

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
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Week of April 9- Prayers of the People

- Gene Dawson and Family
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- David and Debbie Garth
- Greg Graupmann
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Mae Holoman
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

6 Donald Hal
11 Norma Halterman
14 Lane Pittman
17 Estelle Englund
19 Jerry Freeman
21 Benjamin Dawson Kenrick (Ben)
25 Raymond Rodrigues
29 Alice Butler

- Our Ladies' Circle (a Presbyterian Women Group) meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Location to be determined. ALL are welcome. Our prayer group, led by Nancy Grant, will meet prior to the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- The flowers in the sanctuary this Easter Sunday are given by Pat Sparks in loving memory of her parents, Ruth and Frazier Byrd, and her dear family friend, Frances "Copie" Copeland, all of whom had April birthdays.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 9, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Easter Sunday Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome!

Prelude "Gavotte" Purcell

Choral Introit "Christ is Arisen, Let Us Sing" Leising

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day that the stone is cast aside.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
God has swallowed up death forever
And brushed the tears from our faces.
This is the day of salvation.
The Lord of Light has come and reigns forever.
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Amen.

Hymn 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

O Jesus our Redeemer, in the waters of baptism we receive new life,
We are born anew into the gift of life eternal.
We thank you that our fears and sorrows are no barrier to your love.
Whenever we have retreated behind closed doors,
You have sought us out to comfort and strengthen us.
Though we have not felt the breath of your presence like the disciples,
We have felt your closeness to us.
Each time a fresh peace dispels anxiety,
Each time we feel the impulse to serve another in love,
We have signs of your closeness to us.
We thank you for calling us to share your work of love and justice,
And for the sense of communion we find in your church.
Draw us near to all who live in fear,
Refresh those who are dispirited,
Restore the lonely to the joy of fellowship,
Forgive us for living as though Jesus Christ has not risen from the dead.
By your Spirit send us to share in Christ's ministry of reconciliation and new life. **Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever. Let all people proclaim it from the rooftops. "God's love endures forever!"

Response "Gloria Patri" Hymn 581
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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "God's Right Hand and Holy Arm" K. Lee Scott

God's Right Hand and Holy Arm (Easter Hymn)

Psalm 98:1b; Romans 6:9-10; Luke 24:5-6; I Corinthians 15:55-56
Para. K. Lee Scott
JAMES ISLAND
K. Lee Scott

Refrain (Congregation joins after Stanzas 2, 3, and 4)

God's right hand and ho - ly arm have
won the vic - to - ry, God's right hand and
ho - ly arm have won the vic - to - ry.

Stanzas

Choir: 1. Christ be - ing raised from the dead
Choir: 2. Why seek the liv - ing now
Choir: 3. Gone is death's vic - to - ry.
All: 4. Christ be - ing raised from the dead

shall die no more. Death has no
a - mong the dead? Re - call His
gone is death's sting. God gives to
shall die no more. Death has no

pow - er o - ver Him, He lives to God. to Refrain
prom - ise un - to you; He lives a - gain. to Refrain
us the vic - to - ry through Christ our Lord. to Refrain
pow - er o - ver Him, He lives to God. to Refrain

Doxology

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

Prayers of the People

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.

Hymn 245 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Lesson

Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So, the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon "Shake, Rattle and Roll" Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Benediction

Postlude "March Triomphale" Karg-Elert

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for refreshments after worship!

Today, we welcome guest musicians Robert Burford, John Hackworth, Travis Hyde, and Heath Losick. Thank you for your musical gifts.

Please join us at the conclusion of worship for an Easter Egg Hunt in the Friendship Courtyard for our youngest disciples, ages 3-8 are welcome to hunt for eggs!