

# First Presbyterian Church

Established 1876



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026**

Prelude ..... *“Easter Song”* ..... James Mansfield

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Introit..... *“Let Us Go to the House of the Lord”* ..... Shem Taggart

Call to Worship ..... Ian Poole

On the road to Emmaus, the disciples encountered the risen Christ.

**Open our eyes to you walking by our side.**

On the road to Damascus, Saul encountered God.

**Open our hearts to the transformation that you bring.**

As we gather today, may we seek to see God and to be forever changed.

**Let us worship the God who meets us on the road and leads us into new life.**

Opening Prayer ..... Ian Poole

Holy God, you meet us in places we least expect— on the roads we travel with confidence, and in the moments when everything falls apart. Interrupt us with your grace. Open our eyes when we cannot see, and soften our hearts when we resist your call. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ, who calls us still. **Amen.**

\* Hymn of Praise No. 108 ..... *“Christ Is Alive!”* ..... TRURO

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Transforming God, you meet us on the road, yet we confess how often we resist your light. Like Saul, we have been blind to the harm we cause and the ways we exclude. Like Ananias, we have hesitated to trust your work in those we fear or do not understand. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see as you see, and turn us toward a new way of love. In the name of Christ, who meets us and transforms us, we pray.**

(A moment of silent personal confession)

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 579

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination..... Ian Poole

First Scripture Reading ..... Acts 9:1-9 .....NT Page 127

Time with Young Disciples

Anthem..... *“Send Out the Singers”* .....Stan Pethel

Second Scripture Reading..... Acts 9:10-19 .....NT Page 127

Sermon.....Be an Ananias..... Rev. Leslie Roper

\* Hymn No. 343..... *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* .....BEECHER

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed ..... Ian Poole

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings ..... Ian Poole

Offertory .....*“Meditation”* ..... Paul F. Page

\* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow .....LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly  
 Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

\* Prayer of Dedication ..... Ian Poole

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)..... Traditional, Hymnal Page 16  
**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.**

\* Closing Hymn..... *"We Are One in the Spirit"*..... Peter Scholtes



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



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 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude..... *"The Risen Christ!"* ..... Lani Smith

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.  
 Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Miriam Murthy in memory of Kathy White.

**Today is "Birthday Sunday"** where we will honor our members and friends celebrating birthdays in the month of April. Following worship, we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us!

**The Next Presbyterian Women's 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Out** will be at Bubba Brews (1252 Airport Road) on Wednesday, April 29, 5:30 p.m. There will be a 20% gratuity added to your bill. If you leave a tip on the table, you will be tipping twice. All women are invited to join us for great fellowship and a fantastic view. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the "Sign-Up Board" located in the Fellowship Hall right outside the kitchen. Judy Hoefer needs to call in a count by Monday, April 27, to ensure adequate kitchen and serving staff, so please sign up if you plan to come.

**Our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be here before you know it!**

Everyone is invited to come and join us as we celebrate our mission and ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. There will be a wide variety of activities on Saturday, May 16, all leading up to our anniversary worship service on Sunday, May 17, which will be followed by a luncheon. For a schedule of events, go to our website at [firstpreshotsprings.org](http://firstpreshotsprings.org) and click on the "150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" tab. We hope to see everyone there.



**Welcome Visitors!** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project!** The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary.

**Save your Dimes!** All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."

**Prayer Requests:** Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, [jsar43@gmail.com](mailto:jsar43@gmail.com) / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, [paulpatmills@yahoo.com](mailto:paulpatmills@yahoo.com) / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office [office@firstpreshotsprings.org](mailto:office@firstpreshotsprings.org). A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*



## ***APRIL BIRTHDAYS***

<p><b><u>April 1</u></b> Linda Glover Ric Poole</p> <p><b><u>April 2</u></b> Betty Kate Carney Carter King Cathe Talpas</p> <p><b><u>April 3</u></b> Jordan Garner</p> <p><b><u>April 7</u></b> Cookie Moore</p>	<p><b><u>April 11</u></b> Lily Hardin</p> <p><b><u>April 12</u></b> Kent Westmoreland</p> <p><b><u>April 13</u></b> Gail Baum</p> <p><b><u>April 15</u></b> Connie Hope</p> <p><b><u>April 16</u></b> Adam Woodworth</p>	<p><b><u>April 22</u></b> Tom Brown</p> <p><b><u>April 23</u></b> Eliza Bailey</p> <p><b><u>April 28</u></b> Brooks Rice Donald Simmons</p> <p><b><u>April 29</u></b> Elaine Pathmann</p> <p><b><u>April 30</u></b> Susan Lee</p>
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## ***APRIL ANNIVERSARIES***

<p><b><u>April 2</u></b> Susan and Adam Woodworth</p> <p><b><u>April 3</u></b> Sandra and Jim Matheney</p>	<p><b><u>April 7</u></b> Jeanette and Gary Cline</p> <p><b><u>April 30</u></b> Char and David Paul</p>
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*We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special “Birthday Blessing” to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.*



**Church Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Office Lunch Hour:**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 19**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Birthday Cake in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Spa City Youth

**Monday, April 20**

- 9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
- 10:00 a.m. Bill Nieburg Visitation
- 10:30 a.m. Bill Nieburg Funeral

**Tuesday, April 21**

- 10:00 a.m. PW Morning Circle

**Wednesday, April 22**

- 10:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Bargain Box Open until 3:00 p.m.
- 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open until 2:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Sunday, April 26**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

*Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.*

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