

## To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning and we invite you to join us in fellowship in the parlor following the service, where coffee and cookies are served. Come and get to know our members and begin to learn more about us.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the Worship service, however an unstaffed nursery is available for parents and children who might need a little break. *(Please send children to the nursery only when attended by an adult.)* Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

## Announcements

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** next Sunday, **April 12**, immediately following the worship service, for the purposes of dissolving the terms of call for Pastor Kuhn, and voting on granting Pastor Kuhn the title of Pastor Emeritus for First Presbyterian.

## Minute for Missions

**Facebook Outreach:** If you have e-mail, do you have a FACEBOOK account? If so, find us at First Presbyterian Church EPC, Casper, WY, if you haven't already, and be our friend. We have 160 friends; let's see how soon we can reach 200! You can help Evangelism with outreach goals by clicking "like" on FPC's FB posts! When you do, your friends see that you like what's going on at Casper First! You can also invite friends who might be looking for a church home to "like" Casper First. If you aren't on Facebook, it's easy! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and follow their guidelines...the 2 most important steps are remembering your password and creating privacy settings. If you need help, ask your closest teenager! You'll be able to keep up with Casper First events, pictures, sermons, and informative articles.

**Presbytery Needs:** Bev Reese will be catering our Friday, May 1, lunch and dinner meals. She has asked **for volunteers to make pies** for the Friday night meal. Anyone willing to make a pie (or pies!) please contact Bev. Watch this space for more needs as they arise.

## Prayer Concerns

✠ For Matt Martin, Johnny Ussery, Justen Christensen, Bobbie Waldram, Sue Robertson, Carol Palomo, Jan Capps, Heather Milliken, Marielle Bondurant, Margarete Krans, Joanna Volker, Barbara Scifers, Jo Moreland, Janis Hall, Anna Michenzi, Barb Matthews, June Ann McDaniel, Kathryn Clark, Dusty Pope, Fern Olsen, Henry Groenenberg, Isaiah Vreeman and the entire Vreeman family

✠ For our country, the President, Cabinet, government officials, and staff; for our Congressional Delegation: Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, Representative Cynthia Lummis; for Judge Brian D. Christensen

✠ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions

✠ For the Presbytery of Wyoming; the EPC Presbytery of the West; our Elders and Deacons; Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church (EPC), Lingle; Kenya's Chogoria South Presbytery, the four churches of the Kamwangu Nendini, and Pastor Mackylas; Ali Arhab, Channel North Africa's outreach to new Christians and to Muslims; our EPC missionaries and their families

✠ For the upcoming EPC Presbytery of the West meeting, prayers for the many preparations that are taking place and travel mercies for those who will be traveling to attend the meetings

✠ For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan; for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria, Jordan, Egypt and elsewhere

**Please update the office about those you have added to these Prayer Concerns**

## Upcoming Events for the week of April 6-12

**Monday**  
2:00 Parish Life

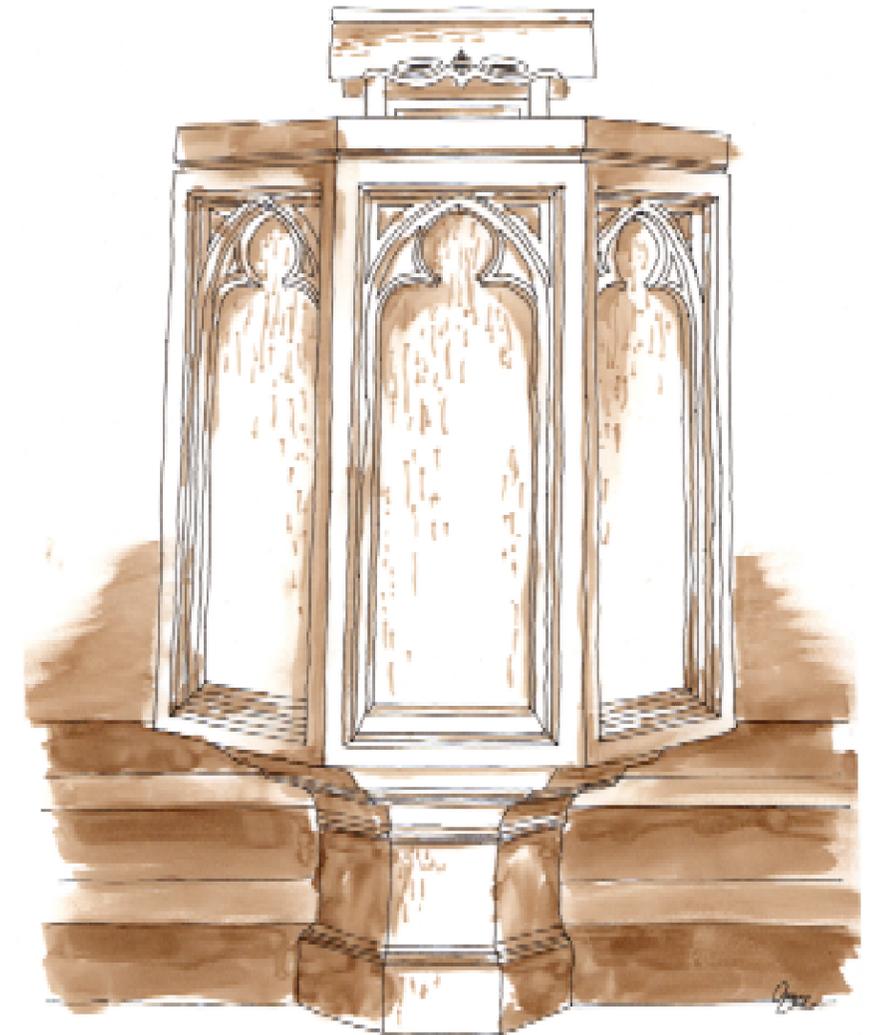
**Wednesday**  
9:30 A.M. Bible Study  
7:00 P.M. Choir  
8:00 P.M. Bells

**Tuesday**  
4:15 P.M., 6:15 P.M.  
Companions in Christ

**Sunday**  
9:15 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
12:00 P.M. Congregational Meeting  
12:30 P.M. Christian Growth

# First Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2015



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# Order for the Worship of God

## April 5, 2015

### Easter Sunday

#### Communion

**Prelude** *A Prelude for Easter Morning* Gerald Near  
 [To enhance your worship experience, you are encouraged to prayerfully read today's New Testament text (John 20:1-18) while the prelude plays.]

**Easter Salutation:**  
 Leader: Christ is risen!  
**People: He is risen indeed!**

**\*Introit**



1. All: Now let the vault of heav'n re - sound In  
 2. All: E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, Where -  
 3. Choir: O fill us Lord with daunt - less love; Set  
 4. All: A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that doth a - bound, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -  
 fore our hearts with rap - ture sings, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Je - sus  
*heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer through thy*  
 with the heav'n - ly bles - sed sing: "Christ hath tri - umphed, Al - le -



lu - ia!" Sing choirs of an - gels, loud and clear, Re -  
 liv - eth!" Now doth he come and give us life, Now  
*tri - umph. Grant grace suf - ficient for life's day That*  
 lu - ia!" Be to the Fath - er and our Lord, To



peat, their song of glo - ry, here, "Christ hath tri - umphed, Christ hath  
 drowth his pre - sence still all strife Through his tri - umph, through his  
*by our life we ev - er say. "Christ hath tri - umphed, Christ hath*  
 Spi - rit blest, most ho - ly God, Thine the glo - ry ev - er -



tri - umphed, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"  
 tri - umph, Je - sus reign - eth, Je - sus reign - eth, Al - le - lu - ia!"  
*tri - umphed, and he liv - eth, and he liv - eth, Al - le lu - ia!"*  
 last - ing! Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!"

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively) Psalm 100  
 Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!  
**People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**  
 Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!  
**People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #277

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

O Lord our God, whose salvation is made known to humankind and whose righteousness is revealed in the sight of the nations; have mercy upon us poor sinners. We confess that we give in to our doubts and fears. We thank You that in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection You have redeemed us and set us free from bondage to sin and death. We confess that we fail to appreciate the wonder of it all, taking for granted Your most astounding works, even Christ's coming again to life from death. Help us to know the depth and breadth of our sin and iniquity, and the cost of our redemption. Grant us to be truly grateful. For we ask it in the powerful name of Jesus.

~ (Silent Prayer) ~ Amen

**Assurance of Pardon** (responsively)

Leader: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

**All: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."  
 Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri** #735

**Anthem** *Christ Is Risen* Jan Sanborn

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Text** Isaiah 25:6-9  
 Pew Bible [Blue] p. 586, [Red] p. 745

**New Testament Text** John 20:1-18  
 Pew Bible [Blue] p. 906, [Red] p. 1153

**Sermon** *The Veil of Sorrow Has Been Lifted!*  
 Guest Pastor Nathan Johnson

**\*Hymn** *Alleluia! Alleluia!* #283

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving  
 For the Creation  
 For the Incarnation  
 For the Passion  
 For the Resurrection  
 For the Gift of the Spirit  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 The Words of Institution  
 The Giving of the Bread and Wine  
 Bell Choir *Blessing* Susan Berns  
*Now the Silence* arr. Susan Geschke

**Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory** *This Joyful Eastertide* Arr. Michael Burkhardt

**\*Doxology** #731

**\*Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* #263

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Toccatina on EASTER HYMN* Van Denman Thompson

**\*Please stand if you are able**

### Participants in Today's Service

Guest Pastor	Nathan Johnson
Liturgist	Brad Ward
Head Usher	Jane Drake
Greeter	MH Hennagin
Communion Servers	Mike Fankhauser, Heidi Walker, Brad Christensen, Bev Reese
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Beverly McAmis Reese
Trumpet	Jay Thomas

### Information

- ✚ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...
  - ✓ If you or a member of your family would like a visit while recuperating in the hospital or at home.
  - ✓ If you would like your name added to the Prayer Band.
  - ✓ If you would like your name in the Sunday Bulletin for prayer.
- ✚ The Session is asking for a per capita payment of \$48.00 for 2015 (above and beyond your pledge).