



**A Service for the Worship of God | April 14, 2024 |  
10:45am  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....James Moritz

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

## **PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**.....*Jesus Loves Me*.....arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
The Youth Bell Choir and Jordan Street Ringers

**INTROIT**.....*Lord, Hear My Prayer*.....Hal H. Hopson  
The Youth and Sanctuary Choirs SLANE

Lord, hear my prayer.  
God of all righteousness, hear when I pray,  
In my distress be my hope and my stay;

Peace and assurance all discord withstand,  
Safely I rest in the palm of your hand.  
Lord, hear my prayer.

†**CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 4**.....Mollie Hodges

Answer me when I call, O God of my right.

**You gave us room when we were in distress. Be gracious to us and hear our prayers.**

Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

**The Lord hears when we call to him.**

†HYMN, No. 246.....*Christ Is Alive!*.....TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION.....Park Moritz

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you what we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and we have lived apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence.)*

RESPONSE, No. 611.....*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*.....HYMN TO JOY

Mortals, join the happy chorus	Ever singing, march we onward,
Which the morning stars began.	Victors in the midst of strife.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,	Joyful music leads us sunward
Joining all in heaven's plan.	In the triumph song of life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Grady Jackson

†ACT OF PRAISE.....*Gloria Patri*.....MEINEKE

**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.**

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another saying: **"The peace of Christ be with you."**  
Respond by saying: **"And also with you."**

**THE WORD**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN.....FPC Youth

Children: God be with you as you stay.  
**Congregation: God be with you as you go.**

*Young children may exit at this time for Extended Session in the CE Building. There is no Worship Center.*

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

**(We will sing this twice.)**

<b>Be not afraid; sing out for joy!</b>	<b>Be not afraid; sing out for joy!</b>
<b>Christ is risen, alleluia!</b>	<b>Christ is risen, alleluia!</b>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Camille LaBorde

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING.....1 John 3:1-7.....Frances Jenkins  
Pew Bible, page 225| Large Print, page 291  
*Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 24:36-48.....Lorelei Green  
Pew Bible, page 85 | Large Print, page 110  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....*Humanity*.....Lorelei Green

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed.....Max Overdyke

**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.**

†HYMN, No. 252.....*Day of Arising*.....RAABE

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP.....Charles LaBorde

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Clayton Sonnenfeld and Sami Crawford

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING.....Mary Ellen Lowder

**OFFERTORY**.....*The Gift to Be Simple*.....Early American tune  
The Youth Choir, Drew McFayden, and the SOX artists      Arr. Dale Wood

It's a gift to be simple, it's a gift to be kind, It's a gift to smile and to share a happy mind. It's a gift from the Father When we go on our way With a joyful song at the start of the day. But the gift to be simple and the gift to be kind Are the gifts which only a very few will find. Yet these gifts from the Father Can be found every day	If we look to him and his will we obey. Love, love! It's a gift to be kind. It's a gift when we smile, When we share a happy mind. Love, love! We go on our way With a joyful song at the start of the day. Love, love! We go on our way With a joyful heart at the close of the day.
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†**DOXOLOGY**.....TALLIS' CANON  
(sung to the tune of Hymn No. 675, *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*)

**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.**

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**.....Preston Sonnenfeld

†**HYMN, No. 526**.....*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*.....Linstead

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**.....James Moritz

†**RESPONSE, No. 543**.....*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*.....GREEN TYLER

<b>Walking behind to hem my journey, Going ahead to light my way, And from beneath, above, and all ways:</b>	<b>O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.</b>
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†**POSTLUDE**.....*March in D*.....J. S. Bach

† *Worshippers standing if able.*

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*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Art Sample  
by his loving family.*

Participants: Sami Crawford, Lauren Gnann, Lorelei Green, Mollie Hodges, Grady Jackson, Hadley Jackson, Frances Jenkins, Camille LaBorde, Charles LaBorde, Mary Ellen Lowder, James Moritz, Park Moritz, Max Overdyke, Clayton Sonnenfeld, Preston Sonnenfeld, Helen Summers

## **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 pad.

**WORSHIP BAGS** are available for children elementary age and younger. Inside each bag a variety of worship aids can be found to help children participate fully in worship, including bookmarks, children's bulletins, crayons, pencils, and more! Worship Bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances of the sanctuary. Please return them at the end of the service. Children's Bibles are also available for children's use during worship.

**CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP!** Childcare is provided if needed. The Infant and Toddler nursery is found in CE 106 & 108. Children ages 3 years and younger may go to the CE building for Extended Session, Room CE 103. A comfort and cry room is located on the same floor as the sanctuary, behind the gathering area, around the corner and down the hall from the elevators. The cry room is equipped with a speaker, so you will be able to hear the worship service while there.

**WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY** to Virginia Daniel Wendelin in the death of her husband, Philip Wendelin, on April 7, 2024, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

### **PRAYER LIST - FOR HEALING, PEACE, AND COMFORT:**

Martha Fitch, Mary Ann Shaw, Joy Young, Imogene Murphy, Jean Carroll, Bettye Leslie, David Dethloff, Zama Dexter, Jean and Jerry Sayres, Archer Frierson, Jo Linn Burt, Jean Mendenhall, Leigh Taylor, Erika Asseff, Stephen Roberts

*Please keep the pastor updated on those who are listed.*

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:**

Christy Frierson, John Frierson, Jr., and Jenni Couhig and families,  
Simone Hennessee and family, Craig Springmeyer and family, Cindy Johnson and family,  
John Hoffman and family, family of Borden "Pete" Rogers, family of Betsy Lunn,  
family of Joan Martin, family and friends of Doug Caulkins, Mary Blackman and family,  
Claudia Oliver and George Fritze and families, Cheryl Marshall and family, Virginia Daniel Wendelin

### **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

**CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP:**

Rev. Dr. William M. Scott.....Senior Pastor/Head of Staff  
 Rev. Alexandra Pappas.....Associate Pastor  
 Hollice S. Watson.....Organist/Choir Director  
 Lynace Pabst Veit.....Director of Children and Family Ministries  
 Drew McFayden.....Stoer Pastoral Resident  
 Kathy Booth.....Director of First Presbyterian Day School  
 Susan W. Abney.....Communications Director  
 Jan Melton.....Church Librarian  
 Tanna McAteer.....Church Secretary  
 Lona L. Lockard.....Staff Secretary  
 Jeff A. McKenzie.....Sexton/Maintenance Coordinator  
 Sheri Rowell.....Kitchen Coordinator  
 Susan Pierce.....Faith Community Nursing  
 Jacob Dickson.....Temporary Pastoral Care Coordinator

**SESSION MINISTRY MODERATORS:**

Owen Rigby.....Administration  
 Gene Hodgson.....Church Facilities  
 Simone Hennessee.....Stewardship  
 Janie Dickson.....Congregational Life  
 Robin Jones.....Evangelism/Communication  
 Archer Frierson.....Adult Ministries  
 Brett McCulloch.....Youth  
 April Carberry.....Children’s Ministries  
 Gloria McGhee.....Worship  
 Betty Henderson.....Outreach

**DEACON, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN & STOER MODERATORS:**

Joan Rigby-Board of Deacons; Mary Ann Whited-Presbyterian Women; Liz LaBorde-Stoer Committee

**IN OUR OUTREACH CENTER:**

Volunteers for Youth Justice/CASA - Kelli Todd, Director  
Youth Outreach Services – Jewell House

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SECURITY OFFICERS:**

Corp. Srederick Matthews 230-3628  
Lt. Gregory P. Jackson 423-9644

**WEEKLY LINK - WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024**

**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 14**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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

4:30 p.m. – Children’s Choir - Music Suite

**MONDAY, April 15**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

10:30 a.m. – Circle 7 – PW Suite

12:00 p.m. – Circle 5 – PW Suite

12:00 p.m. - AA

**TUESDAY, April 16**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

5:30 p.m. – Strategic Planning Meeting – Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, April 17**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - FPDS

12:00 p.m. – Midday Prayer – Chapel

5:30 p.m. – Church Facilities – Conference Room

6:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting – Session Room

**THURSDAY, April 18**

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – FPDS

11:15 a.m. – FPDS Pizza Picnic – Legacy Green

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**FRIDAY, April 19**

10:00 a.m. – Tower Art

12:00 p.m. – AA

**SUNDAY, April 21**

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

4:30 p.m. – Children’s Choir – Music Suite

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

## *Presbyterian 101* FOR VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS



**SUNDAY,  
APR 28**  
AFTER WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Will Scott:  
"Presbyterian 101"

Meet for Lunch in the Gym  
for Food, Talk, and  
a Tour of the Church

(childcare available in the  
play area under the stairs)

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, Please RSVP AT 318.222.0604**

### It's time to sign up for Ferncliff Summer Camp!

Check out their website and  
take a look at the Summer 2024  
Camp Calendar. Choose a week  
for your camper and let Lynace  
know when you plan to attend.  
We love to pray for our campers!

First Presbyterian Shreveport  
will cover 50% of the cost  
of camp for each camper!



Register on their website! [ferncliff.org](https://ferncliff.org)

When registering, simply use code: **"SHREVEPORT900"**

# VBS 2024

## SAVE THE DATE!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

## WEEK OF JULY 15-19

at Broadmoor Presbyterian | 8:45-12:00pm | Rising K4-8th grade  
(potty-trained 3 year olds from participating Presbyterian churches accepted)

## MORE INFO TO COME!









