



A Service for the Worship of God | Sunday, April 5, 2026 | 10:45am
Easter Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us worship God.

CHIMES

PRELUDE.....*March Triomphale*.....Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The Easter Brass Quintet and organ
Richard Watson and Jack Stanley, trumpets; Colin McRae, horn;
Evan Bryant, trombone; Taylor Carrell, tuba

INTROIT.....*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*.....*The Sacred Harp*, 1859

Gwenyth Sell, soprano Tune: ANTIOCH

I know that my Redeemer lives, glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives, glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The stone has been rolled away.
Death has been defeated.
The grave has lost its power.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let all creation rejoice.
Let us worship the living God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, we confess that we are slow to believe and quick to fear. We cling to old anxieties and familiar doubts, even when you stand before us alive with promise. We confess that we often live as though death still has the final word, as though love has limits, and as though hope is fragile. Forgive our unbelief. Free us from habits that bind us to the past. Raise us to new life in Christ, that we may walk in resurrection courage and joy. Amen.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)

RESPONSE, No. 243 *Be Not Afraid* BE NOT AFRAID

(We will sing this twice.)

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made righteous! Thanks be to God!

† ACT OF PRAISE, No. 245 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* LLANFAIR

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Lynace Veit

At this time young children may go to Extended Session in the CE Building. There is no Worship Center this morning.

RESPONSE, No. 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Jeremiah 31:1-6
Pew Bible, page 689 | Large Print, page 897
Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.

SECOND READING.....Matthew 27:50-28:10
Pew Bible, page 31 | Large Print, page 40
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....Rev. Brent Anderson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE AND CALL

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† **HYMN, No. 251**.....*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*.....MRURAHINI, HALELUYA
(Soloists will sing the verses; the congregation and choir are invited to join on the refrain.)

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY.....*Arisen Is Our Blessed Lord*.....Melchior Vulpius
The Sanctuary Choir and Easter Brass

<i>Arisen is our blessed Lord, alleluia,</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i>
<i>Who comforts all with grace outpoured.</i>	<i>But now that Christ arose from sleep, alleluia,</i>
<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i>	<i>With praise and thanks our voices leap.</i>
<i>Had he not burst the bonds of hell, alleluia,</i>	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</i>
<i>The world would bend under death’s spell.</i>	

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

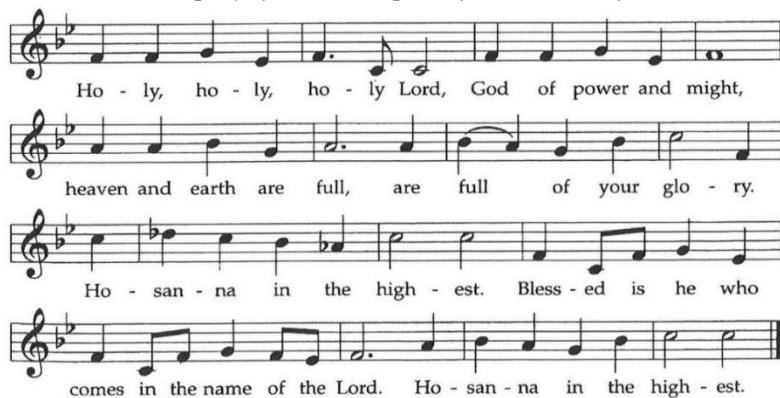
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

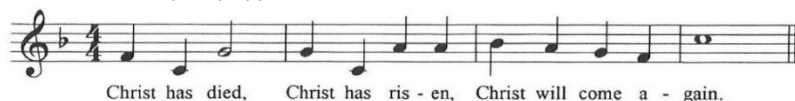
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ has ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

...All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM.....*Praise to Our Victorious King*.....Jody Lindh
The Sanctuary Choir

<i>At the Lamb's high feast we sing</i>	<i>Easter triumph, Easter joy!</i>
<i>Praise to our victorious King,</i>	<i>Sin alone can this destroy;</i>
<i>Who hath washed us in the tide</i>	<i>From sin's power do thou set free</i>
<i>Flowing from his pierced side, Alleluia.</i>	<i>Souls newborn, O Lord, in thee, Alleluia.</i>
<i>Praise we him, whose love divine</i>	<i>Hymns of glory, songs of praise,</i>
<i>Gives his sacred blood for wine,</i>	<i>Father, unto thee we raise:</i>
<i>Gives his body for the feast,</i>	<i>Risen Lord, all praise to thee</i>
<i>Christ the victim, Christ the priest, Alleluia.</i>	<i>With the Spirit ever be, Alleluia.</i>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN, No. 238**.....*Thine Is the Glory*.....JUDAS MACCABEUS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† **RESPONSE, No. 251**.....*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*.....MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

† **POSTLUDE**.....*Allegro Maestoso*.....George F. Handel
The Easter Brass Quintet and organ

† *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Liturgist: Carole Mullen

Ushers: Children and youth of the church

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, April 12** following worship for the purpose of approving the listing and sale of the Alden Plantation property in Bossier Parish, in one or more transactions (if the way be clear, and the price be acceptable to the Session). FPC Alden Plantation, LLC (of which First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport is the sole member) has an approximate 3.8% interest in this property which was received from the Hicks Marital Trust fund. Based upon the realtor's valuation, a sale or sales could net the church as much as \$350,000.00.

WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance sheet.

WE WARMLY WELCOME CHILDREN as a vital part of our worshiping community! We understand that every family is different, and we strive to support each one in the way that fits them best. Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary during worship, and we offer worship bags and children's Bibles to help engage them in meaningful ways. Worship Center, a Montessori-based approach to worship, is available for 4-year-olds -1st graders following the Time with Children. Childcare is offered in the CE building when needed. In addition, a comfort room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, equipped with a speaker so you can listen to the service while caring for your child.

WE WELCOME the Easter Brass Quintet to our worship today! Members of the quintet are Richard Watson and Jack Stanley, trumpets; Colin McRae, horn; Evan Bryant, trombone; and Taylor Carrell, tuba.

PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:

Martha Fitch, Joy Young, Zama Dexter, Jean Sayres, Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts, Josh Kilpatrick, Susie Nunnally, Ken Copeland, Lorna Rodman, Michael Avery, Vernon Chance, Claudia Engi, Jan Melton, Krystle Baker Bailey, Jerry Sayres, Robert Raymond, Lauren Gnann, Frank Dodson, Ella Rigdon

Please keep the church staff updated on those who are listed.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Mary Blackman and family, Mary Anne Selber, Anne Jenkins and family, Peggy Guilbert and family, Marilyn Madison and family, Glenn Jackson, family of Jean Carroll, Amy Bowman and family, Susan Lavergne and family, Brian Carberry and family, Mary Bush and family, Mary Jane Lowder and family, Bob Neff and family, Pam Naifeh and family, the Jackson family, the Mendenhall family, the Day and Grantham families

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING:

Ryan Markham, U.S. Navy; Jennifer Markham, U.S. Navy;
Reed Markham, U.S. Army; Evan Akers, U.S. Army; Josh Freidel, U.S. Navy;
Evan Richey, U.S. Navy; James Giddens, U.S. Army

WEEKLY LINK – WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2026
THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 5

10:00 a.m. – Butterfly Release and Easter Egg Hunt – Legacy Green

10:45 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship Service – In-Person - Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website: <https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

MONDAY, April 6

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, April 7

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

10:00 a.m. – PW Council – PW Suite

1:30 p.m. – Congregational Life Meeting – Conference Room

5:30 p.m. – PNC Meeting – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, April 8

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

1:00 p.m. – Caregivers Meeting – PW Suite

5:15 p.m. – Youth Ministry Meeting – Conference Room

6:00 p.m. – *The American Revolution: An Enlightened Presbyterian Tea Party* – Dr. Megan Conway - Gym

THURSDAY, April 9

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

12:00 p.m. – Welcome Ministry Meeting – Conference Room

5:15 p.m. – Highland Blessing Dinner

6:15 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

FRIDAY, April 10

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. - AA

SUNDAY, April 12

9:15 a.m. – Children’s Choir – CE Building

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:45 a.m. – Sunday Worship Service – In-Person – Sanctuary and also Live Streamed on the Website: <https://www.fpcshreveport.org> and First Presbyterian Facebook Page

5:00 p.m. – Club 345 – Gym

5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir – Choir Room

5:30 p.m. – Youth Bells – Bell Room

6:00 p.m. – Young Adults – Media Room

6:00 p.m. – Youth Group – 4th Floor Youth Space

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

The University of First Presbyterian
presents a lecture

The American Revolution:


AN ENLIGHTENED PRESBYTERIAN TEA PARTY

Wednesday, April 8 | 6:00pm
Gym/Lecture Hall at First Presbyterian Church
900 Jordan Street | 318.222.0604
fpcshreveport.org

The American Revolution was often called the "Presbyterian Revolt" or the "Presbyterian Revolution" by British politicians of the time because of the intellectual and moral leadership of the Presbyterian clergy and the political culture of resistance rooted in Scottish and Scots-Irish history. On the other hand, without the *French Enlightenment*, the founding fathers would not have had the philosophical underpinnings needed to advance the cause of Liberty.

"Spilling all the Tea" for us will be our Special Guest Speaker:

DR. MEGAN CONWAY
Professor Emerita of French at LSU-Shreveport



THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



345

Club 345 is a fellowship group for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We meet monthly on Sundays at 5:00-6:00pm in the Gym for a shared dinner & fun!

Spring 2026 Dates:

- Sunday, March 15
- Sunday, April 12
- Saturday, May 16 Skating Party!

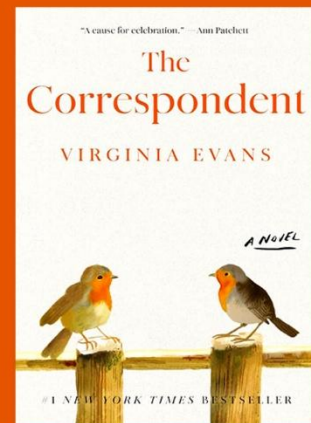




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BOOK CLUB
APRIL 2026
Thursday, April 23
12noon-1:00pm in the Chapel
at First Presbyterian • 900 Jordan Street

Our Book Selection:
THE CORRESPONDENT
by Virginia Evans

Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Whited



"A cause for celebration." — Ann Patchett

The Correspondent
VIRGINIA EVANS
A NOVEL
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Come Celebrate with Us!
Sunday, May 3rd 3:00-5:00pm
Officer Installation 4:00pm
at Anne Jenkins' home | 1026 Erie Street | Shreveport

Do everything in Love

All Women of the Church are Invited
even if you are not currently active in a PW Circle!

The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the 2026 offering.