

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
Lucy Cleaver
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
Jennifer, Hannah & Mady Schwettmann
Bertha Crofford
Lucy Cleaver
Darlene Reagan
Darlene Reagan
Darlene Reagan
Carole and Allen Ray
Carole and Allen Ray
Joe and Lila Glenn
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Ann Turney
Mike and Judy Northup
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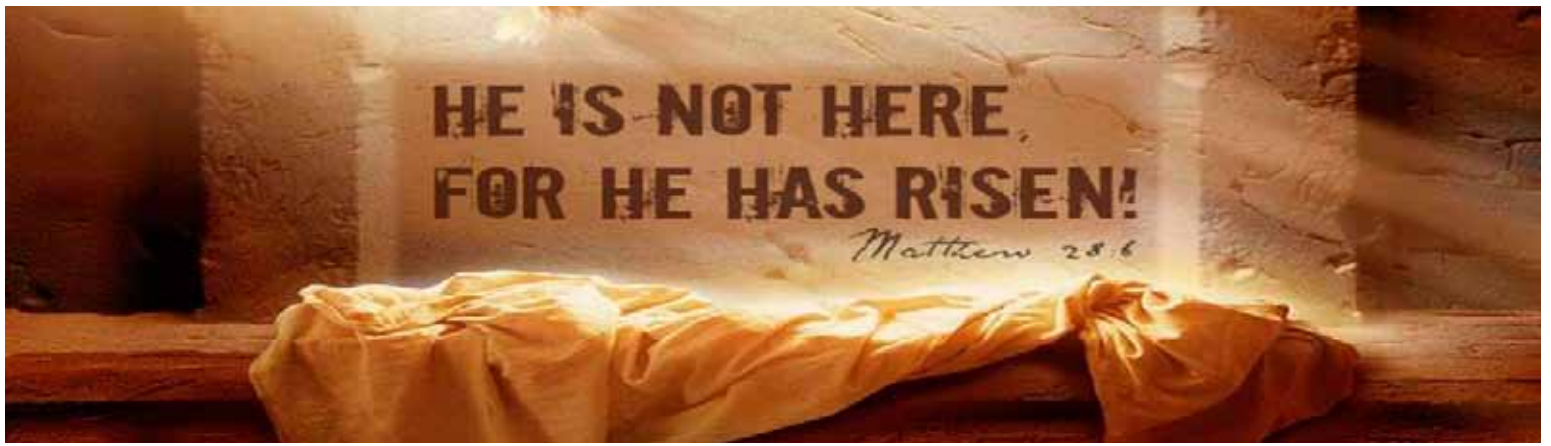
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in loving memory of:

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
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Marianne Sanders
Our parents, Joyce and Ed Carpenter
Our parents, Dot and Tip Homstad
Our family
Juanita Maldonado
Our parents
Virginia and Frank Sims

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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
Carl and Sue Carpenter
Sheri and Jim Quick
Gisselle and Juan Carlos Gavalda
Sandra and Fred Cook
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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 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 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 or call 817-565-3835.