



# The Service for The Lord's Day

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
THE LORD'S SUPPER  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



April 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

### Welcome!

We especially welcome all *guests* and *visitors*. We are glad you are here!

### Worship

is "live-streamed" on our church's [YouTube Channel](#) which can be accessed by visiting our church website:

[www.fpc-belmont.org](http://www.fpc-belmont.org)

Or by scanning the QR code below.



### Joining the Church

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please speak to the Pastor or one of those assisting with Worship after the service.

### Publications

The *Harbinger* church newsletter, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* devotionals, and the *Joys & Concerns of the Church* pamphlet are available in the Gathering Area and the GRAB&GO Area by the front circle driveway at the Main Church entrance.

### Thank you

for muting mobile phones and refraining from taking any flash pictures during Worship.

### \* Asterisk \*

An asterisk indicates please stand as you are able.

Prelude *Voluntary on "Come Christians, Join to Sing"*

D. Lasky

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Call to Worship — Invocation

Pastor: O come, let us bow down and worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

People: **For the Lord is our God;  
we are the Lord's people,  
and the flock that God shepherds.**

All: **Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds!**

\*Hymn 150 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

- 1) *Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*
- 2) *Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!*
- 3) *Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the Body of Christ. Yet we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us hostage. Have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of Your promises to us in Baptism, so we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

\*Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

\*Welcome — \*Passing the Peace of Christ — Announcements  
**The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.**

# Volunteers Today

Safety Greeters  
**Off-Duty Police Officer**  
Allen Buchanan

Ushers  
8:30

Jan Leicht  
Michelle Sanders  
Billy Simmons  
Eleanor Tolley

11:00

Kathryn Eaker  
Trisha Gullede  
Thomas Hunter  
Travis Page  
Nick Roselle  
Sarah Stewart

Audio-Visual Team  
Lee Wooden

Acolytes  
Dean Roche (8:30)  
Everette Pressley (8:30)  
Ian Roche (8:30)

Ryleigh Kelly (11:00)  
Helen Stewart (11:00)  
Evie Tolleson (11:00)

Prayers of the People  
Pastor

Youth Reader  
Daniel Lane

Scripture Reader  
Kathryn Eaker

Music  
Sanctuary Choir  
David German, *Director*  
Pat Crowe, *Organ*  
Kailey Lawing, *Flute*

Carillon  
Kailey Lawing

## Sacrament of Baptism

Holland David Gay and Oliver Miller Gay

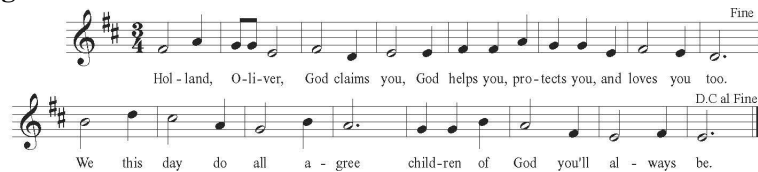
Children come forward as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*. Afterward, children return to their seats with family.

Greeting *Sam Warner*  
Presentation *Lee Stewart*  
Questions of the Parents *Sam Warner*  
Questions of the Children *Coulter Marshall*  
Questions of the People *Sue Johnson*

Do we and will we? **We do and we will.**

Baptismal Prayer *Sam Warner*

**Holy God, thank You for giving us gracious promises concerning our children, for calling them to Yourself, and for marking them with this sacrament as a pledge of Your faithful love. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, and set it apart from a common purpose to a sacred use. Remind us of the promises given in our own Baptism, and renew our trust in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Presentation of Certificate and Baptismal Candle

Minute for Mission *FPC Sewing Group* Kathleen Boyce

Offertory *Psalm 86* Carl Nygard

*Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my prayer when I cry from the lowly place.*

*In your mercy, Lord, let me stay. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray.*

*Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry. Hear my words when I call from the lowly place.*

*I will pray, O Lord, lest I die. Hear my voice, O lord, when I cry.*

*From the grave's descent You have taken me, when the men of the world have forsaken me.*

*In my day of need and my time of grief, hear the prayer for my body and soul's relief.*

*In the morning, Lord, I will sing with a song that will rise from the holy place,*

*And my praises, Lord, it will bring. In the morning, Lord, I will sing. Alleluia, Amen.*

\*The Doxology *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: We remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said  
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us pray together:

**All: We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is Yours alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Unison Prayer for Illumination. Let us pray.

**People: Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Unison Reading *Psalm 23*

Leader: Our Unison Reading is *Psalm 23*, found in the Old Testament section of your pew Bible on page 501, in the large print pew Bible on p. 617, and on the page 3 of the 8:30 Worship *Bulletin*. Join with me.

Scripture Reading *John 21:1-14; John 21:15-19*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "A Second Chance" *Sam Warner*

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of Officers Lee Stewart
Office of Elder Terri Forsyth, Trisha Gerould
Office of Deacon Augusta Smith

\*Prayer and Laying On of Hands Sam Warner

\*Declaration of Installation Sam Warner

\*Hymn 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Else (verses 1 & 2) SOLID ROCK

1) My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

2) When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table — Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Leader: It is truly right ... who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: You are holy.... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Leader: Gracious God ... and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Words of Institution — Communion

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.

\*Hymn 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Else (verses 3 & 4) SOLID ROCK

3) His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

4) When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain

\*Benediction — Postlude — Carillon Voluntary

This Week

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Baptism
Ordination & Installation

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Session
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Girl's Choir
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
6:30 p.m. High School Youth

Monday, April 22

Weekday School & Preschool

- 11:00 a.m. Yoga for Parkinson's
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m. Adult Ministry
Boy Scout Troop 62
Cub Scout Pack 62

Tuesday, April 23

Weekday School & Preschool

- 9:15 a.m. WDS Gymnastics
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:45 p.m. Rice N Beans

Wednesday, April 24

Weekday School & Preschool

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Preschool Chapel
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. FPC Sewing Group
12:30 p.m. Rotary of Belmont
3:15 p.m. School Age Chapel
4:15 p.m. Children's Choir
5:00 p.m. WOW
5:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper
6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells
6:30 p.m. Women with Faith
Audio/Visual
Informational Meeting
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
7:30 p.m. High School Study

Thursday, April 25

Weekday School & Preschool

- 9:00 a.m. WDS Dance
11:00 a.m. Worship Staff
3:00 p.m. WDS Gymnastics
5:00 p.m. Community Bible Study (Leadership)
6:30 p.m. Community Bible Study
Stewardship & Finance
7:00 p.m. Ala-Teen (Scout Hut)

Friday, April 26

Weekday School & Preschool

Saturday, April 27

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Goodman Family
Birthday Party

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Session Meeting

*Today*

## ELDERS

Mark Paschall  
*Clerk of Session*  
Lee Stewart  
*Assistant Clerk*

### Class of 2024

Karen Coffey  
Dave Comstock  
Keith Gogel  
Laurie Maulsby  
Carrie Minnich  
Don Rogers  
Charles Sellers

### Class of 2025

Ashley Bruce  
Scott Burnett  
Bill Carstarphen  
Ann Davis  
Ted McGavran  
Deborah Walker  
Paula Wallace

### Class of 2026

Travis Cromlish  
Terri Forsyth  
Trisha Gerould  
Lynn Jenkins  
John McGill  
Anouk Taylor  
Margaret Wilkins

## DEACONS

### Class of 2024

Allen Buchanan  
Kevin Cline  
Kathryn Eaker, *Chair*  
Josh Monza  
Travis Page  
Megan Rhoden  
Eleanor Tolley

### Class of 2025

Thomas Hunter  
Bow Lee  
Jan Leicht  
Nicholas Roselle  
Billy Simmons  
Sarah Stewart  
Selina Stowe, *Vice-Chair*

### Class of 2026

John Devine  
Summer Faulk  
Trisha Gullede  
Will Kieffer  
Augusta Smith  
Chris Tolleson  
Amy VanderMeer

**Welcome All!** Please take a moment following the *Passing the Peace of Christ* and sign the Friendship Register near the aisle of each pew. We are glad you are here!

**Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.** The color is White through *Eastertide* (March 31 to May 19) until *The Day of Pentecost* (May 28) when the liturgical color becomes Red.

**Today we ordain and install** new officers for service on the *Session* and *Board of Deacons*. We also express thanks to those officers completing their terms of service: *Patricia Burke, Christiana Decker, Smitty Hanks, Sue Johnson, Angie Lee, Chuck Moore* and *Jeff Rhyne* in the Class of 2023 as Elders; and *Misty Amos, Roger Bruce, Abby Dawe, John Henriksen, Rich Jarman, Michelle Sanders* and *Meg Spivey* in the Class of 2023 as Deacons.

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called by the Session on Sunday, May 5 during Worship (8:30 & 11:00) following the Announcements to elect 1 woman and 1 man to the *2024 Nominating Committee*.

**Visitor-Inquirer-New Member Class** for those interested in learning more about our church meets the first Sunday of each month in the Gathering Area at 9:45 a.m.

**Infant & Toddler Nursery** with Childcare Staff is offered each Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room *EB 116*.

**Children's Sunday School** for *Preschoolers* through *5<sup>th</sup> Graders* meets in the *Library* at 9:45 a.m. and following *The Lord's Prayer* during Worship (8:30 and 11:00).

**Middle School Youth Sunday School** for *6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade* students meets in *Multipurpose Room E* at 9:45 a.m.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class** meets at 9:45 a.m. in *Multipurpose Room C*.

**High School Youth Sunday School** meets at 9:45 a.m. in *Room EB 105*.

**Adult Sunday School Classes** meet at 9:45 a.m. in the *Conference Room* (Feasting on the Word) and in the *Chapel* (Life-Applications).

**Middle School Youth** meets this evening (5:00-6:00).

**High School Youth** meets this evening (6:30-7:30).

*Wednesday*

**Men's Midweek Fellowship** meets at 7:15 a.m. in the *Library* and through *Zoom* and begins a study of *George Barna's* book, *Think Like Jesus*. All are welcome.

**Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the *Multipurpose Room*.

**FPC Sewing Group** meets 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the *Fellowship Hall*.

**WOW (Worship On Wednesdays)** for *Kindergarten* through *5th Graders* meets at 5:00 p.m. preceded by Children's Choir at 4:15 p.m.

**Family Night Supper Menu:** *Creamy Chicken Enchiladas, Southwest Salad with Cilantro Lime Dressing, Chips & Salsa and Pound Cake with Fresh Strawberries and Whipped Cream for dessert, Tea & Water.* Register on **Realm** or our website ([www.fpc-belmont.org](http://www.fpc-belmont.org)) by Wednesday at Noon.

**Handbell Choir & Adult Choir** meets at 6:15 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m., respectively.

**Women with Faith** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the *Parlor* at 6:30 p.m.

*Announcements and Upcoming Events*

**Evening Prayer** in the *Sanctuary* meets every Monday at 6 p.m.

**Men's Breakfast** meets every Saturday morning in the *Fellowship Hall* at 7:30 a.m.

**Youth Adventure Day** for ALL youth at Camp Grier is Saturday, May 4. Register on **Realm** by April 26.

### *Ministry and Program Staff*

The Rev. Samuel P. Warner, *Pastor*  
The Rev. Daria L. Ragan, *Associate Pastor*  
David German, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Pat Graham Crowe, *Organist*  
Robin Russell, *Director of Christian Education*  
Lee Wooden, *Youth Ministry Director*  
Allie Kleinheinz, *Christian Education Assistant*  
Jacob Johnson, *Christian Education Assistant*  
Tina Walker, *Weekday School Director*  
Kathy Goodman, *Weekday School Assistant Director*



### *Administrative and Support Staff*

Sherri Smith, *Church Administrator*  
Cathy Pennington, *Financial Administrator*  
Jessica White, *Communications Director*  
Ken Dole, *Building Superintendent*  
Paul Funkhouser, *Assistant Building Superintendent*  
Joyce Hester, *Weekday School & Church Housekeeping*  
Latissee Brown, *Weekday School Cook*  
Jennifer Davis, *Family Night Supper Coordinator*  
Mary McFarland, *Carillonneur*

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