 11:15, and 19:16

G. F. Handel
1 (1685-1759)

▲ DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Crawford R. Thoburn
(b. 1933)

▲ POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

▲ Please stand as you are able

Congregation reads the "**bold**" text

MUSIC NOTES

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! To truly understand the joy of Easter, we should put ourselves in the place of the women at the tomb, or the disciples upon hearing the good news. There is an old saying, “Where words fail, music speaks,” and that seems especially poignant today—our joy is so pure, so contagious, we cannot help but sing!

We’ll have some traditional Easter hymns, music from Handel’s oratorio *Judas Maccabaeus* (from which the final hymn “Thine be the glory” comes) and *Messiah* (from which the Offertory “Hallelujah” chorus comes), a lively introit from harpist and Director of Children’s Music at First Presbyterian in Nashville Carol McClure. We’ll also give just the second ever performance of a new rhythmic anthem by yours truly using text from Hymn 233 in *Glory to God* (you’ll notice some melodic references to the tune *Ellacombe* to which this text is traditional sung). Today’s prelude music comes from J. S. Bach: an aria often called “My Spirit Be Joyful,” played by our festive brass and a pedal-intensive tripartite Prelude for organ. And finally, the grand toccata-style Finale from Parisian organist Charles-Marie Widor’s fifth organ symphony will close our Easter morning celebration.

A special note of thanks to the choir for all their hard work and dedication during this busy time, and to our guest brass quintet that help make our worship even more beautiful: Ernesto Villalobos, trumpet; Adrienne Doctor, trumpet; Alexis Lovelady, horn; Matt Nudell, euphonium; and Brian Sands, tuba.



Gloria

FRANCIS POULENC

and music of

LILI BOULANGER

May 19, 2024

3 PM

Festival Choir and Orchestra

Dr. Steven R. Seigart, conductor

Join us on May 19 at 3:00 PM for our final Concert With A Cause for the season, presented by the Festival Choir and Orchestra, led by music director Dr. Steven Seigart. On the program will be Francis Poulenc's expansive *Gloria*, an energetic and playful masterwork commissioned by the Koussevitsky Foundation and premiered by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1961, and music by Lili Boulanger (the younger sister of famed pedagogue Nadia Boulanger, and the first woman to win the prestigious Prix de Rome), including her riveting setting of *Psalm 24* and her glowing *Hymne au soleil*.

If you'd like to join the Festival Chorus for this performance, please contact Dr. Seigart at sseigart@opmh.org. There are just four rehearsals, and online rehearsal aids are available to help you learn your parts!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DEDICATED FLOWERS THIS EASTER

In Memory of ...

- Meeting House members who have entered the Church Triumphant this past year: Janet Hall, Hugh Moore, Doug Feaver, Mark Beerthuis, Shirley Harris, Meg Carpenter, Richard Vanderhoeven, and Achsah Nesmith
- Bruce Herlin, by Ann Herlin, Terry Staley, Leah and Benjamin
- Our grandparents George and Lavina Staley, Lee and Catherine Fuhrman, Bob and Jean Herlin, and George and Mildred Pollard, by Ann Herlin, Terry Staley, Leah and Benjamin
- Lou Comadena by Laurie Comadena Edwards and Matt, Charlotte and Savannah Edwards
- Doug and Kathy Cochrane by Wozer and the old boy
- David Tracey by Andrea and Tobin Tracey
- Margaret Timberlake by Barbara and Craig Sacknoff
- Dorothy Thomas by Cary Pugh
- Doug Feaver by Cary Pugh
- Bill Cahir by Rene Browne, Elizabeth Cahir and Caroline Cahir
- Glorain Browne by Rene Browne, Elizabeth Cahir and Caroline Cahir
- Mark Beerthuis by Suzanne Beerthuis
- Patricia M. Wurst by Pamela W. Vetrini
- Helen and James Cox by their family
- Jean and Kenneth MacLeod by their family
- Kelly Beam by Larry and Terri Beam
- Richard & Sylvia Beam by Larry & Terri Beam
- David Thomas by Larry and Terri Beam
- Sandra and Bill Schumacher and Charles and Gloria Gardner by Leslie Schumacher and Charles Gardner
- James H. Timberlake by the Timberlakes and Hodgsons
- Grace and Marvin Gunderson by Marilyn Stegman
- Carl and June Elder by the Elmore family
- Willett and Mary Elmore by the Elmore family
- Tom and Jo Ann Law by the McKeown family
- Frank and Grace McKeown by the McKeown family
- Jim Chase and Jim Gooze by Babs Chase and Andy Mickley
- Carol Mickley by Babs Chase and Andy Mickley
- George, Dorothy and Mick Stalun by Jerry and Carol Stalun
- Frank and Margaret Nadherny by Jerry and Carol Stalun
- Ben and Rob Laha by Lynda and Grace Laha and family
- Roald Olson by Lynda Laha and Julie Wilkening
- Charles and Marguerite Joss by Katherine Hoffman

In Memory of...

- Our parents by Martha Smalling and Paul Gibson
- Dr. Carl and Virginia Whitesides by Margaret Whitesides
- Our parents by Debbie and Mike Farmer
- Mary and Arthur Smith and Tom and June Hutchison by Dan and Kim Smith
- Clifton & Connie Church and John Pantzer by Julie and Craig Church
- Achsah Nesmith by Liz Pavoni
- Dr. and Mrs. Stuart L. Vaughan by Jean V. Varney
- Ben, Rob and Greg Laha by Rocky and Sally Laha
- Nancy Hamilton and Betty and Ernie Heiby by David and Christine Heiby
- The Rev. Dr. Galbraith Hall Todd by Edward R. Lief
- Maxine and Worth Wells by Debra Wells Thayer
- Herbert and Madge Tate by Debra Wells Thayer
- Hugh (Dad/Papa) McLean by Ellen, Chree, Megan and Ellie Haas
- My Dad by Ellen and Chree
- Ben and Angie McCleskey and Bobbie and Hillyard J. Beans, Jr. by Jeff and Ellen Beans
- Dvoralyne Kerr and Ben Kerr by Jeff and Ellen Beans

In Honor of ...

- Jill Tracey by Andrea and Tobin Tracey
- Rachel Beerthuis and Allison, Peter, Riley and Sarah Anderson by Suzanne Beerthuis
- Mary by Lena and Joe McCoy
- Dorothy Eustice by Annmarie Pittman
- The OPMH Staff by the Elmore Family
- Sam Johnson and all who are serving in our military by Eric Johnson and Laura Campbell
- Ella Groves by Larry and Jean Rood
- Parents and Grandparents by the Brewer Family
- Nora and Cole Johnson by Mary and Richard Johnson
- Helen and Alex Johnson by Mary and Richard Johnson
- Our grandchildren by Debbie and Mike Farmer
- Emily, Allie, Lilly & Andrew; and their grandmother Anne Pantzer by Julie and Craig Church
- Jennifer, Brandon, Samantha, Mason, Lynda and Grace by Rocky and Sally Laha
- My Mom by Ellen and Chree

TODAY

Our prayers are newly offered for Nick, the great nephew of a good friend of Tim and Judy Elmore.

Childcare for infants and toddlers, 8:00 AM-12:15 AM, Education Building.
For directions to the nursery, please seek out an usher.

If you dedicated flowers to a loved one today, you may pick them up after the 11:00 AM service.

COMING UP

Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 7 following the 11:00 AM worship to elect the new class of Deacons, Elders and Trustee.

Inquirers Membership Class, April 14, 21, 28, 9:30 AM, opmh.org/inquirers

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles, April 14, 11:00 AM worship

Confirmation Class Recognition, April 21, 11:00 AM worship.
8:30 AM Worship will not change.

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood, April 28, 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship

ONGOING SUNDAYS

Education for all ages will resume on April 7.

Childcare for infants and toddlers

8:15 AM-12:15 PM, Room 14 – Education Building

Children's Sunday School

9:30-10:45 AM, Education Building

Meeting House Youth, Grades 6 to 12

- Sunday Morning Gathering, 9:30 AM, Flounder 1B
- Middle School and High School Youth Groups resume April 7
Contact Mary Hill (crpowell@verizon.net) for more info.

Family Faith Formation-Parents of all ages

10:00 AM, Heaven, Education Building Top Floor

Adult Education

9:30 AM, Heritage Hall, Elliot House *Spiritual Landscape Series*, April 7, 14, 21, and 28.

MORE FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Looking into the Lectionary, Thursdays, 10:00 AM, Zoom

Visit opmh.org to learn more.

WAYS TO GIVE

1. Place your offering in the offering plates.
2. Give online at opmh.org/give or snap the QR code at right.
3. Text *opmh* to 73256
4. Mail a check to 323 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314.



ABOUT OUR WORSHIP &

LEADERS

Duty Elder is Jeff Beans.

Duty Deacon is Paul Anderson.

Assistive listening devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.

We're Online!

Live worship: opmh.org/live

Recordings: opmh.org/videos

Our Staff Team:

Rev. James Sledge, Transitional Pastor
Rev. Katherine Stanford, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ann Herlin, Associate Pastor
Dr. Steven Seigart, Dir of Music and Organist
Mrs. Noelle Castin, Dir of Christian Education
Mrs. Mary Pratt Perry, Youth Director
Mr. Aaron Siirila, Business Administrator
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