

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

# Elder - George Venner (8:45); Meg GarverHamilton (11:00)  
Ushers - Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana, and David Howard (8:45);  
Gina Villafana, Alberto Villafana, David Howard, & Elna Singleton (11:00)  
♦ Diana Clifton (8:45); Alberto Villafana (11:00)

## A WORD OR TWO ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

*The candle burning on the communion table today has significance in the story we have told liturgically this past week. During the Service of Darkness on Friday evening, the candles were extinguished to commemorate the coming death of the Savior. Today this candle burns brightly again to commemorate the Resurrection—that evil, darkness, sin, and death are never the last word! That is the theme of today's worship.*

## NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

### Sunday, April 9 - Easter "He Has Risen"

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages

### Monday, April 10

Office is closed

### Wednesday, April 12

7:00 p.m. - Session meeting in the Crossroads Classroom

### Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 15

7:00 a.m. - Setup Garage Sale  
8:00 a.m. - Garage Sale  
3:00 p.m. - Cleanup Garage Sale

### Sunday, April 16

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service *with* Jubilate Ringers  
9:30 a.m. - Youth Handbell and Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
12:00 p.m. - Spaghetti Luncheon and Auction (Baked Goods/Youth Labor)

### *We want to thank the following who provided flowers for our services today:*

Sue Ballard in memory of Ron Morris  
Sue Ballard in memory of Joyce Morris  
John and Sue Bohmer in honor of Carol Stephenson's birthday  
Marye Boyce in memory of Mary Elizabeth Barnard  
Victor and Karen Carboni in memory of our brothers, sisters, and parents who have gone before us to their heavenly home  
Sharon Condarco in memory of my son, Christopher Petton (died 4/22/2014)  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory of R. J. Farmer, DDS, Karen Dixon, and our parents  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in loving memory of Nickie Wilbanks and Marjorie Akin  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of our children and grandchildren  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Tom Wilbanks  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Jones, Mary Lee, and Family  
Kirk Dixon and Susan Farmer in honor of Renee Stormer and our FPC staff  
Kirk Dixon in honor of my beloved Susan Farmer  
Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in memory of Erastus B. J. Doughton  
Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in honor of Lynda and Dallas Ward, Leila B. Doughton, Jack MacMillan, Bennett Doughton and Mary Claire Doughton  
Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke  
Linda Fricke in memory of Lisa Fricke, Billie Hill, and Carolyn Hill  
Roger Foltz in honor of David and Wendy  
Roger Foltz in honor of Scott and Amanda and Emily and Thomas  
Debra Ford in honor of Mary Sullivan  
Jan and Doug Fort in memory of Adam D. Fort, our precious son  
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of the staff and committee heads, Deacons, and Elders  
Meg GarverHamilton in memory of all who have gone on to Glory!  
Beth and Steve Gonzales in honor of our daughter and family, Rebecca, Chris ad Cade Fechner

Beth and Steve Gonzales in honor of our daughter and family, Lauren, Micah, Olivia, and Connor Cummings  
Beth and Steve Gonzales in memory of Beth's parents, Wayne and Louanne Mackley  
Beth and Steve Gonzales in memory of Steve's mom and stepdad, Lydia Gonzales and Rick Astran  
Beth and Steve Gonzales in memory of Steve's dad and brother, Abel and Derick Gonzales

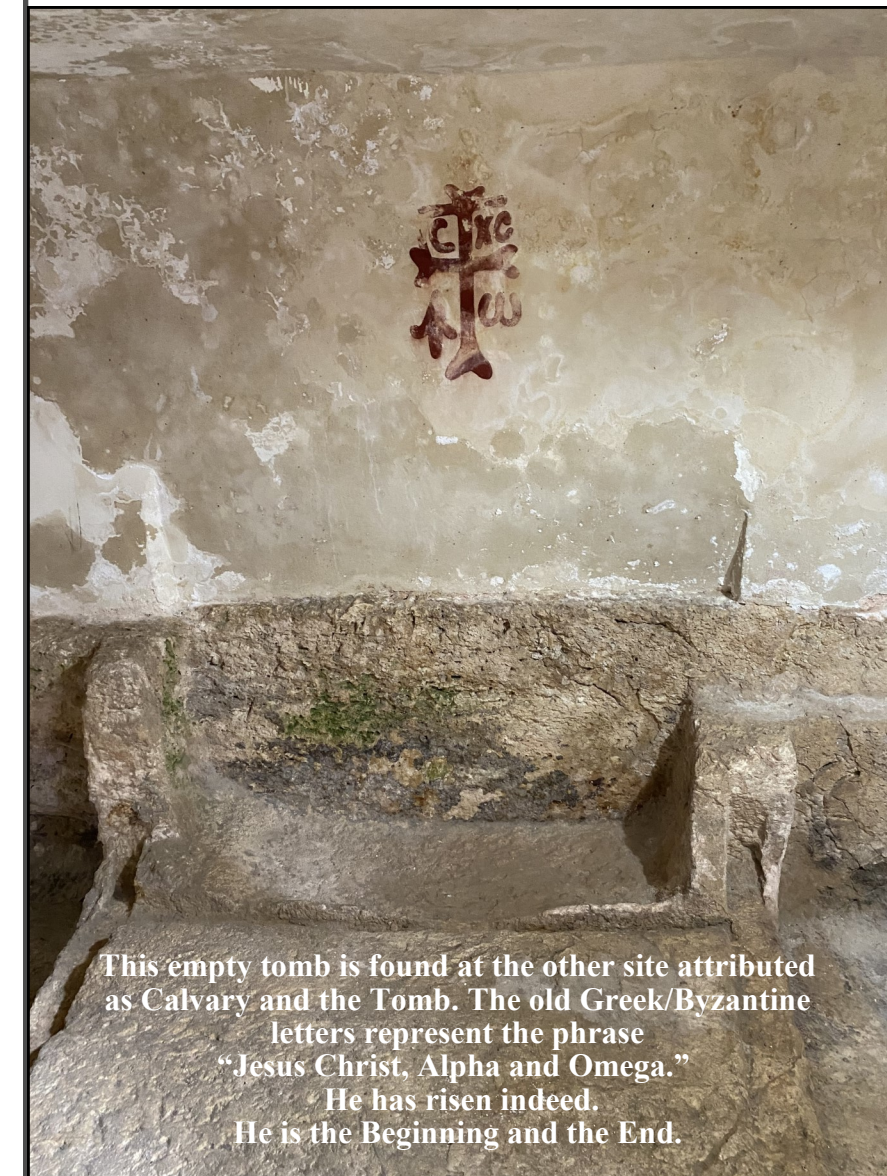
Anne Grills in memory of my father, Guy M. Smith  
Anne Grills in memory of my son-in-law, Michael Roark  
Sheila and Ron Hammer in memory of Rafa's mom, Mona Villafana  
Sheila and Ron Hammer in memory of my father, Roger Rich  
Sheila and Ron Hammer in honor of the L.I.F.E. Youth  
David Howard in memory of Dawna Howard  
David Howard in memory of Joshua Howard  
Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of Rev. Jones Doughton and Family  
Phil and Celeste Johnson in honor of the Ministry of Tom and Nickie Wilbanks  
Phil and Celeste Johnson in memory of Jim Sheppard  
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our parents and families, with our love  
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of Dr. Tom Wilbanks and the Wilbanks family – thank for your many years of dedication and service  
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of the glorious music program at FPC and its contributions to the Youth Music Tour 2023  
John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our grandparents – we love you and treasure our precious memories  
John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of John's dad, James "Jim" Kusewitt, with love  
Steve and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake  
Steve and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner  
Steve and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith  
Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Carmelita Accock  
Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Estalene Marshall  
Paul and Sue Luce in memory of Edwin and Agnes Carr, and Robert Luce  
Sheryl Miller in honor of my grandson, Truett Ellis Barrilleaux  
Sheryl Miller in memory of my parents, Ben and Mary Williams  
Evelyn Parker in memory of Toliver J. Hutchison  
Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hanby and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Robinson  
Bob and Maurine Robinson in memory of Mrs. Betty Scott and Kathy Scott Krajca  
Eric and Lori Schwartz in honor of our mothers, Linda Fricke and Shirley Schwartz and in memory of Carolyn Hill  
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of our fathers, Bob Schwartz and Dan Fricke  
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of our grandmothers, Jeanette Schwartz and Billie Hill  
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of my beloved husband of 66 years, Rev. James "Jim" R. Sheppard, Jr.  
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of our first-born son, Mark Stephen Sheppard and his wife Mary Katherine  
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of our Easter born son, James Matthew Sheppard and his wife, Velia Mariscal  
Hope L. Sheppard with pride and joy for a safe arrival of our newest grand-grandson, Luke Sheppard  
Hope L. Sheppard with pride and joy for my family, Psalm 133:1  
Ann Smith in memory of my parents, Bob and Pat Bartels  
Ann Smith in memory of my in-laws, Hubert and Marion Smith  
Ann Smith in memory of Pat Smith  
Ann Smith in memory of Nicholas Seth  
Paul F. Snyder in memory of my mother  
Paul F. Snyder in memory of my father  
George Venner in memory of and Pat Venner  
Dallas and Lynda Ward in honor of the Doughton Family  
Dallas and Lynda Ward in memory of the Ward and Carlson Families  
Nelda Williams in honor of Paula and John Kusewitt  
Beverlee Witty in memory of Mel Witty  
Beverlee Witty in memory of Joy Samuels  
Beverlee Witty in honor of Tom Wilbanks



# GUIDE TO WORSHIP

APRIL 9, 2023

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



This empty tomb is found at the other site attributed as Calvary and the Tomb. The old Greek/Byzantine letters represent the phrase "Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega." He has risen indeed. He is the Beginning and the End.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor  
Ben Clifton, Director of Music Ministries  
Ryoji Shimo, Organist, Pianist  
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant  
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT *Christ is Risen!* Jan Sanborn  
Chancel Choir

Christ is risen! Allelujah!  
Christ is risen! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!  
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.  
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.  
Death has no dominion over Him. Death has no dominion over Him.  
For in that He died, He died unto sin.  
For in that He died, He died unto sin.  
For in that He lives, He lives unto God!  
Christ is risen! Allelujah!  
Christ is risen!  
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Easter Acclamation* (Repeat three times)  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

\*HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

\*OPENING PSALM AND PRAYER *from Psalm 118*  
O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

**The Lord is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

**The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through and give thanks to the Lord.**

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

**This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Glorious Lord of life, by the resurrection of Your Son You overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

**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. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Youth Music Tour

\*ANTHEM *Easter Acclamation* arr. Lanny Allen  
Chancel Choir

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!  
This is the three fold truth on which our faith depends,  
and with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!  
This is the three fold truth which, if we hold it fast,  
changes world and us brings us home at last:  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!  
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty, Eternal, and Victorious God; You give strength to those who believe and hope to those who doubt; as we heard Your Word read and proclaimed, may we see the hope and strength of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON ♦ *Mark 15:33-41*

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, He is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing Him saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was God's Son!" There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, who followed Him when He was in Galilee and ministered to Him, and there were many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem.

THE SECOND LESSON ♦ *Mark 16:1-8*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus Himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Crown Him With Many Crowns* George J Elvey  
arr. Harold Gore  
Brass Quintet

Kassandra Ramos - Junior; Jayden Insyxiengmay - Sophomore;  
Josh McGowan - Sophomore; Alfonso Diaz - Sophomore; and  
Ospicio Lara- Senior

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Doughton  
The children and youth are invited to come forward at this time.

\*HYMN 236 *The Strife Is O'er*

SERMON *The Resurrection* Rev. Doughton

PASTORAL 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.**

\*HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*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.**

ANTHEM *Ode to Joy* Beethoven  
arr. Harold Gore  
Brass Quintet

Kassandra Ramos - Junior; Jayden Insyxiengmay - Sophomore;  
Josh McGowan - Sophomore; Alfonso Diaz - Sophomore; and  
Ospicio Lara- Senior

\*HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

\*BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The love of God our Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.

**Amen.**

\*RESPONSE *Hallelujah Chorus* G.F. Handel  
Chancel Choir

## 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 call the church office to speak with the pastor.*