



He is not here,
FOR HE IS
RISEN

Welcome

TO OUR GUESTS

We want to welcome you today! More information about our church is available on our website at fpcmacon.org.

SPIRITUAL CARE

If you would like to speak to someone about what it means to know Jesus Christ or you have any spiritual need or question, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

CHILDREN'S CHECK-IN

We are committed to the highest level of protection possible for the children placed in our care on Sundays and at all church events. For this reason, we require parents of nursery-aged children to check in their children before they go to the nursery. Check in is available at the terminals in the Brickyard or at the desk in the nursery. The process is quick and easy and volunteers are available to help. Visiting parents of children ages 4K through sixth grade may check in at the Cornerstone desk with any of our Children's Ministry staff or volunteers.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

We offer a specifically designed program for children in pre-k through first grade during the morning services. Leaders will escort the children from the sanctuary to their classroom before the Hymn of Preparation. Parents are welcome to accompany them to observe where to pick up their children following the service. Parents of children in pre-k through first grade are asked to pick up their children following Sunday School or the 11:15 AM worship service.

NURSERY

Nurseries are provided for infants and toddlers during the worship services and Sunday School. We provide a mother/infant room located in the nursery with a live video feed of the service, as well as a "cry room" downstairs from the sanctuary for parents of "fussy" children with an audio feed. Ushers are available to direct you.

FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of our Lord's resurrection and His gift of eternal life by the Women in the Church.

The lilies in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean Lawhon, Ester Lawhon, and James D. Lawhon by members of the family.

Corporate Worship

April 1, 2018

We welcome you to our worship service today. It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will find your worship experience to be encouraging, challenging, invigorating, and renewing you in the knowledge of God and the wonderful hope that we have through the Gospel of Christ.

Most of all, we hope that God will be glorified by the worship we render to him.

HYMN - *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
Amen.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,
and he shall reign forever and ever.”

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.”

- Revelation 5:9-10, 11:15, and 19:6-7

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

ANTHEM

Hallelujah from Messiah G.F. Handel
(You may remain seated.)

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ:
And he shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah!

HYMN - *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

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!

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!

Come praise the risen Lamb, Alleluia! Amen!
He died to ransom man. Alleluia! Amen!
On that triumphant day he took our sins away!
Death could not bid him stay. Alleluia! Amen

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!

****Seating Interlude****

SCRIPTURE READING

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith - that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

- Philippians 3:7-11

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #45

“How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?”

By his resurrection, Christ has overcome death,
so that he might make us share in the righteousness
he obtained for us by his death,
and by his power we too are already raised to a new life.
Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff



O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, great - est trea-sure of my long-ing soul,
O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, strong de - fend-er of my wea - ry heart,
O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, gra - cious Sa - vior of my ru - ined life,



my God, like You there is no oth - er; true de-light is found in You a-lone.
my sword to fight the cruel de-ceiv-er and my shield a-gainst his hate-ful darts,
my guilt and cross laid on Your shoul-ders, in my place You suf-fered, bled, and died.



Your grace, a well too deep to fath - om, Your love ex-ceeds the heav-ens' reach;
my song when en - e-mies sur - round me, my hope when tides of sor-row rise,

*You rose, the grave and death are con-quer-ed. You broke my bonds of sin and shame.



Your truth, a fount of per-fect wis-dom, my high-est good, and my un-end-ing need.
my joy when tri - als are a-bound-ing, Your faith-ful-ness, my ref-uge in the night.
O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, may all my days bring glo-ry to Your Name.*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

(During the offering, please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it down.)

I Am Not My Own..... Craig Courtney

*I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, or even death.*

*I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I am not my own.*

*I am not my own, I am not my own,
not in body, not in soul, in life, or even death.*

*I am not my own, I am not my own.
His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free.
I am not my own.*

*For my salvation all things work together,
in eternal life He gives me hope.
By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.*

*I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort.
I belong to Him. I will live for Him. Forever and ever,
Forevermore.*

We encourage any children second grade and above to continue in corporate worship if the parent wishes. All others will leave through the left for Bible Lesson in Cornerstone.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

We Believe

Getty and Townend



We be-lieve in one true God: Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;

One Church, one faith, one Lord of all; His King - dom come.

We be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, Al - might - y Lord of Life;
We be-lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, was beat - en, cru - ci - fied;
We be-lieve in God the Spi - rit, one Church em - pow - ered by Him;

Cre - a - tor of the hea - vens, the earth, the sea, the sky.
He died and He was bur - ied, en - tombed in dark - est night.
Com - mun - ion of God's peo - ple, for - give - ness of our sin.

And we be - lieve in Je - sus, the on - ly Son of God;
The third day rose vic - to - rious, as - cend - ed in - to heav'n;
Our bo - dies re - sur - rect - ed to ev - er - last - ing life;

born of the vir - gin Ma - ry, Who lived as one of us.
will one day come to judge us, the liv - ing and the dead.
to wor - ship, love, and won - der be - fore the throne of Christ.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Apostles' 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 arose 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.

ANTHEM

We Believe Chris Anderson/Dan Forrest

*We believe in God Supreme,
Ever present, never seen;
God Most High, who reigns above;
Father nigh, whose name is Love.
We whose prayers to God ascend
Praise creation's Source and End.*

*We rejoice in Jesus Christ -
God's own Son, our Sacrifice;
Very God, yet virgin born;
Sinless, yet for sinners torn.
We whom Jesus died to win
Know He lives to come again.*

*We adore the Spirit free -
Author of our unity.
Giver of the sacred Word,
Wellspring of the second birth.
We whom He indwells and fills
Yield our hearts and minds and wills.*

*We, the Church, affirm our faith
In the Triune God of grace;
Kingdoms fall and ages change;
Faithful, changeless, God remains!
One in Christ, we lift one voice!
We believe, and we rejoice!*

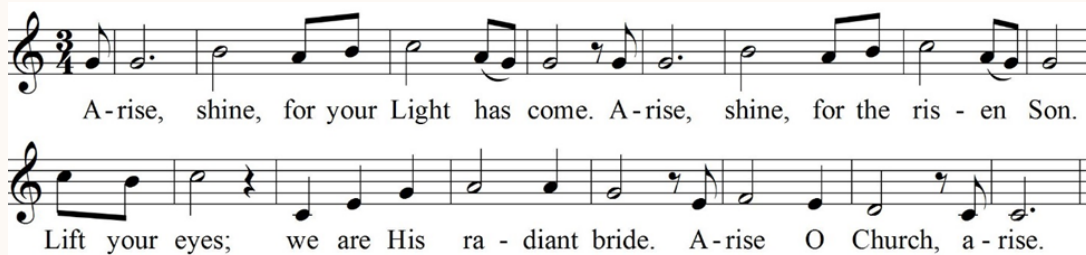
PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD - Chip Miller

The Nature of Faith - John 20:19-31

HYMN OF RESPONSE - *O Church Arise*

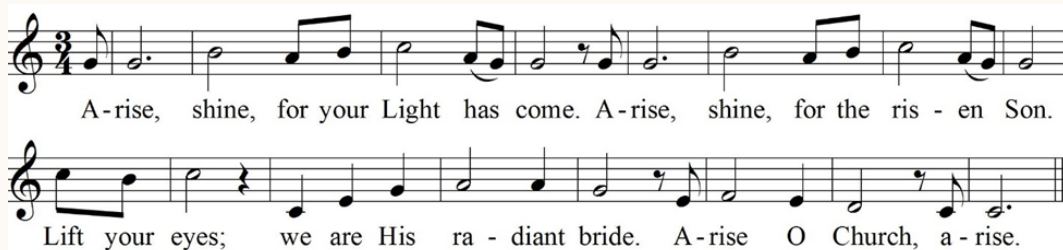
O church, arise, and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies.
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died: an inheritance of nations.



Come, see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride; give grace for every hurdle.
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old, still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.



(Repeat Chorus)

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 10:15-11:00 AM

Class

Grad 'N Career
Providence
Logos
Immanuel
Connections
Shepherds
Trinity
Covenant
Canterbury
Ladies

Location

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