

April 16, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church  
Easter Sunday



*Glorify. Grow.*

***Mission Statement:***

We, as the Church, are the Body of Christ equipped through prayer by the Holy Spirit to glorify God; through passionate worship, nurturing fellowship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism, and active discipleship, we encourage and challenge all ages of our congregation and community to grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Ask an usher for a large print bulletin, Bible, or hearing enhancement device.

Prayer cards, visitor information cards, and offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate.

Preaching: Rev. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

8:30 Lay Leader: Stuart Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Stephanie Arredondo

# *The Worship of God*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

## *Gathering*

Preparation for Worship

*The stone has been rolled away. The grave clothes are lying in a heap. The body is gone.  
Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions: Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?*

Prelude Festival Voluntary Flor Peeters

Fanfare Fanfare I. Erich Korngold  
UTA Brass

Call to Worship

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

**Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

§ Hymn 245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today LLANFAIR

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then together)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn.**

**Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, so that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ The Gloria Patri MEINEKE

**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.**

§ Passing the Peace Greet those around you with, **"The peace of Christ be with you."**

§ Hymn 233 The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Scripture Reading                      1 Corinthians 15:1–11                      New Testament page 176

Children’s Time (11:00)

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Scripture Reading                      John 20:1–18                      New Testament page 114

The Sermon                      Of First Importance                      Rev. McDermott

## ***The Table***

Offertory                      Christ Is Alive                      arr. Russell Farnell  
Jacqueline Ruddick, horn

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord’s Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

*8:30 – Come forward to partake.*

*11:00 – Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together.*

*While passing the elements, you may say, “**the body of Christ,**” and, “**the cup of salvation.**”*

Prayer after Communion

## ***Sending***

§ Hymn 260                      Alleluia! Sing to Jesus                      HYFRYDOL

§ Charge and Benediction                      the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude                      Alleluia, Amen                      G. F. Handel  
UTA Brass



## *The Lord's Prayer*

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; \_\_\_\_\_  
Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;  
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:  
For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### *Comments for Contemplation*

Of First Importance 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

1. But as others look at us, there, no doubt are some who say, "People have forgotten God. That's why all this has happened." I hope that the people here today are among those who have not forgotten God. Do we know what is of first \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives?
2. We need to put first things first, and see if, by the grace of God, we can't become better people and make a better world. But most of all, we need to entrust our lives to the One who died a \_\_\_\_\_ death on the cross, and yet was raised as our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
3. If Christ is not alive, then his unjust death at the cross was simply the end, not a means of \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire world. Christ's followers, by their own admission, did not expect his resurrection.
4. Not only does it remind us that death does not have the last word in our human experience, but also that Jesus' divine life of love, and compassion and servanthood has been vindicated by God through Jesus' death and resurrection. We can say with confidence: Jesus was who he said he was, God's \_\_\_\_\_ Son, the Messiah, the living Son of the living God.
5. The early Christians did not hesitate to identify themselves with a man who had been branded a traitor and a criminal. They endured imprisonment, torture, exile, and death rather than renounce their commitment to the resurrected Christ. Even from a secular point of view, the evidence for the resurrection is surprisingly \_\_\_\_\_.
6. And after they go back home, Jesus' first resurrection appearance comes to Mary Magdalene. And Jesus gives her the assignment of giving the message to his disciples, that she had seen the Lord and that he is \_\_\_\_\_ to his Father and their Father, to his God and to their God.

# Easter Lily Dedications

in honor of:

Our children & grandchildren, Mallory & Young families  
Marge and Bob Dawson  
Sue and Carl Carpenter  
Lucy Cleaver  
Chavez and Rosson Families  
In honor and appreciation of Jim McCoy  
The Chancel Choir  
The Staff at FPCA  
George, Jennifer, Madeleine and Claire Brock  
Our family  
Russell Farnell

given by:

Gary and Juanice Young  
Lucy Cleaver  
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Terry and Jeff Eaton & Jessica, Sara and Matthew  
Joe and Lila Glenn  
Ann Turney  
Pat Thompson  
Kathy Moore  
Bud and Marilyn Smith  
Sheri and Jim Quick  
The Bitnars

in loving memory of:

Bill Herzog  
Doris and Don Tubbs, Parents  
Mr. & Mrs. Olin D. Thompson  
Our Parents, Chester & Marie Young & Gerald & Eulene Nicholas  
Our Parents  
Rob Dawson  
Chris Stevens  
Great Gaga Mildred Dawson  
Rob Dawson  
Carl Crofford and his parents Helen & Jimmie Crofford  
Shirley Counts  
Shannon Reagan  
Eileen Feller  
Robert Reagan  
John and Minnie Ray  
Floyd and Marjorie Elkinton  
Jim and Bea Albright  
Vera Glenn and Leo Chavez  
G.B. Turney  
Roger and Mary Glynne Northup  
George and Nita Whitenight  
Her parents, Claude and Viola Patterson  
LTJG Bill Johnson, George Johnson and NAP and Anne Johnson  
John and Harriet Rast

given by:

Shirley Herzog  
Shirley Herzog  
Tonya Scrabeck  
Gary and Juanice Young  
Marge & Bob Dawson  
Mom and Dad  
Karen Stevens Neill  
Jennifer, Hannah & Mady Schwettmann  
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Bertha Crofford  
Lucy Cleaver  
Darlene Reagan  
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Carole and Allen Ray  
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Joe and Lila Glenn  
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Ann Turney  
Mike and Judy Northup  
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Lew and Claudia Johnson  
Lew and Claudia  
Johnson  
Roger and Diana Young

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in loving memory of:

My parents, George and Martha Streit  
Charles Reck  
My brother, George Lee Streit  
Ed and Rose Young  
Our parents who have gone ahead of us  
My parents, Harry and Kathleen Moore  
Mary and Field Scovell  
Boo and Jimmy Lavender  
Kathryn Keaton, Lacey Bone, Scott Lavender  
Our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Grant Renne  
Our parents, Marvin G. Smith and Carmen Quisenberry  
Bobbie Harris  
Tommy Collins  
David Chambers, my special person  
Dr. Lee J. Walker & Laurie Walker Shelby  
E.H. & Velma Sanders  
Marianne Sanders  
Our parents, Joyce and Ed Carpenter  
Our parents, Dot and Tip Homstad  
Our family  
Juanita Maldonado  
Our parents  
Virginia and Frank Sims

given by:

Judy Reck  
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Roger and Diana Young  
Orlando and Minda Morales  
Kathy Moore  
Sue and Jim Lavender  
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Bud and Marilyn Smith  
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Ken Harris  
Edna Collins Harris  
Paula Thomson  
Marilyn Walker  
Billy Sanders  
Billy Sanders  
Carl and Sue Carpenter  
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Sheri and Jim Quick  
Gisselle and Juan Carlos Gavalda  
Sandra and Fred Cook  
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HE IS NOT HERE,  
FOR HE HAS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6

### Michelle Craig Commissioning

On Sunday, April 23, we will be commissioning elder Michelle Craig as she departs to prepare for a new calling as a mission aviator in Seattle, Washington. Come and hear more about Michelle's call from the Lord and the exciting new work for which the Lord is preparing her.

### New Sermon Series

Next Sunday, April 23 we will begin a new 8-week sermon series on "Bringing Faith to Life." Invite your friends as we examine what it means to have Jesus as a part of your everyday life.

### The 4-Week New Members Class

**Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community** to begin Sunday, April 30th at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214

- Week 1: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"
- Week 2: "On Being a Christian in a Post-modern World"
- Week 3: "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"
- Week 4: "On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"

### 2017 Youth Ministry T-Shirt Fundraiser

Please consider helping our youth make it to camp this summer with the purchase of our new church t-shirts. The youth department has put together a t-shirt fundraiser to help them pay for camp this year.

T-Shirts are \$20 or any donation is welcome. Please place your order by April 22, 2017. You can order your t-shirt online at <https://goodink.com/thewellfpc> or stop by the church office and place your order with Adrian Rodriguez. Contact Adrian at 817-274-8286 with any questions.



### Video and Discussion: "Being Mortal"

Come for a free screening and discussion of the PBS Frontline film "Being Mortal." This documentary explores what matters most to patients and families facing terminal illness, difficult treatment decisions, and how to have these conversations ahead of a medical crisis.

Thursday, April 20 in the Parlor (before Saints Alive)

9:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments and 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Screening and Discussion

RSVP at 817-274-8286 or in the church office.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Served from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Saints Alive

The TAG Players from Theatre Arlington will be entertaining us at Saints Alive when we meet on Thursday, April 20th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and join us for a fun afternoon, just bring along a dish to share. Call Bev Koch (817-261-3202), if you have any questions.

### 2017 Preschool Spring Fundraiser

DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2017

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: First Presbyterian Preschool in Fellowship Hall

Childcare will be available! If you need childcare, please contact the Preschool ahead of time. For information, please call the Preschool at

817-274-4051

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 4/16

8:30 a.m.           Worship in Chapel  
9:45 a.m.           Easter Breakfast  
11:00 a.m.          Worship in Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m.           PCGRC

Monday 4/17

**Church Office Closed**  
3:30 p.m.          Blanton Kids Beach Club

Tuesday 4/18

6:30 p.m.          HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 4/19

7:00 a.m.          Men's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m.          Quilting Group  
6:15 p.m.          Ring of Praise Handbells  
7:30 p.m.          Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 4/20

9:00 a.m.          Being Mortal Discussion  
11:30 a.m.          Saints Alive  
6:00 p.m.          The Well  
6:30 p.m.          HOPE Tutoring

Friday 4/21

6:00 p.m.          Kids Night Out

***Information for the April 30th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kim@firstprestexas.org) by this Monday.***

## ***Prayer Ministry***

### ***Prayers for those with health and other concerns:***

Esther Albright, Yvonne Babb, Polly Baugh, Parker Bjornson, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Kevin Chin, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Dorothy Curtis, Bunny Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, A. Jack Gray, Dick Haney, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Doyle Malone, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Pat Mingle, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Bill Olsen, Cosme Pacot, Jim L. Quick, Albert Ross, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Al Smithson, Bob Spriggs, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Kyle Terwilliger, BJ Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Jessica Villarreal, Sherry Wolfe, Mary Jane Wright

### ***Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:***

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

### ***Prayers for our home-bound members***

### ***Prayers for those who do not know Christ***

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at the church office 817-274-8286 or his cell phone: 970-218-3689.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at [juanicey@gmail.com](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

## **Financial Peace University**

If you have never taken the popular Financial Peace University 9-week course led by the internationally recognized Dave Ramsey, then NOW is the time to sign up! Our new members, James and Katina Gifford, are offering their leadership to this great course which will begin on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 PM here at FPCA. The cost per family is only \$99 and this gives you a lifetime membership in Financial Peace University. Check how to register for the class at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1040877>.

You will be hearing more about this great opportunity, but mark your calendar for Monday evenings starting on June 5th, and find out how to get your financial house in order using solidly biblical principles. For more information, contact Katina Gifford at [katinap84@aol.com](mailto:katinap84@aol.com) or call 817-565-3835.