

## Third Presbyterian Church

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*"In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing."*

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call-to-Worship: 470 "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts" (refrain only)

Scriptural Call-to-Worship: Lord, You alone are my portion and my cup; You make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord who counsels me; even at night He instructs me." (Ps 16:5-7)

\* Hymn of Praise: 269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

\*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

\*The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Psalm 111

Praise for God's Wonderful Works

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.<sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is his work and his righteousness endures forever.<sup>4</sup> He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.<sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Hymn: 817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Sermon Reading: John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when

they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue<sup>[a]</sup> to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: "Benefit of a Doubt"

\*Hymn: 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

\*Benediction:

\*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.

\*As you are able, please stand.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Welcome to Third Presbyterian Church!* As a church family, we have a clear vision of what God wants us to be: "In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing." God-honoring worship is our spiritual priority and serving people in our spiritual heritage.

If you are visiting, please complete the guest information card, located in the front of your pew and hand it to the pastor or put in the offering plate.

- Please place your financial gifts in the offering plates up front. Offerings are counted after the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.
- For members of the Session, there will be a Zoom Meeting, Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2026. The time is to be determined.
- The next Wednesday Share Life Bible Study will meet Wednesday, May 6 @ 10:30 am at Morningstar Presbyterian Church with Rev. Jay Weigel leading our discussion.
- We thank Dr. Jeff Paschal for delivering our message this morning.