

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, March 31 - Easter Sunday "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 1-Office is Closed

Tuesday, April 2

9:15 a.m. - Presbyterian Women - Morning Circle

7:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women - Night Circle

Wednesday, April 3

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Beef & Chicken Fajitas, pinto beans, salad, sopapilla cheesecake)

6:30 p.m. - "Music and Your Brain" class led by Sue Bohmer

6:30 p.m. - Children and Youth First Wednesday (Fun & Games)

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Board of Deacons, Crossroads classroom

Sunday, April 7

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

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

12:00 p.m. - Youth handbell rehearsal

Wednesday, April 10

5:45 p.m. - WNL Meal (Pizza, Salad, and Ice Cream Sundaes)

6:30 p.m. - "Music and Your Brain" class led by Sue Bohmer

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Session Meeting, Crossroads classroom

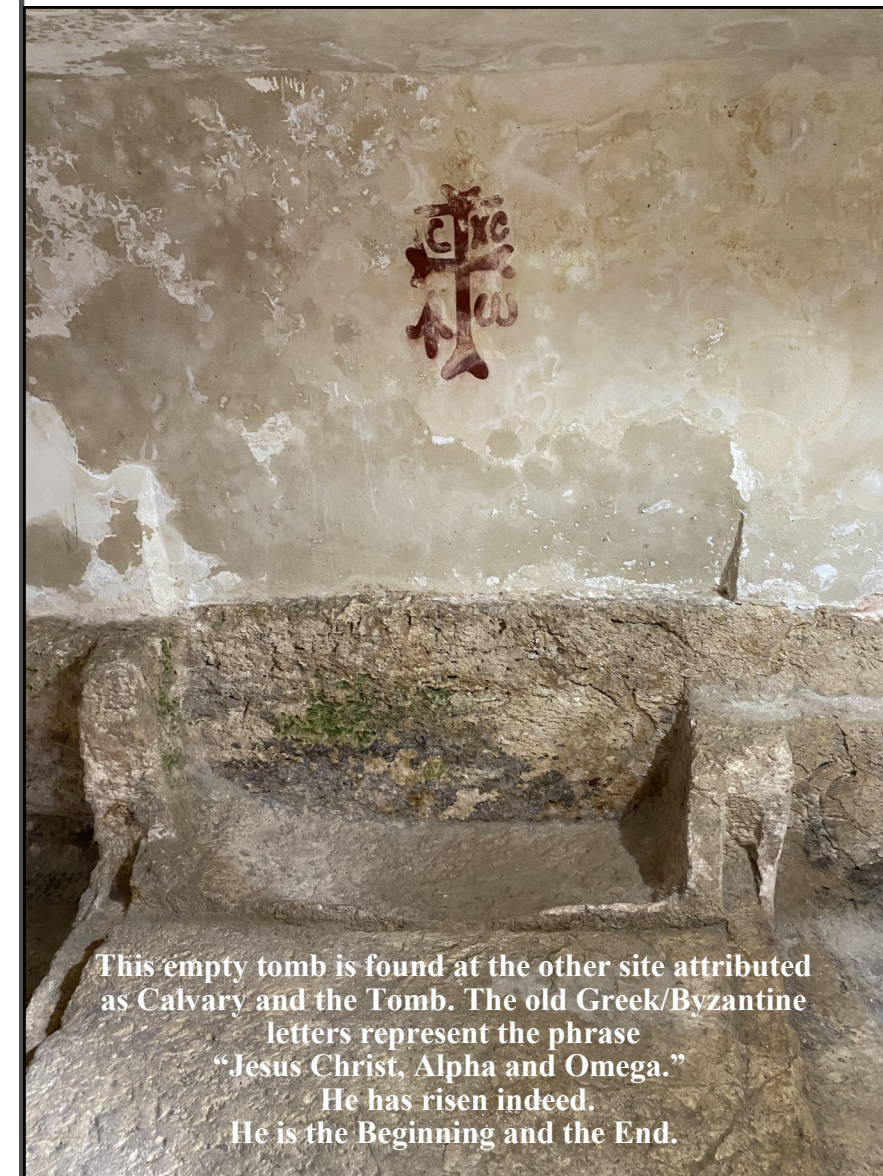
We want to thank the following who provided flowers for our services today:

John and Sue Bohmer in memory of Anne Buswell
Marye Boyce in memory of Mary Elizabeth Barnard
Ross and Sharon Condarco in memory of Sharon's son, Christopher Petton
Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in honor of Mary Claire and Bennett Doughton
Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in honor of Dallas and Lynda Ward and Leila B. Doughton
Mary Lee and Jones Doughton in memory of Erastus B. J. Doughton and Jack MacMillan
Roger Foltz in honor of Scott and Amanda Foltz
Roger Foltz in honor of David and Wendy Foltz
Roger Foltz in honor of Thomas and Emily Shoots
Jan and Doug Fort in memory of Adam D. Fort
Linda Fricke in loving memory of Dan Fricke
Linda Fricke in memory of Lisa Fricke, Billie Hill, Carolyn Hill and Hazel Gates
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of our Administrative Assistant, Renee Stormer
Meg GarverHamilton in honor of the Enquiry Class
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 memory of our dads, James Kusewitt and Jerry Woodard
John and Paula Kusewitt in memory of our grandparents
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of Tom and Nickie Wilbanks and their service to FPC Mesquite
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of FPC Mesquite Staff
John and Paula Kusewitt in honor of our families
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Pat Smith
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Loncy and Bettye Leake
Stephen and Susan Leake in memory of Leroy and Pauline Tanner
Michael and Robbie Lee in honor of Estalene Marshall
Evelyn Parker in memory of Toliver Jordan Hutchinson
John and Susan Scholl in memory of our parents
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of our grandmothers, Billie Hill and Jeanette Schwartz
Eric and Lori Schwartz in memory of our parents in Heaven, Dan Fricke, and Bob and Shirley Schwartz
Hope L. Sheppard in loving memory of my beloved husband of 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 Marisal
Hope L. Sheppard in honor of our church, FPC of Mesquite
Hope L. Sheppard with pride and joy for my family, Psalm 133:1
Hope L. Sheppard in honor of Hope and Theodore Cooper and the greatly anticipated "Baby Cooper"
Ann Smith in honor of Brianne and Jeremy, Megan and Justin, and Smith and Dylan
Ann Smith in honor of Rev. Doughton and Family
Ann Smith in honor of Renee Stormer and family
Ann Smith in honor of Stephen Leake and William Richardson
Ann Smith in memory of Patrick, Marion and Hubert, and Ilamae and Robert Carol Stephenson in honor of Christian Fellowship Class
George Venner in memory of and Pat Venner
Dallas and Lynda Ward in memory of the Wards
Dallas and Lynda Ward in memory of the Carlsons
Nelda Williams in honor of Sue Bohmer
Beverlee Witty in memory of Mel Witty
Beverlee Witty in memory of the loved ones gone before us
Beverlee Witty in honor of Tom Wilbanks
Beverlee Witty in memory of Nickie Wilbanks



GUIDE TO WORSHIP

MARCH 31, 2024
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

1028 S. BELT LINE RD.

MESQUITE, TEXAS 75149

972-285-5602

THOSE WHO SERVE

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



Presbyterian Women are joining "The Ladies Who Love the Lord," in collecting

new towels or towel sets.

They will be given to different Missions in the Dallas area. Collections will continue through Mid April.

LADIES WHO LOVE THE LORD



THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. The total collected thus far in March is **143 items. Thank You!**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Christ Is Risen!* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT *Christ is Risen!* Jan Sanborn
Chancel Choir

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

*ANTHEM *Lift High the Cross* Sir Sidney H Nicholson
Chancel Choir arr. Carl Schalk

Refrain: Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (*Refrain*)

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (*Refrain*)

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (*Refrain*)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (*Refrain*)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (*Refrain*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

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

THE FIRST LESSON # *Luke 9:51*

When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set his face to go to Jerusalem.

THE SECOND LESSON # *Luke 24:44-49*

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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach
Brass Quintet - Juan Carlos Duarte, Jr. - Tuba,
Israel Gonzalez - Trumpet 1,

Christopher Robert Herrera - Trumpet 2, and Hugo Salazar - Trombone

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 Road Ends-and the Road Begins* 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Day of Resurrection* arr. Larry Shackley
Ryoji Shimpo, Pianist

*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 †

ANTHEM *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* Henry T. Smart
Brass Quintet arr. Ian Good

-Juan Carlos Duarte, Jr. - Tuba, Israel Gonzalez - Trumpet 1,
Christopher Robert Herrera - Trumpet 2, and Hugo Salazar - Trombone

*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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - George Venner (8:45); Carol Graham (11:00)
Ushers - Taylor Hammer, Madison Marin, Sheila Hammer,
and Schyler Marin

*A Special Thanks to Our Brass Instrumentalist
And Our Wonderful 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.