

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Ann Kyle.

Today's Schedule

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship (*Reception following 11:00 service*)

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Monday

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday

5:15 p.m. - Youth Bells

6:15 p.m. - Youth Choir

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Thursday-Friday

Our Administrative Assistant, Renee Stormer, is out of town and the office will be closed these days.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - *Relay for Life* Garage Sale on the North Parking Lot (until 3:00)

Next Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

Next Sunday an Octet will sing at 8:45 a.m. and the Chancel Choir will sing at 11:00 a.m. service. Harry Meissner's sermon, *Forgiven for Fear*, will be based upon John 21:1-19.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
Linda Campbell—Director of Christian Education
Casey McCollough—Director of Music
B. J. Mauldin—Organist/Keyboard Musician
Renee Stormer—Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks—Pastor Emeritus



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April 10, 2016

3rd Sunday of Easter

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, a plus sign (+) indicates 11:00 only, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. The Music Director will indicate the appropriate time to stand for the hymns.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

*HYMN 208

The Day of Resurrection

*OPENING PSALM

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament.

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud crashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (*Hymn 546*)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 123 NT*)

Acts 5:27-32

The first reading is usually from Acts during the season of Easter.

ANTHEM

*Climbin' Up the Mountain
Men's Chorus*

Linda Spevacek

THE GOSPEL READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 115 NT*)

John 20:19-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 380

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

SERMON

*They Were Forgiven
"Forgiven for Doubt"*

Harry C. Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVITATION TO THE OFFERING #

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 544*)

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 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.

*HYMN 209

Thine Is the Glory

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

OUR INVITATION

Every service of worship invites us to consider our relationship to Jesus Christ and to his church. If you are not vitally involved in some community of faith, perhaps this congregation is the place where you can worship, find fellowship, grow, and share in our mission and witness to the world. If you would like to discuss this important matter, please indicate your interest on the registration of attendance pad or speak to the minister following the service.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) Ken Johnson, (11:00) John Kusewitt
** Deacon - (8:45) Jerry McBain, (11:00) Rick Secord
Candle lighter - (11:00) Chloe Starnes

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

There may be several things to notice about today's service on this 3rd Sunday of Easter. A large group of our *women* are participating in the Women's Retreat at Brookhaven Retreat Center, near Hawkins, Texas. Our *Middle Schoolers and Sponsors* are attending our presbytery *Youthquake* at Camp Gilmont. Let us pray for safe travel for all of them as they return this afternoon.

We are grateful for our *Men's Chorus* for providing choral music at both services today. We welcome *Grady Coyle* to the organ this morning in the absence of B.J. Mauldin. Grady was the long-tenured organist/choirmaster of Northridge Presbyterian Church until his recent retirement..

Ordinarily there is a *Time for Young Disciples* during both services, which is followed by *Children's Church*, for those in pre-school through second grade. Due to the "scattered" nature of our congregation today we are not having either this week. The regular practice will resume next Sunday.

The pastor is beginning a brief sermon series today—*They Were Forgiven*. This week's sermon is *Forgiven for Doubt*. Sermons for the two following weeks are *Forgiven for Fear* and *Forgiven for Failure*.

During the season of Easter, many traditions omit the penitential acts (prayer of confession) and replace them with more celebrative acts. We are following that tradition here at FPC during the Easter season.