



EASTER
— SUN DAY —

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Stockton, Texas

11:00 a.m., March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

ORGANIST: Doni Whigham
VOCALIST: Ken Ripley, Bryon Garrison, Michele Huckaby and Jimmy Stephens
LITURGIST: Ann Hurt
SOUND AND VIDEO: David Garrison
COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER: Ann Hurt
TEACHING ELDER: Dr. James R. Miles
ACOLYTES:

All are invited to put a flower on the Easter Cross

THE PRELUDE: "He Lives! Sound Praises!" *by Lani Smith*
The light of Christ precedes us and awaits us as we worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: HE IS RISEN!!

All: HE IS RISEN INDEED!!

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

UNISON

Leader: Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: Peter ran to the tomb and was amazed.

All: Christ is risen!

Leader: God raised Christ from the dead on the third day.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

*** A TIME OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:**

HYMN NO. 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Presbyterian Hymnal

*** THE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

UNISON: God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have announced your new creation, but we put our hope in former things. You have opened the door of the tomb, but we close our hearts to our neighbors. Forgive

us, God of grace. Make us people of the resurrection, proclaiming the destruction of death and the gift of glorious new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **THE KYRIE ELEISON.** “Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.”

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

LEADER: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* **THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 579** “Glory Be to the Father”

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.

UNISON READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Pew Bible, pp. 694-695

CALL TO PRAYER NO. 726 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Songs of Faith and Praise

LITANY FOR EASTER

LEADER: O Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples; you breathed on them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. Through your victory, we pray to you:

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord of glory.

LEADER: O Christ, after your resurrection you sent out your disciples to teach all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; you promised to be with them and us until the end of the world. Through your victory, we pray to you:

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord of glory.

LEADER: O Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy. Through your victory, we pray to you:

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord of glory.

LEADER: O Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven, and worshiped on earth. On the glorious feast of your resurrection, we pray to you:

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord of glory.

LEADER: Save us, O Christ our Lord, in your goodness, extend your mercy to your people who await the resurrection, and have mercy on us.

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord of glory.

LEADER: O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son, and in your love you established him as head of your church, and ruler of the universe. By your goodness we pray:

PEOPLE: Hear us, Lord of glory.

LEADER: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LISTENING FOR GOD, AND

OUR 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.

RESPONSE: "Choral Amen"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "The Day of Resurrection"

By: Larry Shackley

*** THE DOXOLOGY NO. 592** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC:

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING 1: John 20:1-10

Pew Bible, pp. 140

GOSPEL READING 2: John 20: 11-18

Pew Bible, pp. 140-141

SERMON

* **THE CONFESSION 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 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF OUR LORD’S SUPPER

* **HYMN NO. 316** “Breathe on Me, Breathe of God”

Presbyterian Hymnal

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAD

THE WINE

UNISON POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING:

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

* **HYMN NO. 113** “Christ the Lord Has Risen Today!”

Presbyterian Hymnal

* **BENEDICTION**

* * **CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Spirit Song”

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love, Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you and his spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

* **POSTLUDE:** Go Ye!

By: Ben Logan

* **Those who are able are invited to stand.**

2024
Angie Miles
Geneva Ripley
Jimmy Stephens
CRE Ann Hurt, Trustee

2025
Wayne Dyess
Rhonda Golliher
Ken Ripley
Ken Ripley, Trustee
Sue May, Elder Emerita
Commissioned Ruling Elder: Ann Hurt

2026
Phil Chamberlain
Gail Kincaid
Natalie Kincaid
Phil Chamberlain, Trustee

Please place your flowers on the cross in the Chancel prior to worship.

Thank you to the Gayle Kincaid for providing the flowers for the Easter Cross.

***Are we seeing new folks in town, at work, in the schools?
Please invite them to worship.***

If you would like to make donations to the Panhandle fires they can be made through our church. They will immediately be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

The Presbyterian Women encourage you to join their text group! If you would like to be notified of upcoming events involving the PW please call Linda at the church office (336-3346) and give her your number. You will also need to download the app called Whatsapp. If you need help with that you can also as Natalie Kincaid (719-331-3713), SuSu Dyess (940-3801) or the church office.

Thanks to all who made the Holy Week Events a success!! Susan Sawyer, Tara Bowman, Judy Wiest, Ann Hurt, and Judy Espino for decorating & setting up for the Fish Fry. A special thank you to the sponsors of our always awesome fish fry: The May (Sue, and Doug), Ripley, Sawyer, Golliher, Wiest, and King Families. Thanks also to Richard Bowles & his crew.

Cherub's Day and church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 1st. We will resume normal hours Tuesday, April 2nd.

**Bank Balance in all General Fund Accounts:
Balance on January 31: \$ 434,137.40
Intake February: \$ 10,598.74
Outflows February: \$ 39,711.37
Balance on February 28: \$ 405,024.97**

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First Presbyterian Church

April 1, 2024 - April 7, 2024

MONDAY 4/1	No Cherub's Day Office Closed
TUESDAY 4/2	
WEDNESDAY 4/3	9:00 AM Cherub's Day 5:30 PM Care Circle 7:00 PM Youth Group
THURSDAY 4/4	
FRIDAY 4/5	1:00 PM Home School Group 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study Group
SATURDAY 4/6	
SUNDAY 4/7	8:30 AM Sunday Worship 9:45 AM Focused Care Nursing Cener 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Sunday Worship: In Person, on KFST Radio, Facebook, and Youtube