

Fairview Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2026 • Easter Sunday

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here, but has risen. Christ has risen!

He is risen indeed!

O death, where is your victory? Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Thanks be to God who gives us sure and certain hope.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

*HYMN#367 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (V-1-3)

OPENING PRAYER

Sally Campbell

Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!"

Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sally Campbell

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

ANTHEM

"Great Day Alive"

GOSPEL READING

John 20:10-18

SERMON

"Resurrection Morning"

Rev. Melissa Tidwell

We Respond to the Word

*HYMN#368

"He Lives"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

God has given us life, abundant life, life with purpose and hope. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY#817

"O Bless the Gifts"

Contemporary

**O bless the gifts our hands have brought,
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought,
The rest, O God is in Your hand. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the great nevertheless.

The Lord be with you **(and also with you)**

Lift up your hearts **(we lift them up to the Lord)**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **(it is right to give our thanks and praise).**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal, you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of the risen Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit, to tell the good news to the world. The Lord has risen indeed!

We Carry the Word into the World

*HYMN#357

"He Arose"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#367

(V-4)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Until we meet again, may the peace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you. Amen.