

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

MARCH 31, 2024 – 11:00 A.M.

Bold text: All | Regular text: Leader | †: Please stand in body or spirit.

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE: *Cortège et Litanie* (1924)

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

CHORAL INTROIT: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Now* (2019)

David Lasky (b. 1957)

*Christ the Lord is risen now.
His resurrection has destroyed death and sin!
Christ the Lord is risen now.
Alleluia! on this day of all days!
Christ has conquered evil.
All darkness has vanished.*

*By His rising, Christ has brought the hope of
salvation,
which has been purchased through the cross.
His triumph is our inheritance!
Christ the Lord is risen now.
Sin has been shattered. Alleluia, amen!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 25:7–9

God has destroyed the shroud that is cast over all peoples;
God has swallowed up death forever.
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for our Deliverer, that we might be saved.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.
Jesus Christ the LORD is risen!
Alleluia! The LORD is risen indeed!

†HYMN: 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life, Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you empower us to live anew in truth and power.
Glory to you, O Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of the LORD Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Please stand and greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace.

GLORIA PATRI: 580

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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Adelaide Leavens

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible OT p. 652

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. 2 Corinthians 15:1-2

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible NT p. 129

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

All children 5th grade and younger are invited into the center of the sanctuary to surround the Gospeler during the Gospel Processional Hymn. Afterward, the children will be led out of the sanctuary to the Chapel for Godly Play, and will return during the hymn that follows the sermon.

†GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*, stanzas 1-2 | 3

PROMISE

†GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18

Pew Bible NT p. 114

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “*God’s Covenantal Life*”

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth J. Callender, *Interim Pastor*

TIME OF REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

†HYMN: 226 *There in God’s Garden*

SHADES MOUNTAIN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Easter hymn* (1930)

Alleluya.

*Christ is now risen again
From His death and all His pain;
Therefore will we merry be,
And rejoice with Him gladly.
Kyrie eleison.*

*Had He not risen again,
We had been lost, this is plain;*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*But since He is risen indeed,
Let us love Him with all speed.
Kyrie eleison.*

*Now is time of gladness,
To sing of the Lord's goodness;
Therefore glad now will we be,
And rejoice in Him only.*

Alleluya.

†DOXOLOGY: 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The LORD'S Supper is open to all who seek to know God through Jesus Christ, regardless of religious background. It is served by intinction, coming forward to the servers and dipping the bread into the chalice of wine, held by the four inside servers, or the chalice of grape juice, held by the two outside servers. Gluten-free bread is available by speaking to the minister. If you wish to be served in your seat, let the usher know when your row is released to come forward. The server will say "The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation for you." or the like, to which you may respond, "Thanks be to God" or "Amen."

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 God thanks and praise.
(Prayer continues...)

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er God of night, heav-en and
earth 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD (*kneeling or bowing down*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*kneeling or bowing down*)

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 AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION HYMNS

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

252 Day of Arising

515 I Come with Joy

ALLELUIA NO. 1

RAABE

DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Living Christ, you amaze us by your grace and the abundant life offered to the world. As you have satisfied us at the table, so also fill us with resurrection power through your Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim your glory and the new life available to all the world. Alleluia! Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN: 233 *The Day of Resurrection!*

LANCASHIRE

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

POSTLUDE: *Toccata* from *Symphony No. 5* (1879)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Easter by Mike Tyson, and in loving memory of his mother, Ruth Jones Tyson, on her birthday this Easter Sunday.

The bulletin cover artwork is by Soon Warren.

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

In Honor of Our Family & Friends

Brian Anderson
Kurt & Sue Anderson

Rev. Dr. Warner Bailey & Mary Bailey
Betty Arvin & Mark Thielman

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Callender
Ruth Marie Rohloff
SSPC Personnel Committee

Our children: Courtney & Warren, Kate & Ed
Harriett & Sam Moore

Church Family & Staff
Darlene Myatt

Gretchen Denny
Matthew Loynachan

Beth Fultz
SSPC Personnel Committee

Our Guests at Room In The Inn
Matthew Loynachan

Sharon LeMond
Gretchen Denny & George Bristol
Matthew Loynachan

Keith & Marie Loynachan
Matthew Loynachan

Lisa, Jack, & Sam Madsen
Kurt & Sue Anderson

**My grandchildren: Reagan Newton, Sarah &
Travis Sims**
Kay Newton

**Our grandchildren: Aspen, Hunter, Landry,
Philippa, Braden, & Stewart**
Jane & John Hawkins

**Our grandchildren: Tinsley, Hunter, Ginny,
Grace, & Haley**
Harriett & Sam Moore

Our grandchildren: Natalie, Sophie, & Miles
David & Patricia Sprinkle

Our granddaughters: Avery & Leanne
Tammy & Jim Hille

Jordan Smith
Jim & Judy Cox
SSPC Personnel Committee

SSPC Pastor Nominating Committee
Betty Arvin & Mark Thielman

The Staff of St. Stephen Presbyterian Church
J. Roger Davis
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Jack Thielman
Betty Arvin & Mark Thielman

Sam Thielman
Betty Arvin & Mark Thielman

Kristin Villegas & Scott Campbell
Bruce & Karla Campbell

In Memoriam

Richard, Natalie, & Lucy Anderson
Kurt & Sue Anderson

Willard, Fern, & Joan Marie Anderson
Kurt & Sue Anderson

Jack & Bernice Arvin
Betty Arvin & Mark Thielman

Viola Bindseil
Tammy & Jim Hille

Harry Campbell
The Dauphinot Family

Lorena Miller Campbell
The Dauphinot Family

Stewart Mason Campbell
The Dauphinot Family

Nancy Brown Campbell
The Dauphinot Family

Dana Loynachan Carl
Matthew Loynachan

Sam Denny
Family of Sam Denny

Timothy W. East
J. Roger Davis

Holly Fawcett
Jim & Judy Cox

James Douglas Foster
Sharon Foster

James Edward Foster
Sharon Foster

Evelyn Held
Matthew Loynachan

Gladys & Clint Herring
Jane & John Hawkins

John Howington
His Family

Don & Joanne Jackson
Betty Arvin & Mark Thielman

Velma Jonas
Tammy & Jim Hille

Juanita Gentry Knaffle & Leonard L. Knaffle
Faith & Jim Mallory

Rebecca Robinson Lester
Matthew Loynachan

Beulah Bell Mallory & J. T. Mallory
Faith & Jim Mallory

**Our Litzelfelner, Hale, Powell, & Moore parents
& grandparents**
Harriett & Sam Moore

Tom & David Newton, & David Moore
Harriett & Sam Moore

Tom Newton & David Newton
Kay Newton

Richard, Margie, & Scott Pay
Kurt & Sue Anderson

Helen Sheffield Piscopo
The Dauphinot Family

Mitch Poe
The Dauphinot Family

Mark Scott
Jim & Judy Cox

Eddie Shaw
Jim & Judy Cox

Clarence & Arlice Thielman
Betty Arvin & Mark Thielman

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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church celebrates liturgical worship to the glory of God, embraces a progressive theology, engages in mission, serves with compassion, and intentionally includes all with love.