

WORSHIP

MARCH 31, 2024 | 10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

EASTER SUNDAY: SHAPED BY RESURRECTION PROMISE

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.



HE IS

risen

We Gather Around the Word

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on The Day of Resurrection”
Terry Metzger, Organ

by Robert J. Powell

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Paddy Nichols, Liturgist

Look! A sliver of light across the horizon— the miracle of a new day.

See! The stone is rolled away, and the angel calls from within.

Feel! The freedom of our souls and the wonder of the Messiah’s gift of new life.

Hear! The hallelujahs as we declare to the world, “He has risen!”

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN | "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Alice Hernandez
adapted from Rev. Stephen Fearing

Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb,

and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing.

Why must we continue in fear?

Why must we be afraid of death even after its defeat?

Yes, this is a glorious day of mirth and song,

but forgive us when we are quick to forget its Good News.

Help us be a people of resurrection not just on this day but all days.

Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise of life

that we might turn from sin and be renewed.

Eliminate from us the fear of sin

that we might tell this glad story -

that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed!

This we pray in the name of your Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel:

The tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave!

That which has been dead is alive!

No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God!

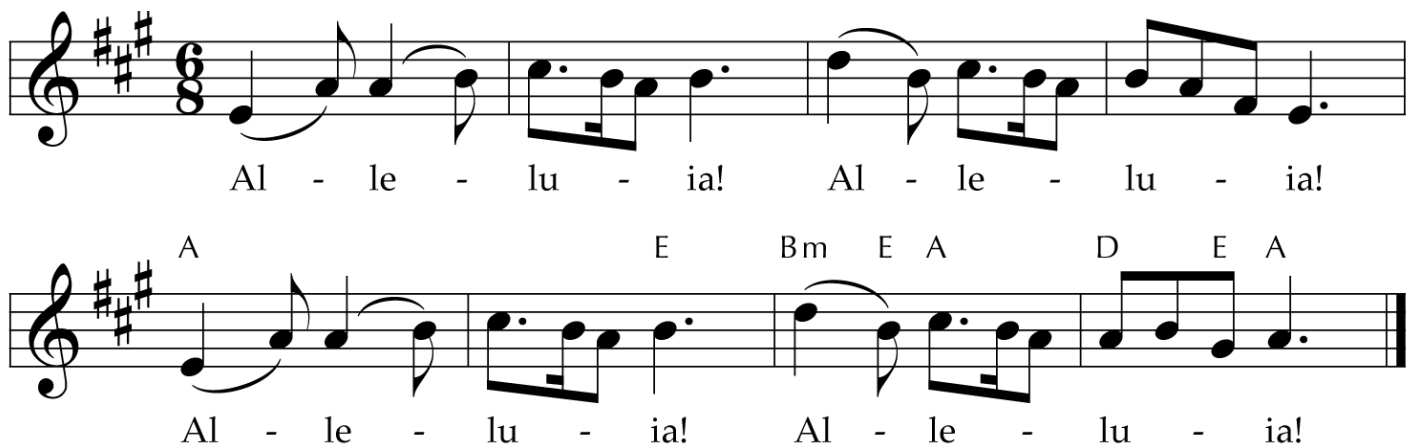
I announce to you this day that our hearts are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***GLORIA PATRI | "Alleluia"**

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

A E Bm E A D E A

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANs

Pastor Alice and Pastor Rosy

*Children of all ages are welcome to join us up front for a brief children's lesson.
Children between the ages of 0-kindergarten are then welcome to go to the nursery following the
lesson, or return to their seats.*

We Proclaim the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

NRSV O.T. Pg. 565

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

NRSV N.T. Pgs. 114-115

The grass withers, the flower fades.
The Word of our God will stand forever.

SERMON

Rev. Rosy Robson McCreary

We Respond to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** | “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Book of Common Worship

**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.**

OFFERTORY

“Alleluia”

by Paul Basler

Hendrix Nunez Cruz, French Horn
John Wolf and Makena Mailer, Percussion
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director
Terry Metzger, Piano

***DOXOLOGY** | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

We Gather Around the Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer continues...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD’S PRAYER | *Unison*

**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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This is an open and welcoming table. All are invited.

ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

by Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis, Director

Terry Metzger, Piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World

***SENDING HYMN** | “Christ Is Alive!”

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***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on The Day of Resurrection”
Terry Metzger, Organ

by Robert J. Powell



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Flower Dedications

Will Archuleta and Lily Sikh

In appreciation of Jacy, our son, who fulfills our lives.

John Babb

In loving memory of Sharon Babb.

Steve and Jo Bowen

In thanksgiving for our family, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Barbara Chapman

In honor of Virginia Maupin who turns 100 on April 2

In memory of Richard Chapman

Phil and Penny Colbaugh

Pastors Rosy and Alice for their diligent and creative ministry.

In appreciation for this wonderful congregation.

Miriam Durrett

In loving memory of Craig Durrett.

Bill and Diane Foote

In appreciation of the positive influence of the family in our lives.

Chris Gray

In honor and remembrance of my parents, Jim and Andrea Gray.

Anne Healy

In loving memory of my husband, Ralph.

In honor of my incredibly loving family.

Alice and Paul Hernandez

In honor of our Papa and Mother, who love and support our family.

Bill and Shirley Latham

Given with loving thoughts of First Presbyterian, Richardson. We miss you all so much.

The Manck Family

In honor of our daughter, Genevieve, and our parents, Faye, Katy, and Lynn.

In memory of Grandpa Jim and Uncle Larry.

Jay and Rosy McCreary

In gratitude for the Session and their faithful leadership.

In honor of Alice, Amanda, Marilyn, Shirley, Richard, Becky, Terry, and Gilli and the ways they equip the saints for ministry.

Kathy Minde

In loving memory of parents, Harlen and Norma Siesmen, and my brother, Kevin Siesmen.

In loving memory of Michael Minde, Cassandra Minde, Aaron Minde, and Noel Crume.

Jane Paschal

In appreciation of a vibrant, hardworking ministry.

Harry and Lea Perkins

In loving memory of our granddaughter, Hailey.

In gratitude for our personal family and for our church family.

Barbara and Randy Phillips

In loving memory of Margaret and Ralph Phillips.

In loving memory of Ann Singer Samels and Horst Bredun.



Flower Dedications

Carolyn Prince

In memory of Joe Prince and my wonderful family.

In appreciation of our dedicated church staff and this welcoming and faithful community of believers.

Lynda Reynolds

In loving memory of Faye and Lyle Brewster.

In loving memory of Pat Reynolds.

Betty Rice

In memory of my husband, Gordon, my mother, Clarice, my father, Robert, and my brothers, Jim and Bill.

Blessings and love for my children, David and Mary Ann, and their families.

Rick and Sue Rickman

In memory of our parents, Russ and Eleanor Stewart, and Jess and Patsy Rickman.

In appreciation of our terrific church staff.

Rodney and Jeffrey Roberts

In loving memory of wife and mother, Uneeda Roberts.

Robin and Dale Smith

In loving memory of our parents, and Andrea and Jim.

Connie Smith

In loving memory of my parents, William J.B. Smith and Hermagene G. Smith.

Ralph Stannard

In appreciation of the music department.

Jameson Sucher

In honor of my mommy, Tanya Sucher.

Brian and Juli Tanzola

In memory of Y. P. Diaz.

In memory of Lucas Paul Stewart.

In memory of Jim Gray, Frank Fandrick, Bill Yeager, and Andrea Gray.

Jer-Shi Teng

In loving memory of Karen Lin.

Eva Waldrop

In memory of my grandparents, parents, and brother.

In appreciation of First Presbyterian Church of Richardson and all the people who make this a church.

Marilyn Willoughby

In appreciation of the FPCR staff for their hard work and support the week before my wedding.

In honor of my new husband, Matt Willoughby!

Linda Yeager

All the saints here at FPCR and those in Heavenly Homes, and all God's children.

Anonymous

In appreciation of FPCR's music staff: Amanda Hollis, Terry Metzger, and Becky Lormor.