



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

# SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 15, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)*

ORGAN PRELUDE

*(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

(#239 Hymnal)

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: Beloved, we are God's children now;

**All: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him. Let us worship God.**

**\*\*OPENING PRAYER**

One: Holy One, you have made us witnesses to the good news of the gospel—that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our peace.

**All: Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN 244**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*\*KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal 576

**\*\*TIME FOR SILENCE**      *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

**\*\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*\*THE PEACE**

**One:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**  
*(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal 581

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Faye Brown, liturgist

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 4:1-8

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.  
How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?  
But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.  
When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!'  
You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.  
I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

ANTHEM

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*  
Joseph Sandoval, soloist

G.F. Handel

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*\*HYMN 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying: By your grace, O God,

**All: raise us from death to life.**

One: Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . . Bless and keep us, as your beloved children, so that your goodness and grace may be known in us. Strengthen us in hope and save us from our sin. By your grace, O God,

**All: raise us from death to life.**

One: Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . . Lead the rulers and people of every nation to repent of their violence and corruption and trust instead in your way of life and peace. By your grace, O God,

**All: raise us from death to life.**

One: Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . . Transcend the walls and boundaries that divide us. Stand among us as our living Lord. Cast out our fear so that we may live in your peace. By your grace, O God,

**All: raise us from death to life.**

One: Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . . Be gracious to all who are in trouble or distress. Show them your goodness; put gladness in their hearts, so that they may find peace and safety in you. By your grace, O God,

**All: raise us from death to life.**

One: Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world the good news of your saving power and love, so that all may believe and have life in you; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed and taught us to pray: Our Father...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

*Amen*

(#564 Hymnal)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

\*\*THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 606

\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

**All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*\*HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*\*CHARGE

\*\*BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

(verse 4 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

**WELCOME !**

**If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.**

**If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.**

**If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: [www.fpc-rr.org](http://www.fpc-rr.org).**

**If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.**

**In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.**

**THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Class of 2018**

Shane Arthur  
Faye Brown  
Nancy Sandoval

**Class of 2019**

Jeff Dillard  
Denise Hackenburg  
John Shives

**Class of 2020**

Jimmy Bryant  
Nancy Crowe  
Mary Shelby  
Wally Spragins

**WORLD MISSIONS**

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthresley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

**OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Pet Spears and Nancy Crowe are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

**PRESCHOOL**

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am.

Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.

Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.

Four year old classes will be held in the morning on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Class is 8:30-11:30 am.

Contact the church office for further information.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN**

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men.

Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers

Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers

Contact the church office for more information.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor

Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant

Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director

Charles Harris, Organist

Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist