

# First Presbyterian Church

870 West College, Jacksonville, IL

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

- **Look for the livestream video on our Facebook page** ([www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/](http://www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/)) The livestream will begin at 9:45am, and worship will begin at 10:00am.
- **Go to this link on our website** <http://firstpresjax.org/live/> We will do our best to have this available at 10am, but at the latest it will be posted by noon on Sunday.

## ~ WE APPROACH GOD IN PRAISE AND CONFESSION ~

RINGING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”

Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 20

Leader: Shout for joy.

**People: The tomb is empty.**

Leader: Clap your hands.

**People: Death is cheated.**

Leader: Dance and sing.

**People: Christ is risen.**

Leader: Christ is risen indeed.

\*HYMN

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Ode to Joy

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion.

Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:

"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us.

Sing Hosanna everyone!

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Receive our lament, Lord of Life, for during your final days, we turned away from you, even after you shared table with us, offering us the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation; and in your hour of greatest need, we fell asleep while you prayed in the garden, even after you urged us to keep the faith to avoid the time of trial. But we are here now, dearest friend, remembering what it cost you to know the joy we feel today. May our lives reflect the depth of our gratitude to be known as your disciples. Amen.**

**\*SILENCE**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Greatorex

**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.**

**~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Jesus is Lord"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Soloist: Stephanie Soltermann

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Allen and Donna Stare

SERMON

"Afraid for Joy"

Rev. Jonathan Warren

\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"Christ Is Alive!"

Truro

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

3 In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE** ~

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

John Duro

\*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of grace and God of glory, pour your power on your people this day, that our lives may reflect the gift we have received through the resurrection of your Son. Truly we see that you show no partiality, offering abundance of life and fullness of grace to all who turn to you in their need. With deepest gratitude for your many gifts, particularly the gift of your Son, we offer you our tithes and offerings this day. In the name of the resurrected one, we pray. Amen.**

~ THE SENDING ~

\*HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

Randolph

**God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY

“Paraphrase on Diademata”

James Denton

~ TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ~

Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Warren

Director of Music & Organist: Christine Smith

Pastoral Assistant: John Nelson

Choir Director: Stephanie Soltermann

Liturgist: Amy McCombs

Special Pianist: Caleb Holaway

Sound Technician: Steve Holt

**MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP**

- **Listen to the sermons:** [Google Podcast](#) | [Apple Podcast](#) | [Spotify](#) (recorded and available later in the week. Click the links or go to our website to listen [www.firstpresjax.org](http://www.firstpresjax.org))
- If you are still unable to worship with us with any of these options, please call the office at (217-245-4189) and we will send you a printed bulletin with sermon and/or CD.

## ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

**Megan Clemmons**, great-niece of Mable Simmons; **Heather Cole**, sister of Helen Cole Kuhn; **Lila Feary**, aunt of Alexa Crumley; **Larry Ladd**; **Michael Woods**, a colleague at Illinois College; **Nancy Bradbury**; **Rachel Flynn**, neighbor of the Ladd's; **Tim Olson**; **Darrel Hittner**, father of Lisa Wade; **Kevin Brodie**, friend of many at ISD; **Peggy Post**, **Marsha Nelson's mother**; **Richard Mansell**; **Shirley Husa**; **Shelly Cochran**, friend of the Tiffanys; **Lee Spencer**, Clayton's father; **Patsy**, friend of Barb Bucy; **LaNise Kirk**; **Bertha Bucy**, Mike's mother; **Sue Linde**; **Earl Innes**, father of Joy Tiffany; **Linda Noble**, Barb Bucy's sister; **Lori Oldenettel**; **Judy Vieira**; **Wilma Walker**; **Ted and Linda Birdsell**; **Sam and Sue Scheets**; **Mona Cody**; **Karen Ladd**; **the community of Cookeville Tennessee**, the hometown of Stefanie Byrd - Financial Assistant; **Mari and Cornell Kane**; **Ashley Wade**; **Nathan Price**, great-grandson to Evelyn Mason; **Ron York**, Adam's father; **Billy Hollendonner**; **Jennifer Bible**; **Talisa Slade**, daughter of Wanda Cody, our custodian Paul's wife; **Bob Sibert**; **Family and friends** at the death of Devin Fick, relative of the Ott's.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

### WAYS TO WORSHIP:

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The livestream will begin at 15 minutes before, and worship will begin as scheduled.
- **Go to this link on our website** <http://firstpresjax.org/live/> We will do our best to have this available at the beginning of worship, but at the latest it will be posted following the service.
- **Listen to the sermons:** [Google Podcast](#) | [Apple Podcast](#) | [Spotify](#) (recorded and available later. Click the links or go to our website to listen [www.firstpresjax.org](http://www.firstpresjax.org))
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### A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE:

Plan to download the bulletins ahead of time. You can print it out, or just have it on your computer to refer to. This will help you more fully participate in the worship service. A lot of us tend to multitask while in front of a screen, and we encourage you to do your best to be as present as you would be if you be in church. Silence your phones and center your heart on worship. Consider creating a worshipful space around the area where you will be joining in worship. Light a candle and minimize distractions. Children are always welcome at First Presbyterian Church worship services and this is no different. Like we usually have, there will be a special Children's Time during worship. For those with children, consider getting out crayons and other things to keep their hands busy.

### GIVING TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Don't forget you can always give to support the mission and ministry of FPC, even if you are not physically in worship by simply mailing your check to First Presbyterian Church, 870 W. College Ave. Jacksonville, IL 62650, by setting up "Bill Pay" with your financial institution (if account number is needed use 870-870-870).

**UPCOMING SERVICE** (Watch or listen by using the way listed above)

**Sunday, April 19** - Tim Chipman will be preaching the sermon!

**SUNDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR** – Immediately following worship on Sunday, we invite everyone to share virtual coffee and donuts via zoom video conference. Join by clicking the link below and follow instructions to open meeting, or by calling the telephone number.

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Call 312-626-6799, enter meeting ID and Password below:

Meeting ID: 288 470 660 Password: 017724

### **EASTER MISSION CHALLENGE:**

**Support our Jacksonville Area Community Food Center** by donating food and medical supplies or giving funds (see below).

**Support the Presbyterian Church Day Care Center** by donating disinfecting wipes, gloves, baby wipes, paper plates, chocolates, and homemade masks.

**Support the Jacksonville Public Schools Foundation** by donating funds for our families who need additional internet and support for school. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate online or send contributions to 211 W. State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650.

**Spread Christ's hope** to neighbors, friends and others by: drawing/coloring with sidewalk chalk, sending hand-written notes, calling and praying this Easter season (until May 31)

**DONATE FOOD, TOILETRIES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES** - The City of Jacksonville/Morgan County has established a drop-off location for local residents to donate food, toiletries and medical supplies to aid in community COVID-19 response/ relief. Medical supplies will be pushed out to first responders and health care providers within Morgan County. Curbside service will be provided by the City of Jacksonville staff. Please stay in your car when you arrive. Collection will begin on Monday March 30th, at 9 am and will be reevaluated at the end of each week. **Location:** Jacksonville Area Community Food Center at 316 E. State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

**Suggested food/toiletries include:** Juice/Gatorade, Canned meats, fruits, beans, vegetables and soups, Ramen noodles, Peanut butter, Cake/brownie/muffin mixes, JELL-O or Pudding, Boxed potato and pasta sides, Breakfast foods (oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix and syrup), Crackers, Rice and beans, Flour and sugar, Sliced bread, Dry soup beans, Instant milk, Margarine, Sliced cheese, Toilet paper, Individual bar soap, Laundry soap.

**Medical Supplies Include:** Boxed, unused N95 masks, Boxed, unused surgical type masks (procedural masks), Wrapped or boxed vinyl gloves (no powder), Clean, unused gowns, Clean, handmade masks, Hand sanitizer, Bleach wipes, Alcohol wipes.

**A DAY CARE UPDATE** - We are currently operating under an emergency license to care for essential worker's and healthcare worker's children. Under this license we can only care for 50 children. Currently, we are serving between 36-43 on a daily basis. We are keeping all staff employed. We are disinfecting everything even more than we did before. If you would like to

donate items to the day care, we can always use: disinfecting wipes, gloves, baby wipes, paper plates, chocolates to keep the staff sane, and homemade masks (we have instructions available if anyone would like to sew them - we have 35 staff and are soon going to be mandated to wear them - currently we have none). Yesterday, we received five cases of toilet paper, so we are covered there!! Thank you! ~ Kathy Fellhauer

**COMMUNICATION AND GRACE** – Our Elders and Deacons are calling our church family to check-in with you (and your family) and to pray for you. If you have not received a call, please inform the church office [office@firstpresjax.org](mailto:office@firstpresjax.org) or (217) 245-4189. Please be sure to call and check-in with one another, in and beyond our church family. There may be times we don't send information needed, please be patient and offer grace. Please let us know if you have any thoughts or if you need something. This is a difficult and uncertain time, so if you need to talk to someone, please don't hesitate to call your Jonathan Warren (217) 418-3206 or John Nelson (217) 248-0634.

**JOIN OUR NEW FACEBOOK GROUP - PRESBYTERIANS WITH PURPOSE: Sharing Christ's Hope in a Crisis** During these times of uncertainty and questions, there is hope and comfort in sharing our joys and our disappointments; our blessings and our challenges; our faith and our fears ... together in fellowship with God's grace and mercy. This group page is for you ... and any and all who want or need to connect with others during these times of challenges and questions. We will be sharing reflections and thoughts from several of our church family and friends in hopes that you find comfort in their words. We want this space to be a safe place to ask those questions, share experiences (both good and not-so-good), and find optimism in the reality and facts of this current crisis. This is not a place for political opinions but instead offers an opportunity for reflection and dialogue while facing these challenges. Please share this group with anyone you think might appreciate being included. And remember, we all have a purpose. Being part of a ministry that calls us to enhance our faith, especially in difficult times gives all of us a chance to be and see the light. Bringing Hope...Every Hour. Every Day. [CLICK HERE](https://www.facebook.com/groups/221761382271153/) to go to the Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221761382271153/>). The Continuing Education Committee also is encouraging "Presbyterians with Purpose" members to continue our Easter Time Inspirations because Easter isn't over on April 12. Easter Season itself is 50 days long, ending on Pentecost, May 31. So, we are inviting all of our church family and friends to submit your own Easter time thoughts and reflections, which may include a scripture and/or prayer through this Facebook page. If you have any questions call Nancy Bork at 217-473-8112 or Marcy Jones at 217-370-3770.