



# The People of First Presbyterian Church

## OUR GATHERING

The Prelude

*There Is a Fountain*

Arr. A. Giamanco

Opening Sentences and Prayer

*Blessed are you who have not seen and yet have come to believe. (John 20:29)*

Opening Hymn: #238

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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 graveclothes where thy body lay.

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

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

Confession and Pardon

**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 the 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. Amen.**

Prayer Response:

"We shall behold Him face to face in all of His glory,  
We shall behold our Savior and Lord."

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-31

Sermon

"Belief and Doubt"

Reverend B.J. Chain

Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## RESPONSE

Offering

Musical Offering:

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Arr. T. McKibben

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

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.**

## SENDING

Charge and Blessing

Sending Hymn:

*Because He Lives*

Gaither

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone!  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

**Please join in unison reading of the bold print**

## Session

B.J. Chain, Moderator  
Cathy Young, Clerk  
Class of 2020  
Bonnie Boyd-4  
Eric Waits-4  
Fran Brown-1  
Class of 2021  
Brad Beckham-3  
Dennis Harmon-2  
Don Whitman-4  
Cathy Young-1  
Class of 2022  
Tom Hatcher-2  
Hope Oakes-3  
Becky Owings-1  
Alan Smith-2  
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## Diaconate

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Gary Goodwin-4  
Lee Hackett-1  
Jo Shumake-1  
Class of 2021  
Collene Albright-3  
Patty Collins-2  
Taylor Richardson-2  
Class of 2022  
Harolyn Jones-2  
Elizabeth Lott-4  
Emma Richardson-3  
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