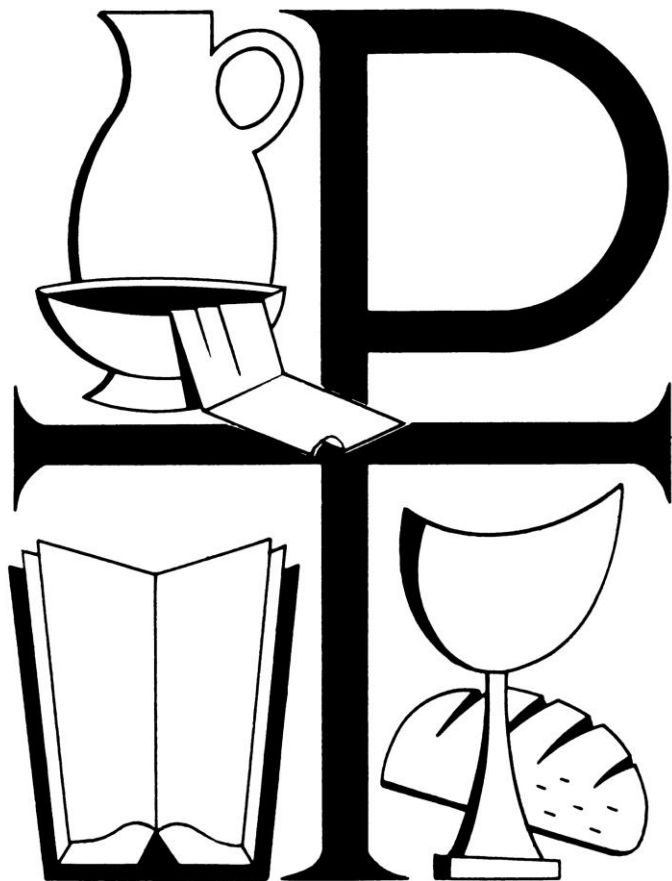


# First Presbyterian Church

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## Our Vision Statement

"To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God's love."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

April 27, 2025

## GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

**Prelude**

*Ride On, King Jesus*

arr. Anna Laura Page

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Opening Sentences**

**\*Doxology** - all to sing

No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise God in God's sanctuary!**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise God for God's mighty deeds! Praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Hallelujah!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*Opening Hymn**

["That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"](#)

**\*Call to Confession**

Leader: Christ Jesus comes among us with extended hands and a wide embrace, offering mercy and forgiveness and promising new life. Trusting in the one who has been raised from the dead, let us make our confession.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our

hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

*A Time of Silent Prayer*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of sin has been defeated. God's love is stronger still. This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

*World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)*

**Special Music**

*Ancient Words*

De Shazo/Shackley

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading**

[Psalm 150](#) (NRSV)

**Hymn** (seated)

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;*

*Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Children's Message**

*(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament Reading**

[John 20:19-31](#) (NRSV)

Sermon

***"My Lord God"***

*everything that breathes*

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer** ('debts' and debtors')

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn** "[Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#)"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

*(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)*

**\*Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

**Lectionary readings for May 4, 2025**

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19