

April 24, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday of Easter



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jim Shroyer
Lay Leader: Clara Formusoh
Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

*Please silence all phones and devices.
Please fill out the Friendship pad in your pew.*

Gathering

Prelude

See, the Conqu'ring Hero Comes!

arr. Robert Gower

Prayer for Preparation

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Hallelujah!

G. F. Handel

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Risen Lord is our strength and our might,

And he has become our salvation!

§ Hymn 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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.

Proclaiming

Psalm 133

Responsive Reading

Refrain



God of love and mer - cy, bring peace to all your peo - ple.

How very good and pleasant it is

when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Refrain

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Refrain

Children's Time

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the Fellowship Hall.

New Testament Reading

Acts 5:27–32

New Testament page 123

Anthem

Simply, Alleluia

Tom Fettke

Gospel Reading

John 20:19–31

New Testament page 114

The Sermon

“My Lord and My God!”

Rev. Shroyer

Responding

§ Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Pastoral Prayer and 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 Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

This Day in Triumph God the Son

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ The Doxology

**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.**

§ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Sending

§ Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

§ Charge and Benediction

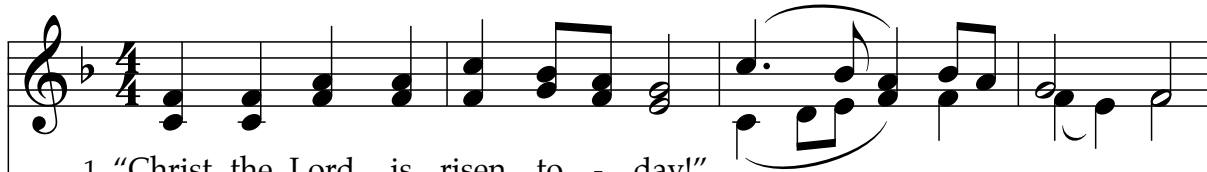
Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Jason Payne



245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"

2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done,

3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Al - le - lu - ia!



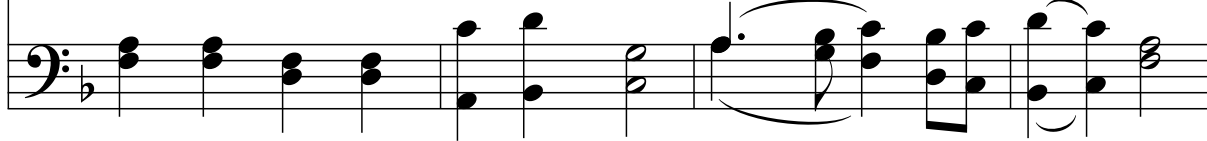
All cre - a - tion, join to say:

Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,

Where, O death, is now your sting?

Praise to you by both be given,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,

Death in vain for - bids him rise,

Je - sus died, our souls to save,

Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Al - le - lu - ia!



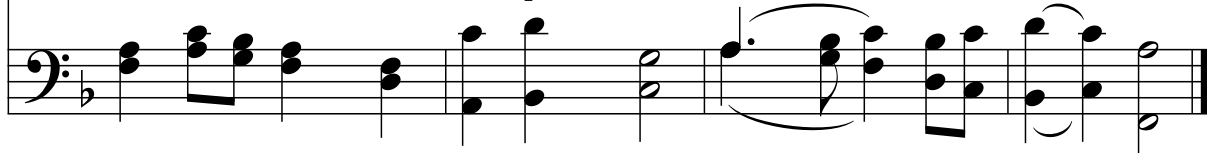
Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,

Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.

Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

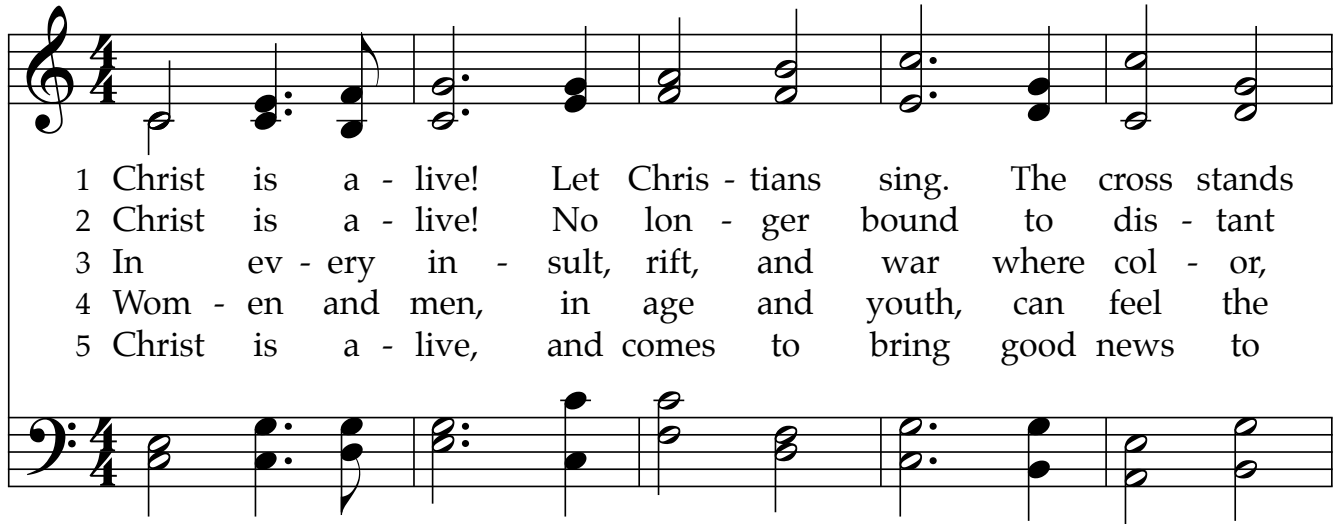
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Al - le - lu - ia!

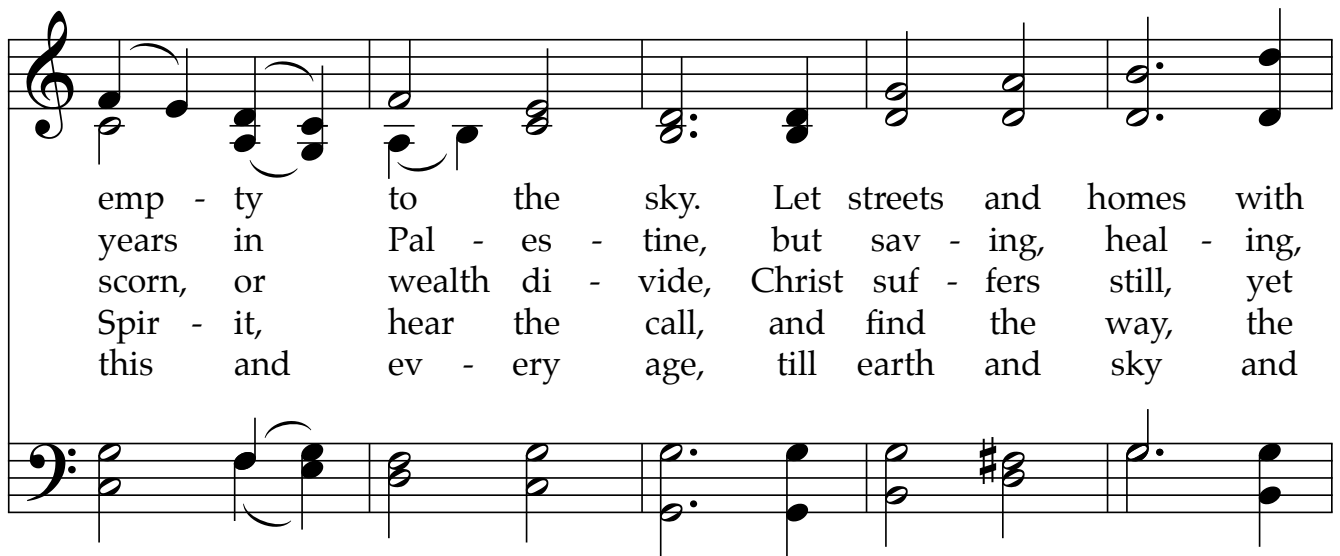


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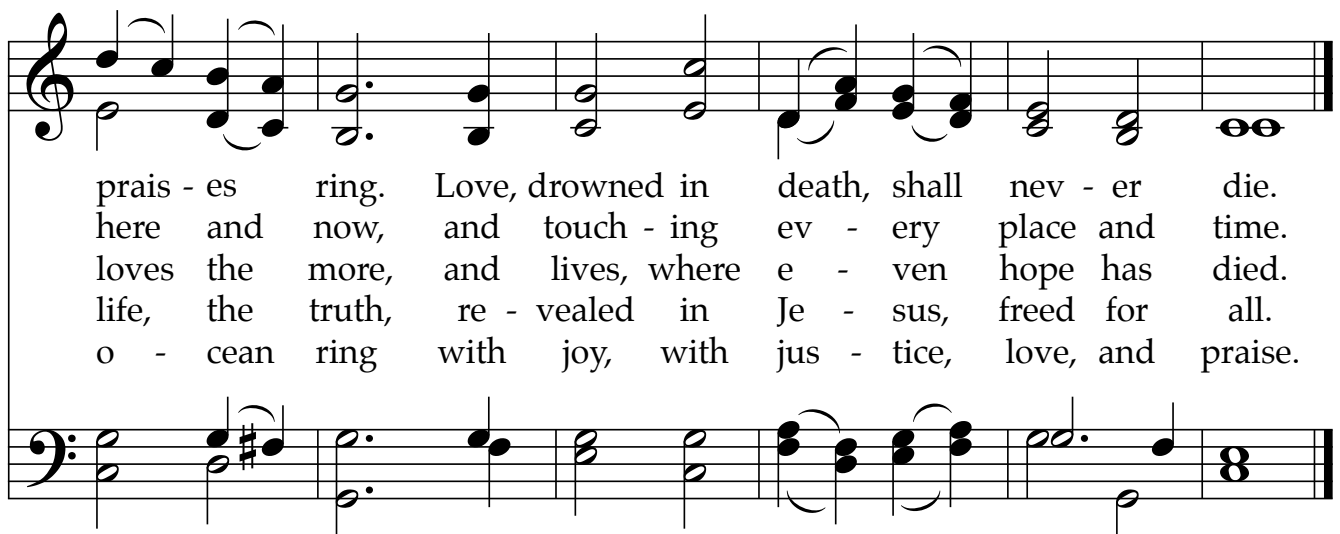
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

Sermon Notes

“My Lord and my God!”

Acts 5:27–32; John 20:19–31

1. In *The Lord of the Rings* Sam and Frodo are struggling to climb Mount Doom and destroy the One Ring. At once Sam remembers the stories they were told as children, those tales of adventure and courage. “Why, to think of it,” he says, “we’re in the same tale still! It’s going on. Don’t the great tales never end?!” One commentator writes: “Fulfillment comes when we realize, like Sam, that each of us is in the story, too. We are not just meaningless clumps of matter whose life is simply suffering and inevitable death. No. We are part of a grand scheme--we are important characters in God’s story of life.”
2. When have you been an answer to someone’s prayers? You have probably been an answer to prayer much more often than you can imagine--and not necessarily for the reasons you might think. What does it do to you to realize you are an answer to someone’s prayers?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/24	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
Monday 4/25	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Tuesday 4/26	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Psalms for Prayer Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 4/27	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 4/28	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 4/29	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the May 1 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Kaiden Carter, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, Cyprian Engwenyi, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Gottmann Family, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Jade Leathem, Gary Lindley, Pat May, the Mooers Family, Christopher & Victorine Ngochi, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, Tonya Scrabeck, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Danny Womble.

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Ryan Powell, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Esther Albright, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright.

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact our Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155.

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New Members Class

Come be a part of the 3-week New Members class, *Fixin' to Join – An Adventure in Christian Community*. We will share some about our faith journeys, the basics of Presbyterianism, where God is calling FPCA, and how you can become further connected with the people and programs of this congregation. The New Members class begins next Sunday, May 1st, at 9:45 a.m. in the church Library.

Please let us know if you plan on attending. Contact Kim Lewis at the church office at 817-274-8286 or by email: kim@firstprestexas.org.

Youth Moms and Daughters Event

The youth ministry would like to invite all youth moms and daughters for a special day together. Join us at Painting With a Twist on April 30 from 10:30a-1:30pm for a fun painting event. The studio is located at 4001 W Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington, TX 76016. You can see the painting below that we will each create. We begin at 11:00 am, as a courtesy to others please arrive 20-30 minutes prior. Late arrivals will miss important class instruction and there will be no extension of class time for late arrivals.

Seats are limited to 18, so please RSVP using the link below so we know how many seats to reserve. If we fill up all 18 seats, then we can look at requesting a bigger room, if possible. There is no cost for this event and drinks/snacks will be provided. Minimum age for this event is 13 and no infants, toddlers or observers are allowed. Come join us for this fun event!

RSVP here:

<https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/manageevent/code/507994A328041/>

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at thewellfpca@gmail.com or 817.274.8286 if you have any questions.

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, June 5, 2022. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

The Pentecost Offering unites us to support young people in Christ. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

Stay up to date on the Pentecost Offering on www.pcusa.org/pentecost, twitter.com/pcusa or facebook.com/spoecialofferings.

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary several weeks before the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our church as well as our country and world. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start and a solid foundation of faith from childhood through young adult. The theme this year is Building a Life of Faith. The Bible verse is from Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, saysthe Lord, to give you a future with Hope."

Offering

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings in person today, please use the envelope provided in the pews. You can drop the envelope during the offering time or in the offering basket in the Narthex while departing the sanctuary when the service is completed.

Please feel free to continue giving as you have during this time whether that is mailing checks or giving online. We are most thankful for your generous support!


 Presbyterian Children's
Homes and Services™

A luncheon event benefiting
the children of PCHAS
May 4, 2022
 12:00 pm

Location
 Ridglea Country Club
 3700 Bernie Anderson Ave
 Fort Worth, TX 76116

Forever Homes
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RSVP
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Congregational Luncheon - Sunday, May 15 at 12 noon

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on our lunch following the worship service May 15 in the Fellowship Hall. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Not only will we have special food (thank you as always Fellowship Team), but we'll be hosting special guests. More details to follow.

Family Summer Camp (includes parents, children, and youth)

Mark your calendars! Summer Camp for our youth is back and will happen on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6 at Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, Texas! After a couple of years of missing out on camp because of Covid, we are happy to have summer camp again. We are also excited to announce that this year's camp experience will look a little different.

This year we will host a Family Camp where the entire family (parents, children, and youth) can join us on the adventure. What does this mean? This means that the entire family can come and take part in all the craziness that comes with camp. Kyle Terwilliger, Director of Children's Ministry, and Adrian Rodriguez, Director of Youth Ministry, will be working together to lead bible time, devotion, and activities for children and youth at camp. There will be special lodging for parents to stay with children and separate cabins for youth and leaders. More specific details to come in the coming weeks.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or Kyle Terwilliger at kyle@firstprestexas.org if you have any questions.

Friendship Pads

Please take the time to fill out the Friendship Pad in your pew. Whether you're a guest or a member, we would love to have your contact information so we can keep in touch with you.