

Welcome

Prelude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*  
*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and see the love God has given us.

**People: We are blessed by a God who comes to us and gives us what we need.**

Leader: Come and believe even what we cannot see.

**People: We receive the breath of life, and we rise to new life in Christ.**

Opening Hymn\* *The Day of Resurrection, Red Hymnal #226*

Prayer of Confession\* (Unison)

**Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad, with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us because, like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe; forgive us that, although we claim to live by the resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that suffering is simply a tragedy and that death is the end; forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Reflection\*

Assurance of Pardon\*

Gloria Patri\* *Glory Be to the Father, Red Hymnal #623*

Children's Time

Scripture *Luke 24:36-49 & John 20:19-31, Page 1644 & 1686*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Chancel Choir Anthem *The Hope of the Cross*

Sermon *The Evening of Easter, Rev. Kimby Young*

Profession of Faith\* *The Apostle's Creed, Red Hymnal, inside back cover*  
**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 rose 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**

Hymn\* *Alleluia! Alleluia, Red Hymnal #215*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offertory Meditation *How Firm a Foundation*

Doxology\*

Prayer of Dedication\*

Closing Hymn\* *Breathe on Me, Breath of God, Red Hymnal #259*

Benediction\*

Postlude

\*Those who are comfortably able will please stand.

*Rev. Kimby Young, Pastor; Poppy Zurcher, Worship Assistant  
Chancel Choir; Dean Faulk, Music Ministries  
Robyn Forkner, Pianist; Harlan Plunkett, Organist  
Mike McGuire and Brad Cornell, Slide Production; Kim Liu, Sound*

Childcare is always available in the nursery (off the hall to the west of the sanctuary). Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary through the whole service, or to leave at any time. Allison Perry is our primary childcare attendant.

Worship Bags for Children are available outside the north door to the sanctuary. Choose books, crayons, pencils, Legos, stuffed toys and other items to fill your bag to use during worship.

Offering Plates are at the entrance of each aisle for your contributions to the work of the church.

Fair Trade Products for Sale on Sundays Coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts, olive oil, dried fruit, baking products, and a few other items are for sale each Sunday at church.

Gardner Multi Service Center collection is ongoing every week and is always in need of any non-perishable food. Bring something every week or once a month.

Remember, Each One, Bring One is collecting food in basket in the narthex for Hope Market.

Harvesters Food Distribution is always seeking volunteers. Every 2nd and 3rd Saturday at Trade Net Parking lot. Volunteers may sign up for different shifts between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The days and hours have changed this spring.

Joy Closet – Our mission center thrift store provides free clothing to a variety of needs. Our church provides all volunteers on the fourth Saturday of each month.

A "Suggestion Box" is outside the office for ideas, comments, questions and thoughts. Contents will be reviewed at session meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month.

YABS – Young Adult Bible Study 18-25 yrs Sundays 3:00 p.m. Join us. Invite a friend. [Youngadultbiblestudy47@gmail.com](mailto:Youngadultbiblestudy47@gmail.com).

Three weeks of combined services at 10:00 a.m. May 24, May 31 and June 7

Volunteer Help Wanted - Video Processing of Worship Services - contact pastor Kimby.

Mission Pillar Hygiene Kits Packing Party at Heart to Heart International - Saturday June 27. To contribute, mark your donations "Mission Kits."



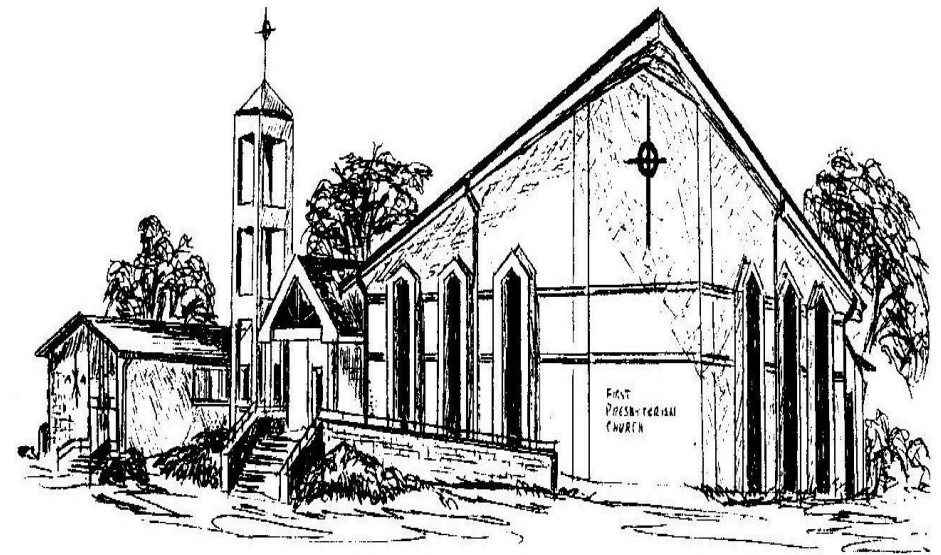
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# *First Presbyterian Church*

*In the heart of Gardner since 1866 ~ Serving from the heart of God*

*Sunday, April 26, 2026*

*8:45 AM*



*Welcome - Thank you for joining us for worship today. Please fill out a visitor information card found in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate so that we may follow up with you in the future. Your presence with us today has been a blessing to us, we hope that you have felt the presence of God and the welcome of this congregation.*