

April 5, 2026

First Presbyterian Church Oakland

Making God's Welcome Known



Women Arriving at the Tomb
by He Qi

WELCOME

Visitors:

- If you would like to join our email list, please fill out the form at firstchurchoakland.org.
- Need help hearing? Ushers can provide **hearing devices** to assist you.
- Please feel free to take the Sanctuary flowers home to enjoy after the service.

Visiting Parents:

- Ushers can guide you to the **nursery** for certified childcare for children three and under.
- You may also use the **Parent Corners** in the back and front right corner of the sanctuary.
- Children's **worship bags** are available in the narthex or from the ushers.
- On the first Sunday of the month we celebrate **Family Worship & Communion**. On all other Sundays, children may join in **Godly Play**. Children are escorted to Classroom 2 during the *Passing of the Peace* and rejoin their families during Fellowship Time.

ORDER of SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland is a *More Light* faith family,
on a journey toward becoming the *Beloved Community*.

We welcome and affirm persons of every age,
national origin, racial and ethnic heritage, gender identity, sexual orientation,
socio-economic status, physical ability and spiritual leaning.

INVITATION to WORSHIP

Prelude

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: This very day, God has acted.

All: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

One: We know the message that God sends to all people.

All: God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ, is available to all through the Lord of life.

One: The one who lived among us,

All: doing good and healing all,

One: was crucified, dead and buried.

All: But God raised him on the third day.

One: This very day, God has acted.

All: Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

Gathering Prayer

One: God of mystery and might, on a dawn shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. Take us back to that moment, when fear was healed by hope and death was banished by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may we sing our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen today!

All: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit to join in singing.

Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Glory to God #232

CONFESSION of SIN and ASSURANCE of GRACE

Confession

One: Risen Jesus, how we long to proclaim the good news we have received—you are risen, the tomb is empty, and you are present with your friends. Remind us not to look for you in places where we lost you—our grief, our failure, the death all around us. For you have been raised. You are not trapped in some tomb. Help us proclaim your resurrection with confidence this day. Flawed as we are, help us perceive how deeply we are loved, for your grace and mercy never fail.

All: Amen.

You are invited into a time of silent, personal reflection.

One: In the name of the one who loves us unconditionally, we pray:

All: Amen.

Solo *Wounded for Me*

Assurance of Pardon

Please rise in body or spirit.

One: Beloved of God, the grace of God is with you, and God's grace has not been in vain. Receive forgiveness and mercy through the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Greet those around you with a sign of Christ's Peace. Children remain in the sanctuary for Family Worship.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Write a word or prayer for what you hope on one side of your prayer tag and word/prayer for what you fear in this season on the other side. Bring your prayer tag forward and attach it to the prayer tree.

Anthem *Come Out the Wilderness*

sung by the Choir

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 20. 1 - 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

One: For the Word in scripture, the Word made flesh and the Word in our hearts.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Matt Prinz

RESPONSE to the WORD

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Hymn for Preparing the Table

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Glory to God #245

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Holy Meal and Offering

*Worshippers are invited to come to the table down the center aisle and return to pews along the side aisles. Communion is **non-alcoholic** and **gluten free**. Donations can be placed in the offering plate by the table. You may also make a donation by scanning this QR code with your smartphone, or by texting your donation to 510.880.1329.*



Prayer

SENDING OUT to be THE CHURCH

Invitation to Community Life

Song

Go and Tell Mary and Martha

1. Go tell Mar-y and Mar-tha, Go and tell Mar-y and
 2. Go tell John and Pe-ter, Go and tell John and
 3. Go tell all the a - pos-tles, Go and tell all the a -
 4. Go tell ev - 'ry bod - y, Go and tell ev - 'ry

Mar-tha, Go and tell Mar - y and Mar - tha: "Yes,
 Pe - ter, Go and tell John and Pe - ter, "Yes,
 -pos-tles, Go and tell all the a - pos - tles, "Yes,
 bo - dy, Go and tell ev - 'ry bod - y, "Yes,

Je - sus is ris - en from the dead!''
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Benediction

One: Easter people of Jesus Christ, this very day, God has acted.

All: **Jesus is raised from the dead. Let us rejoice and be glad. Amen.**

Following the Benediction, we will reprise the song above. Then please join us for Coffee Hour!

SERVING in WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Matt Prinz

Liturgist: Carter Provost

Music Director: Jake Fontana

Song Leader: Marilyn Reynolds

Violinist: Matthew Major

Choir: The First Church Choir

Head Usher: Matthew Inadomi

Fellowship Time Refreshments: Martha and Ben Baab,
Martha Bauman, Pam and Tom Prinz

Poem

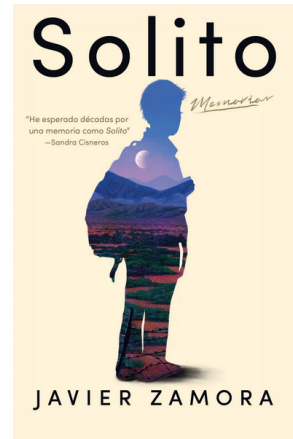
spring song

Lucille Clifton

the green of Jesus
is breaking the ground
and the sweet
smell of delicious Jesus
is opening the house and
the dance of Jesus music
has hold of the air and
the world is turning
in the body of Jesus and
the future is possible

Building Beloved Community: *Solito* discussion

Here at First Church, we endeavor to make God's welcome known and in that vein we welcome people from all places. Our next Building Beloved Community (BBC) topic is immigration and we are reading *Solito* by Javier Zamora about a nine-year old boy's journey from El Salvador to the USA to reunite with his parents. Please join us on Sunday, April 19th after church for a light lunch and discussion about the book and our own immigration stories. Julia Marquez will share insight as an expert in immigration laws. You do not have to finish the book to participate. Please contact Sarah Roberts or Suzie Inadomi for more details.



Support First Church Youth in Sports!

Come to these games at home and away and support some of our local youth athletes.



Myles Ogden: Skyline JV Baseball

April 16th at 4:30pm versus Alameda

April 27th at 4:00pm versus San Leandro

Micah Ogden: Skyline Varsity Volleyball

Home

April 17th versus Oakland High at 6pm

Away

April 22nd at Encinal at 5:15pm

April 29th at Oakland Tech at 6pm



Ruby Prinz: Varsity Lacrosse

April 15th at 5pm at Oakland Tech

April 20th at 5pm at Skyline

April 22nd at 5pm at Skyline

April 29th at 5pm 5pm at Oakland Tech

May 6 at 5pm at Oakland High



Palm Sunday Festivities at First Church



Practices of our Church Community – Ways to Join Us

Worship Service Each Sunday we gather at 10am to sing, pray, confess, and worship God together. We invite our community to participate in our worship services through singing, reading, praying, ushering, or sharing testimony. Do you like to write prayers or help connect music to themes in scripture? Talk with Di Pagel (Elder of Worship), Jake Fontana (Music Director) or Pastor Matt if you would like to help lead/design our worship services. You can also help us create space for conversation and building community through providing food during our coffee hour (11-12). Email Julia Marquez jmarquez@fbcl-visa.com if you would like to contribute.



Food Ministry Each week, more than 40 volunteers share over 300 meals with our neighbors through our food ministry. Volunteers gather donated food on Fridays and Saturdays from local supermarkets and bakeries. Meals are prepared on Sundays and Mondays and are shared with neighbors and delivered to local encampments. We have opportunities to serve during the week, each Saturday, and Sunday. Email Gay Plair Cobb gaycobb@gmail.com, Dorothy Dugger dorothy.dugger@gmail.com, or Nina Lapachet ninalapachet@gmail.com to get involved.



Bible Study Wednesday nights at 7pm via Zoom we gather around the sacred texts of scripture to study and reflect upon our lives and take new steps of faithfulness together. No need to study beforehand, just sign up for our weekly emails, click on the Zoom link and join conversation. Come with a desire to build community and listen for God's Spirit in the midst of scripture. Talk with Henry Gardner or Maggie Harmon or Pastor Matt for more details.



Building the Beloved Community Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. constantly spoke about God's work of building the beloved community - a community bridging across the differences of race, class, gender, sexuality, and ability. Building the Beloved Community is one lens we use to look at all of our ministry at First Church. We also host conversations, book groups, attend concerts and art shows, to learn, reflect, and to help us build God's beloved community within our church community, in our neighborhoods, and city. Talk with Suzie Inadomi, Pastor Matt or Pastor Joel to learn about ways to join BBC work at First Presbyterian Church of Oakland.



Faith in Action "Justice is what love looks like in the public" – Cornel West. How do we put our faith into action to love our neighbors? One way we live out our faith is joining the ministries of Faith in Action East Bay, who for over 40 years have advocated and worked in areas of gun violence, immigration, education, housing, and equity in Oakland and the larger Bay Area. Members of First Pres. regularly join FIA Ceasefire night walks, advocate for affordable housing, and seek to support new structural changes for equity and justice. Talk with Pastor Matt to get involved and our new community organizer Chris Logan.

Community Life - God is community Three in one and we are made for community. Creating spaces for community around meals, discussion groups, backyard firepits, and outings together (B's game, beach trip, etc.) are an important ministry within our church community. Do you like to host events, love connecting with others, enjoy building community? Talk with Julia Marquez or Pastor Matt and join them in planning our next community life events.



Pavement Project Breaks New Ground



With thanks to Ben, Chris, Erick, and all the Building and Grounds helpers and supporters for their work on the sidewalk and driveway!

First Church proudly supports our COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Afterglow Chorus
- Cantare Choirs
- Catalyst Youth Network
- College Awareness
- Community Women's Orchestra
- Faith in Action East Bay
- Food Not Bombs
- Habitat For Humanity, East Bay-Silicon Valley
- Mandela Partners
- Oakland Civic Orchestra
- Oakland Early Head Start Preschool
- Oakland Gay Men's Chorus
- Oakland Kids First
- ReCares
- The Lucy Kinchen Chorale
- Vituity Care Foundation



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