

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024 11:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PRAYER (TO BE PRAYED SILENTLY UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY)
From Ephesians 4:2- 4: Father, please help us to walk in a manner worthy of You and Your call to us. Give us a spirit of humility, gentleness and patience that we may show tolerance for one another in love. Help us to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

SESSION SHARING Cindy Brown

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Into our fears and through our locked doors.

People: Come, Almighty God.

Leader: When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

People: Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive

what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623(Red Hymnal)
"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, Amen."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 4:32-35

*HYMN

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-31

SERMON Rev. Larry Green
Fight, Flight, Freeze, or Fawn?

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (see back of red hymnal)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 624 (Red Hymnal)
"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Minister: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

People: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: *Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

*HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 628 (Red Hymnal)

"Threefold Amen"

*POSTLUDE

***Those who are able, please stand.**



Holy Communion



Dianna Sandonato has been asked by the Mission Committee to serve as the liaison to the FUMC Food Pantry Outreach. Help is needed.

Ways to help:

- Weekly “Grab and Go” - assist children over summer break.
- Help keep the blessing box full at FUMC (please see item list below)

Please sign up if you are available for any or all of these.

Contact Dianna Sandonato for more information.

List of Items for the Blessing Box

Food:

- Protein/Energy/Cereal bars (out of the box)
- SELF opening cans or Pouches of Meats/Tuna Fish/Chicken/Fruit/Vegetables Etc...
- Dry Milk or shelf safe milk
- Individual boxes or Packages of Cereal/Nuts/Trail mix/Crackers/Bread sticks (with or without cheese)
- Peanut butter in plastic jars/Jelly/Nutella etc.
- Any shelf safe food items that do not require refrigeration/can openers/or heat source to be able to be eaten.

Personal Items:

- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste(small)
- Bath Wipes (that do not need rinsing)
- Comb or Brush
- Wrapped plastic silverware
- Small Kleenex Pouches
- Travel size Mouth wash/Deodorant
- Any item that can be used to help a homeless person who may not have the resources to clean themselves properly.



We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

Leading Worship: Rev. Larry Green, Minister; Sandi Hilgendorf, Liturgist

Presbyterians celebrate an “Open Communion.” All professing Christians who have been baptized “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

Notes & Announcements

- **Mission Outreach** committee meeting Monday, April 8th at 3:30 pm
- **Administration** committee meeting Tuesday, April 9th at 4:00 pm
- **Christian Education** committee meeting Thursday, April 11th at 10:30 am
- **Finance** committee meeting Thursday, April 11th at 3:00 pm
- **Ushers** for April 14th: Bobby Harper, Jim Culbreath, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Nancy Bell
- **Liturgist** for April 14th: Steve Brown
- Contact the church office at 850-584-3826 for more information or visit our website www.firstpresperry.org



Dear friends,

Thank you for your kind words, both written and spoken, last Sunday. I will cherish the painting of the church. I will miss worshipping with you. May God continue to bless the First Presbyterian Church.

Mark Coffey

Mission/Outreach Summary

Local missions:

Advent Christian Village Benevolences
Breadbasket
Charity Tracker
Christian Motorcycle Benevolences
Courage & Fellowship Through Cancer
Food Pantries
Highland Regional Counseling Center
Lighthouse Children's Home
Local Mission Projects
Needy School Children's Fund
Refuge House
Soup for the Soul

Extended community missions:

Clubhouse Guatemala
Heifer International
Joy Gift
Mutual Mission in Jamaica
One Great Hour of Sharing
Presbyterian Missionary in Haiti
Presbyterian Unified Giving
Operation Christmas Child
Thornwell Children's Home

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

Our Presbytery
Our Session
Our families
Parker family, grieving
Caruso family
Our knees, hips, backs
Harpers
Culpeppers
Speas family, extended
Sandi H, new meds
Rita B, new meds

Pastor Nominating Committee members: Emaley Gentry, Jamie Poppell, Juanita Ratliff, Randy Speas, and Shona Whiddon

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel
Christian Education-Martha Davis
Clerk-Cindy Brown
Congregation Care-Nancy Bell
Finance-Chuck Eckel, Jim Culbreath
Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown
Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins