

First Presbyterian Church

870 West College, Jacksonville, IL

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

- **Look for the livestream video on our Facebook page** (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

“Morning Has Broken”

Hugh Livingston Jr.

Flute Solo

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 20

Leader: Come into God’s presence with joy.

People: In God, we have an inheritance that is imperishable.

Leader: Come into God’s presence with hope.

People: In Christ, we have an inheritance that cannot be defiled.

Leader: Come into God’s presence with longing.

People: In the Spirit, we have an inheritance that never fades.

Leader: Come into God’s presence with love.

People: In God, we have an inheritance that brings new life.

*HYMN #233 (Purple)

"The Day of Resurrection!"

Lancashire

1 The day of resurrection!

2 Let hearts be purged of evil

3 Now let the heavens be joyful;

Earth, tell it out abroad,

that we may see aright

let earth its song begin;

the Passover of gladness,

the Lord in rays eternal

the round world keep high triumph

the Passover of God.

of resurrection light,

and all that is therein.

From death to life eternal,

and listening to his accents,

Let all things seen and unseen

from sin’s dominion free,

may hear, so calm and plain,

their notes of gladness blend,

our Christ has brought us over

his own “All hail!” and hearing,

for Christ the Lord has risen,

with hymns of victory.

may raise the victor strain.

our joy that has no end.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you come offering us peace, but we hold onto our fears; you come offering us faith, but we cling to our doubts; you come offering us a future filled with promise, but we retreat to pleasant memories of the past. We want to believe that you offer us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. We want to see ourselves as you see us. We want to live as you would have us live. We want to believe that life is stronger than the death we see all around us. Help our unbelief, O God, that we may truly know and live your gift of resurrection. 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

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is ^m tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Are My All in All”

by Dennis Jerrigan

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in

the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Allen and Donna Stare

SERMON

“In the Midst”

Tim Chipman

*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 #623 (Purple)

"I've Got Peace like a River"

Peace Like a River

1 I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river;

I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean;

I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain;

I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

~ 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

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J. S. Bach

Flute Solo

*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 #268 (Purple)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

*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

"Postlude No. 10"

Robert Vandall

~ TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ~

Sermon: Tim Chipman

Director of Music & Organist: Christine Smith

Pastoral Assistant: John Nelson

Choir Director: Stephanie Soltermann

Liturgist: Rev. Jonathan Warren

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)
- 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**; **Shelley 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; **Sharon Belokas**; **Herb Hedstrom**, friends of Lynne Sheaff; **Cole and Mary Bowie Henry**; **Justin and Sara Dobson and family** at the death of his step father, Paul Walden; **Maggie Henry**.

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

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

Sunday, April 26 – Worship with special music guest, John Love – recorded live from our church sanctuary (live feed begins at 9:45 am).

WAYS TO WORSHIP

- **Look for the livestream video on our Facebook page:** www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/
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.

Note: we will email the bulletins on Fridays and post a pdf link on our website and Facebook.

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.

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us04web.zoom.us/j/288470660?pwd%3D3DFFFzM2ErakVBSEdMamQ2aVM5aH->

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

Meeting ID: 288 470 660 Password: 017724

COMMENT! COMMENT! COMMENT! – Help us spread the word by commenting and interacting during Facebook Live Worship! According to research, the Facebook algorithm rewards engagement with more organic reach. That means encouraging people to interact with each other on Facebook Live goes a long way toward getting more viewers. Therefore, I will be encouraging you to interact on Facebook Live during worship. Here are at least three comments to make during worship: 1. Before or during the announcements – announce your name/family (Warren family is here!). 2. During the Opening music comment about where you have seen or experienced God this week. 3. During the offertory comment about how you will give to God this week. After hymns, special music, children’s time, sermons, prayers, etc. you can comment with “Amen” or like, hearts, thumbs ups, etc. www.facebook.com/firstpresjax

VIRTUAL COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, MAY 3 – Our church is finding creative ways to adapt our practices while maintaining the integrity of our Reformed theology for spiritual unity -- being the one body of Christ -- while separated; and so, our church will share virtual communion on Sunday, May 3.

- Each household should prepare communion elements at home ahead of time – use sliced bread or substitute (ie. crackers) and have a glass of juice or substitute (ie. wine, water) to dip into or drink. [Optional: [CLICK HERE](#) for a blog with recipes and prayer liturgy for bakers]
- During worship, Rev. Warren will lead the church family online through the communion liturgy and we will be invited to eat the bread and the cup together virtually.

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.

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 wasn'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 217-473-8112 or Marcy Jones 217-370-3770.

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 mailing your check to First Presbyterian Church, 870 W. College Ave. Jacksonville, IL 62650, or by setting up "Bill Pay" with your financial institution (if account number is needed use 870-870-870). Be on the lookout for quarterly reports, which were mailed this week.

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 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.

At our April session meeting, the session made the decision to continue our cancelation of in-person worship and activities, and will revisit the decision on or before the May 20 session meeting.