

# WORSHIP

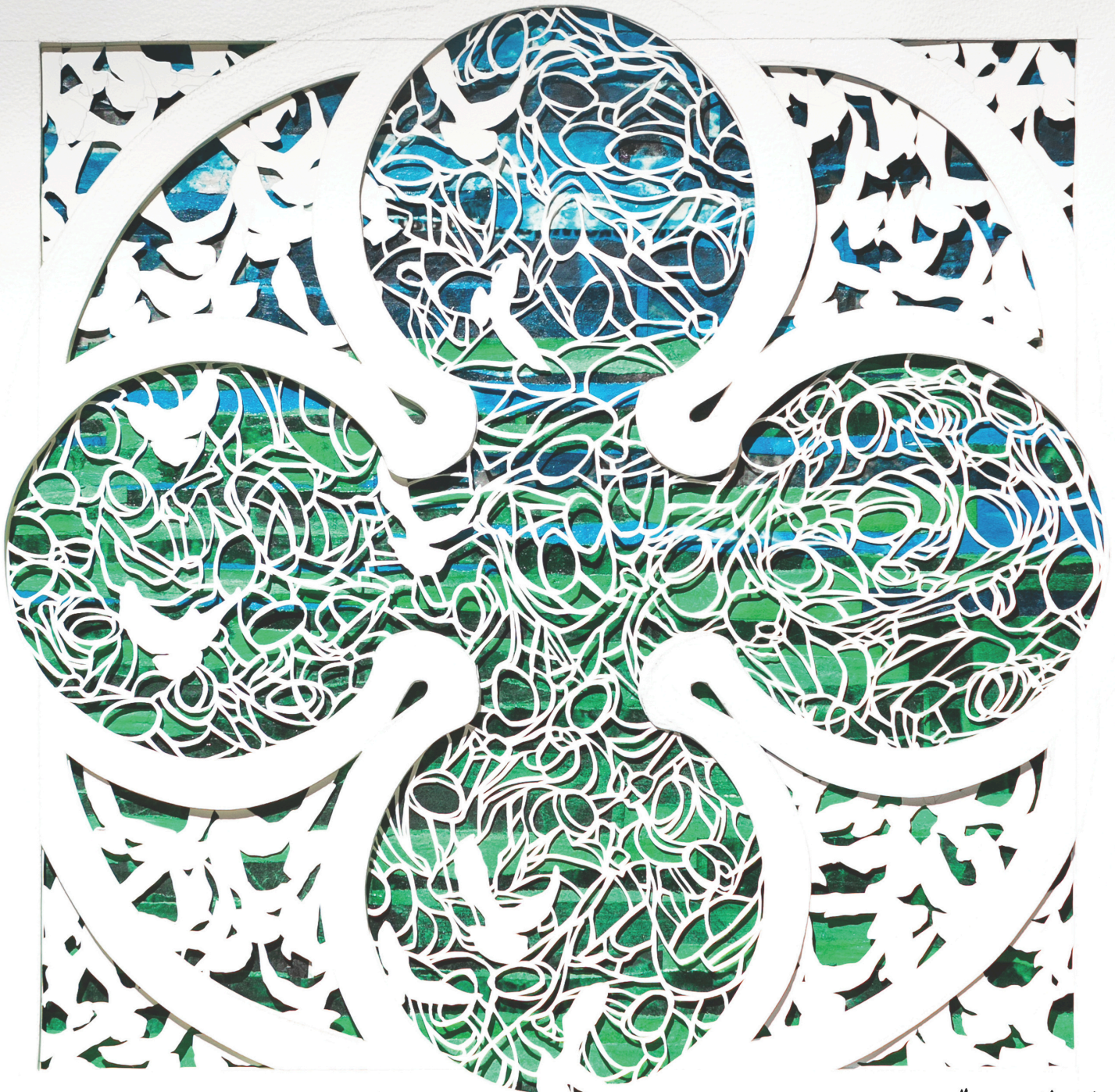


FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON

## EASTER SUNDAY | 10:30 AM, APRIL 5, 2026

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

*At First Presbyterian Church of Richardson, we believe that God's love is for everyone—without exception. We welcome all people to worship, serve, and grow with us, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, marital status, or economic circumstance. We affirm the worth and dignity of every person as a beloved child of God, created in God's image. As a church rooted in God's grace, we seek to live with open hearts and open minds. We commit to being a safe and affirming space for all, especially those who have been hurt or excluded by the church in the past. In our worship, our leadership, our fellowship, and our service—we welcome you. We see you. We honor your full humanity. You are welcome here. You are not alone. You are loved.*



*Hannah Garrity*

*"Meet Me in Galilee" by Hannah Garrity*

# *We Gather Around the Word*

WELCOME

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Resurrection Morning”  
The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir  
Becky Lormor, Director; Terry Metzger, Piano

*Medley of Easter Hymns*  
Arr. Joel Raney

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Rev. Alice Hernandez

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

The good news is dancing!

**The good news is on the loose!**

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

Let us worship

**Our good-news Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN | #232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

CALL TO CONFESSION *and* PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Gracious God, we want to be Easter people.**

**We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.**

**We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.**

**We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid.**

**And we don’t know where to look.**

**And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing.**

**So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.**

**We are best intentions and best laid plans.**

**We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.”**

**We are on our way, but we are not there yet.**

**Show us how to embody your good news in this world.**

**Show us how to be your Easter people.**

**With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God.

Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay.

So join me in this good news declaration:

**Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.**

**This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI | #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,*

*and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,*

*and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANS

Pastor Alice

*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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## ***We Proclaim the Word***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24  
Matthew 28:1-10

NRSV OT Pg. 565-566  
NRSV NT Pg. 33-34

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Sarah Chancellor-Watson

## ***We Respond to the Word***

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE | #826 "Lift High the Cross"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

*The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Arise King Jesus”  
by John Parker; Arr. David Lantz  
The Sanctuary Choir, Amanda Hollis

\*DOXOLOGY | #750 “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;  
light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.  
Vic-tory is ours; vic-tory is ours through God who loves us. us.

## *We Celebrate the Joyful Feast*

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.**

*And so we praise you, joining the song of the universal Church and the heavenly choir...*

HYMN OF EXALTATION | #552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

*Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast...*

#553 “Christ has Died; Christ is Risen”



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

*Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever...*

#554 “Amen”



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

## ***We Are Sent Out to Bear the Word in the World***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING HYMN | #246 “Christ is Alive!”

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Fanfare and Celebration”

*Pamela Robison*  
Terry Metzger, Organ



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# Flower Dedications

**John Babb**

In loving memory of Sharon Babb.

**Barbara Chapman**

In loving memory of Richard Chapman.

**Ed and Paula Dardaganian**

In appreciation of the hard work of our pastor nominating committee and the excellent pastor they selected.

**Miriam Durrett**

In loving memory of Craig Durrett.

**Chris, Dane, Melanie and Marissa Gray**

In honor and memory of our parents and grandparents, Jim and Andrea Gray.

In remembrance of Frank Fandruck and Bill Yeager.

**Bob and Mary Jo Grimes**

In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Grimes, Judge and Mrs. John H. Houston, and grandson Andrew.

**Betsy Gust**

In appreciation of the ministry of Pastor Sarah and Pastor Alice.

**Madeline Kraus**

In memory of my beloved sister, Marigold, and beloved husband, Roger.

**The Manck Family**

In memory of James Britton.

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

In appreciation of the children's ministry and childcare staff.

**Gene and Becky Lormor**

In joyful welcome for Pastor Sarah, and gratitude for Pastor Alice. Hallelujah!

**Harry and Lea Perkins**

In gratitude for our family.

In loving memory of our granddaughter, Hailey.

**Carolyn Prince**

In appreciation of my church family and the staff.

**Betty Rice**

In honor of my devoted and loving husband, Gordon, and my loving mother, Clarice, father Robert Marshall, brothers James Robert Marshall and Dr. Billy Jack Marshall.

To welcome our new Pastor and her family!

**Rick and Sue Rickman**

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

In joy for the arrival of Sarah, David, Chance and Sam.

**Debbie Rowley**

In appreciation of the Sunday School Teachers—from birth to adults—for your time and love.

**Robin and Dale Smith**

In memory of Andrea and Jim Gray, Bernie and Betty Weiner, Eddie and Mickey Smith, and Gladys Patton. Always in our hearts.

**Robin Smith**

In appreciation of our new pastor, Sarah Chancellor-Watson, and her family, as we joyfully welcome them into our church family.



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**Barbara and Jameson Sucher**

In memory of Angela Sucher.

**Brian and Juli Tanzola**

In memory of Lucas Paul Stewart.

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

**Marilyn Willoughby**

In appreciation for my wonderful office volunteers.

In appreciation for the FPCR congregation and the many ways they support me.

**Bob and Sarah Wright**

In grateful appreciation for our FPC family.

**Sarah and David Watson**

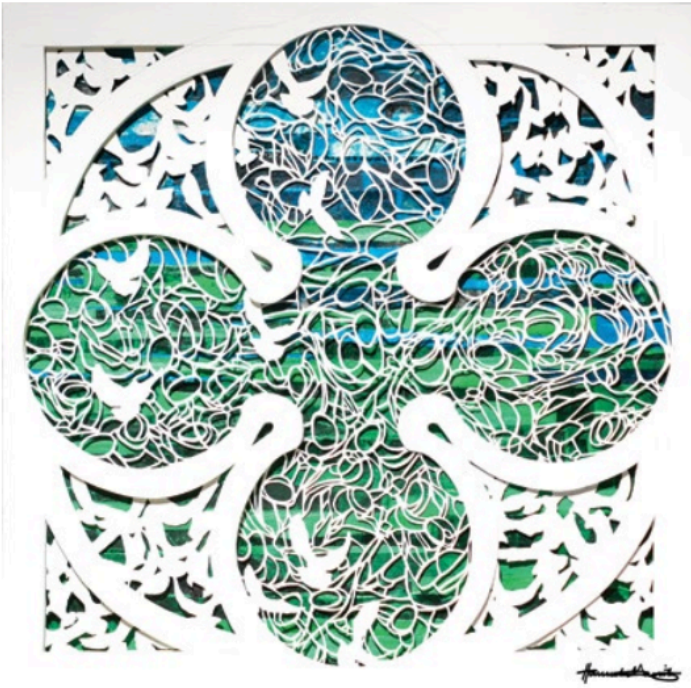
In honor of our parents

**Anonymous**

In honor of the PNC: Rick Rickman, Julie Houpt, Ben Niewenhuis, Margaret Rogers, and Frank Camp.

In honor and appreciation for Pastor Sarah and the beginning of her ministry with us.

In appreciation for the livestream team.



## Meet Me in Galilee

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

*18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay*

The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the

empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the *euaggelion*, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors. —**Hannah Garrity**

## Look

*Study the figures in the crowd. What postures and expressions do you see?*

*What emotions do you feel?*

# WEEK AT A GLANCE:

## Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

Outdoor Easter Service: 8 am, Pavilion

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111

Present Word: 9 am, A109

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Easter Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

Easter Egg Hunt: 12 pm, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, April 6 - Easter Monday: Office Closed

## Tuesday, April 7

Prayer Group: 8 am, Phone

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10 am, Library

Pastor's Bible Study: 4 pm, Google Meet

## Wednesday, April 8

Sometimers: 8-11 am

Handbell Rehearsal: 5:45-7:15 pm

Choir Rehearsal: 7:30-9 pm

## Saturday, April 11

Taiwanese Ministry Bible Study: 2-4 pm, Library

## Sunday, April 12 - Cents-Ability Sunday

Coffee Class: 9 am, A111


Present Word: 9 am, A109

Children's Sunday School: 9-10:15 am, CE Building

Nursery: 9-11:30 am, CE Building

Worship: 10:30 am, In-Person & Online

For the full events calendar that includes our Community Partners, please scan the QR code.




the good news is...  
alive in the world

# EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday, April 5

BRING YOUR BASKET AND JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!




# SAVE THE DATE

EARTH CARE  
PARK CLEAN-UP  
SUNDAY, APRIL 26  
AFTER WORSHIP

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Monthly Dinner & Fellowship

Dinner will be served from 6-7 PM.  
Reservations are required!

APRIL 15

6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL



All are welcome!

RSVP in the Friendship Pads. Suggested Donation: \$5/Adult.