

After a brief silence, the leader concludes the prayer:

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.
From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.
Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ,
and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 587*)

Celtic Alleluia

**Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

*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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

THE FIRST READING # (*Pew Bible, p. 119 NT*)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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

John 20:19-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00)

New Life
Chancel Choir

Hal Hopson

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Carol Stephenson

*At the 11:00 service, when this time is concluded, children pre-school through 2nd grade
are invited to join the leader to go to children's church. The rest may return to sit with
their family in the sanctuary.*

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

SERMON

We're All In There Somewhere

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SILENT PRAYER, CONCLUDING PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

**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**

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (11:00)

Lord, Make Us More Holy
Chancel Choir

African American spiritual

VOLUNTARY

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - (8:45) David Howard, (11:00) Paul Luce
** Deacon - (8:45) Estle Powell, (11:00) David Starnes
Acolyte - Chloe Starnes (11:00)

THE NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today's Schedule - April 23

7:30 a.m. Men's Council Breakfast in Wilbanks Hall
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. L.I.F.E. Youth - Mandatory Youth Sunday Practice
And Mother's Day Rose Cards

Monday

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Live

5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall
6:30 p.m. - Classes and Activities
6:30 p.m. - L.I.F.E. Youth - Mandatory Youth Sunday Practice
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

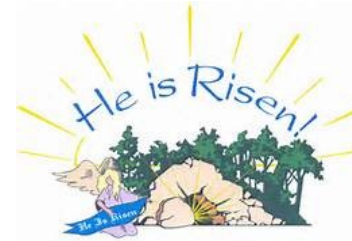
Next Sunday - April 30

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Youth Leading Both Worship Services
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
12:15 p.m. - Spaghetti Luncheon (Proceeds to help finance summer Youth Mission Trip)

An audio copy of both **today's sermon** and recent sermons may be found on the church website fpcmesquite.org. From the home page menu, select the *worship* tab, then *sermon audio*, and then choose the sermon you wish.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Harry C. Meissner—Interim Pastor
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 23, 2017

2nd 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, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. Large print hymnals or music sheets are available from an usher. Let us worship God!*

STRIKING THE HOUR OF WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Tanzanian melody

Soloist (8:45), Chancel Choir (11:00)

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 1:2, I Peter 1:3

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

And also with you.

By God's mercy we have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.