

## THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

The resurrection of Jesus is, for Christians, the heart of history; the flashpoint from which everything is reordered. It is the beginning of the new thing that God is up to, defeating death and initiating the new Creation, which God will bring to full fruition in God's own time. The season of Eastertide lasts 50 days because the importance of the resurrection is too vast to be contained within one day.

## Announcements

### Youth Sunday, April 18

Our youth will lead worship on April 18. We hope you will plan to join us either in-person or through our live stream for this meaningful and special hour of worship.

### Giving Options

FBC has several ways for you to keep up with your giving schedule.

You can mail your offering to the church: First Baptist Church, 200 E Parkway N., Memphis, TN 38112.

You can donate online via our website: [www.fbcmemphis.org/giving](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/giving)

Or, you can email Lisa Butts to learn how to set up automatic recurring offering withdrawals set up from either your bank account or credit card. Recurring payments can be set up weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. This system gives you several options for setting up your gifts to FBC, and the best part is that with automatic withdrawal, there is no more worry with remembering to write the check or submit the payment through your bank or credit card.

For more information about any of the available giving options, contact Lisa via her email [lbutts@fbcmemphis.org](mailto:lbutts@fbcmemphis.org). She'll explain the process and help you get started.

## A WORD ABOUT FBC

First Baptist Memphis is a Midtown congregation that seeks to follow Christ by practicing hospitality, community, dialogue, and service.

- We value diversity in our membership and believe it enriches our journey and ministry.
- We strive to be a family of faith where all can belong.
- We value the voice of every child of God and strive to hear the voice of God in one another.
- What we do inside our walls prepares us to share God's love across the street and around the world.

The Radio Bible Class (10:30 am) and this service (11:00 am) are broadcast live on radio stations ESPN 680 AM, and ESPN 92.9 FM.

The service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page, and is available in recorded form on Facebook and our YouTube channel, as well as the church's website ([www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/online-worship)).

Sermons and worship services are available online at [www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons](http://www.fbcmemphis.org/sermons).



*Empty Tomb* by Anneli

## FBC in Prayer

### Current Concerns

Ginger Bethany  
Valerie Brenner  
Nancy Burch  
Brant Butler  
Chatham Family  
Anita Cobb  
Nancy Cooper  
Ken Haywood  
Linda Haywood  
Ken Miller  
Robin Miller

## Easter

**April 4, 2021**

*He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

—Acts 10:41

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Easter

### PREPARATION

Welcome Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Because He Lives* William Gaither  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

### ADORATION

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed.

Invocation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Hymn of Praise *Easter Fantasy* Clarence Kholmman  
Aaron Foster, *organist* & David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Confession Edens Richardson

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life.

Let us repent of our sins before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing, all-powerful God,  
we confess that, even on this most holy of days,  
we are unable to believe fully in the victory over death  
shown to us in the resurrection of Christ, our Lord.

We confess our utter dependence on you, not only for life,  
but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to your disciples,  
the women and men who followed you,  
and your stunning presence throughout the ages ever since,  
we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us,  
that in every way our work and prayer will help make whole  
what is broken in our world, and give peace on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Edens Richardson

By the grace of God and the witness of the saints,  
the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

You shall not die, but live.

The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song.

We declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
one God, who lives and reigns over all, now and forevermore.

### PROCLAMATION

Children's Sermon Holly Hatton

Epistle Reading Clay and Anna Wilson

*Acts 10:34-43*

Choral Worship *Easter Faith* Ken Corr & Ray Hatton  
Ensemble

*The morning dawned in deepest dark, the darkness of despair and grief. Hope had died upon a cross, treated like a common thief. The morning light brought chores to do, the loving task not complete. Mourners came to give Him care, spices placed from head to feet. The borrowed tomb seemed strangely still, the heavy stone was rolled away. Soldiers stood in disbelief; angels sat where once He lay. The women looked inside the tomb, the sight took all their breath away. Thoughts emerged beyond belief. Darkness died on Easter Day. The Son of Man had taken flight, the first of those who fall asleep. Hope had triumphed after all, giving joy to all who weep. Now we sing of endless bliss, a joyful song of sweet refrain. Life has conquered over death. Easter faith is ours to claim! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message

Rev. Dr. Randy Hyde

*We Are Witnesses*

### RESPONSE

Reminder of Giving Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Meditation *Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach  
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH  
Aaron Foster, *organist*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People Mark Smith

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Word of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde  
(If you are called to make a Decision of Faith or have questions about church membership, please speak with Rev. Hyde following worship.)

Benediction Rev. Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Postlude *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Michael Thomas  
Aaron Foster, *organist*

***Per the Shelby County Health directive, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times in the building. Please do not linger to chat, but exit the building at the conclusion of worship. Thank you.***

Today's worship participants are Edens Richardson, a member of the Youth group and a member of the Missions committee; Clay Wilson, a deacon and a member of the Sanctuary Choir; Anna Wilson, a member of the Children's SS department; and Mark Smith, a member of the Finance committee and a member of the First Friends SS class.