

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:
By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) | Hymnal, pg. 15

EUCCHARIST

The Eucharist liturgy is included in the insert and on page 13 in the Hymnal.

SENDING

OFFERING AND CHORAL ANTHEM

“Worthy is the Lamb” (insert)

† DOXOLOGY (592)

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

“Thine is the Glory” | No. 122

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Where you see the †, please stand if you are able.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny
Liturgist | David Oates
Music Director | Mark Brooks
Trumpet | Jason Brown

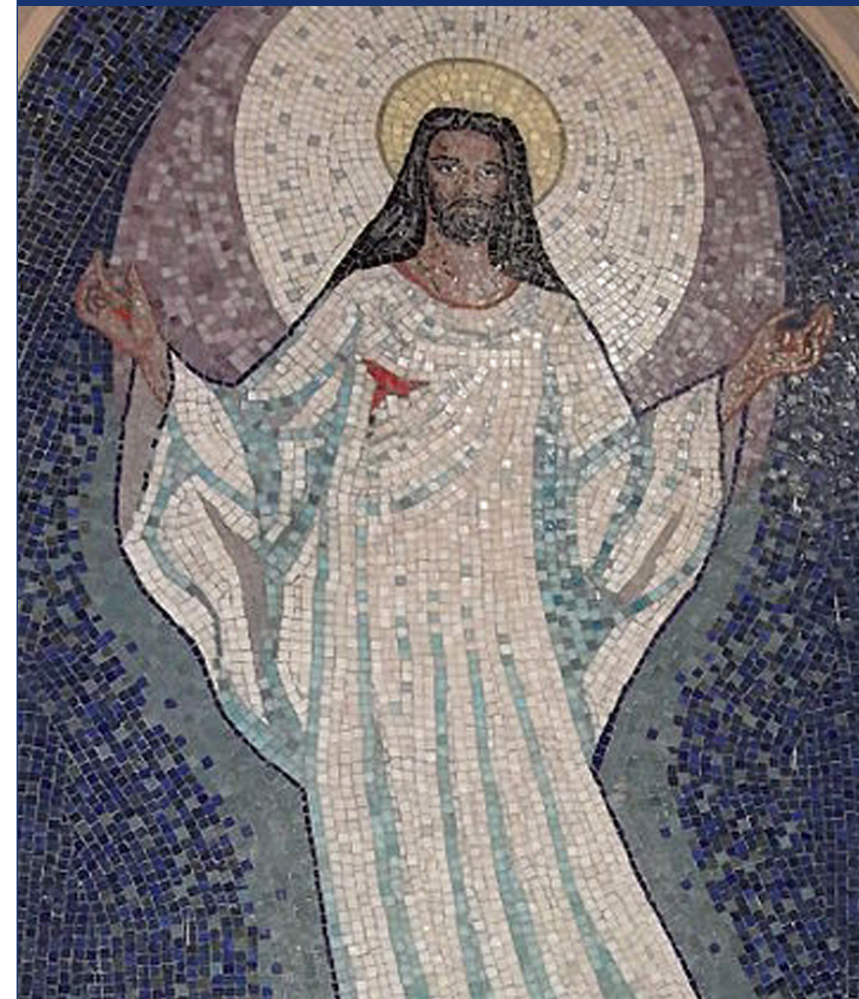
French Horn | Adam Rodgers
Piano | Cheryl Walker
Audio/Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste
Ushers | Debbie & Greg Gates

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Alton

Sunday Worship Bulletin
Easter Sunday April 5, 2026



CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Streets
618-465-3592
Office Hours Mon-Fri
9:00-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 Bible Study
Library

10:00 Worship
Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Soup's On
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00 am | *Library*

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm | *Music Room*

Saturday Café
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

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Easter Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. **Amen**

† OPENING HYMN AND CHORAL PROCESSION

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” | No. 123

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

ANTHEM OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah, Amen” (from “Judas Maccabaeus” by G.F. Handel)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 34-43 | *Pg. 129 (Pew Bible)*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118

No. 230 (Hymnal)

SECOND READING

Colossians 3: 1-4 | *Pg. 201 (Pew Bible)*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18 | *Pg. 114 (Pew Bible)*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

† HYMN OF REFLECTION

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” | No. 101