

The FPC Herald

The Monthly Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church Roswell, New Mexico April 2021

The Pastor's Reflections

The Great Vigil of Easter

Many of our sisters and brothers in Christ worship on the Saturday before the Sunday celebration of the resurrection (Holy Saturday), in a service known as the Great Vigil of Easter. The Great Vigil is an ancient practice of Christians, dating to the earliest centuries of the church. Our Catholic, Episcopalian, and Lutheran siblings, in particular, celebrate this deeply spiritual service of worship each year.

The Great Vigil has four integrated services:

- The Service of Light
- The Service of Readings
- The Service of Baptism
- The Service of the Eucharist

The Service of Light begins in the darkness of night, often outside. A new fire is kindled and a paschal (Easter) candle is lit. Worshipers are reminded that Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. The service includes candles, words, movements, and music. The paschal candle is carried throughout the remaining services of the Vigil.

The Service of Readings consists of a series of readings from both the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. The readings provide a panoramic view of God's saving acts for humanity, beginning with the creation of the universe, through the exodus from Egypt, the call of the prophets, God-with-Us in Christ Jesus, and the ultimate victory of the empty tomb.

The Service of Baptism includes the Sacrament of Baptism and the renewal of baptismal vows. Water plays a critical role in the service. Worshipers are reminded that in their baptisms they die to sin and are raised to new life.

The Service of the Eucharist (Thanksgiving) is the joyous celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Communion). The risen Lord invites all to participate in the new life he brings by sharing the feast he has prepared. Worshipers

then look forward to the great Messianic feast of the kingdom of God (Luke 13:29).

The Great Vigil celebrates what God has done, is doing, and will do in his great project of salvation. You can find a representative order for the Great Vigil in the Lutheran tradition [here](#).

God's blessings on your [Triduum](#): Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

[Sunday's coming](#).

Pastor John

The April Calendar

March 29th - April 3rd	Holy Week
April 1st	Maundy Thursday Worship - 5:30pm
April 2nd	Good Friday Worship - 5:30pm
April 4th	Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday Breakfast - 8:30am Communion Worship Service - 10:00am
April 5th	Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
April 6th	RCDRS Food Distribution - noon
April 7th	Revitalization Team Meeting - 4:00pm, Library
April 8th	Deacon's Meeting - 5:00pm, Library
April 11th	Worship Service - 10:00am
April 12th	Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
April 13th	RCDRS Food Distribution - noon Mission Committee Meeting - 4:00pm, Library
April 15th	Session Meeting - 5:15pm (by Zoom)
April 18th	Worship Service - 10:00am
April 19th	Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor
April 20th	RCDRS Food Distribution - noon
April 23rd	Community Kitchen Ministry - 9:30am
April 25th	Worship Service - 10:00am
April 26th	Monday Prayer Group - noon, Parlor

April Scripture Readings

April 1st - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

April 4th - Resurrection of the Lord (Easter)

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

April 11th - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 18th - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 25th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

[Read the Scripture passages here.](#)

Serving in April

Maundy Thursday - April 1st

Liturgist: Rebecca Johnson
Service Elder: Lynn Karnes
Camera Operator: Bob Kurtz

Good Friday - April 2nd

Liturgists: Bob Kurtz, Rebecca Johnson, Margy Barbour, Ross Robertson,
Bob Williams
Service Elder: Lynn Karnes
Camera Operator: Bob Entrop

Week of April 4th - Easter Sunday

Liturgist: The Rev. Bob Williams
Service Elder: _____
Camera Operator: Nancy Guthrie
Inspirational Phone Message: Paula Grieves

Week of April 11th

Liturgist: Betty Young
Service Elder: Bob Kurtz
Camera Operator: _____
Inspirational Phone Message: Mary Hubbard

Week of April 18th

Liturgist: Margy Barbour

Service Elder: Bill Wolf

Camera Operator: Betty Young

Inspirational Phone Message: The Rev. Bob Williams

Week of April 25th

Liturgist: _____

Service Elder: _____

Camera Operator: _____

Inspirational Phone Message: Doug Lunsford

Sanctuary Worship

Join us at 10:00 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary, or online via Facebook and YouTube live streaming. Those who elect to join us in the Sanctuary are encouraged to follow [the recommendations of the New Mexico Department of Health](#).

Worship Live Streaming

We continue live streaming worship services to the church's [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). You may join us at 9:55 a.m. (or later) for worship as it happens, and a link to the worship recording will remain on [the church's website](#) after the live stream is done.

The worship bulletin (order of worship), hymn music and lyrics, and weekly announcements can also be found on that webpage before worship every Sunday. Those who join the live stream can check in and make comments throughout worship using the chat columns in both Facebook and YouTube.

Join us for "live" worship, or check out the recording afterwards!

Maundy Thursday Worship
April 1st

5:30 p.m.

In our Sanctuary and online

With the celebration of the Lord's Supper

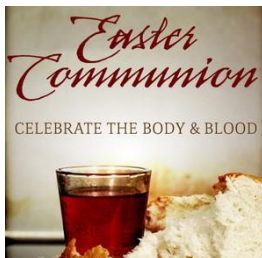
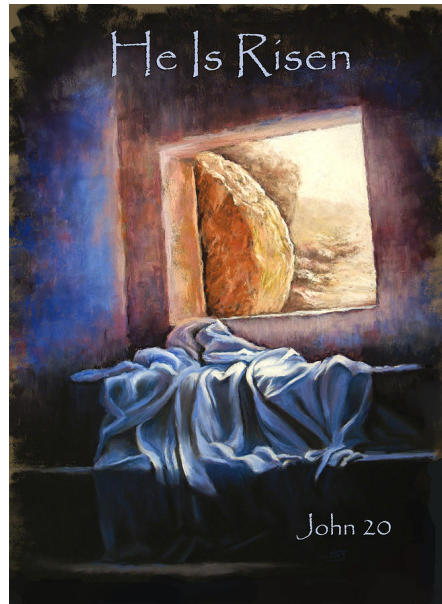
Good Friday Worship
Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness
April 2nd

5:30 p.m.

In our Sanctuary and online

Resurrection of the Lord
April 4th

10:00 a.m.
In our Sanctuary and online
Join us in worship!
He Is Risen!



The Lord's Supper
Sunday, April 4th

Join us for the celebration of the Sacrament, in person or online, on Sunday, April 4th. If you join us online you are welcome to prepare bread and cup for your participation in the Sacrament.

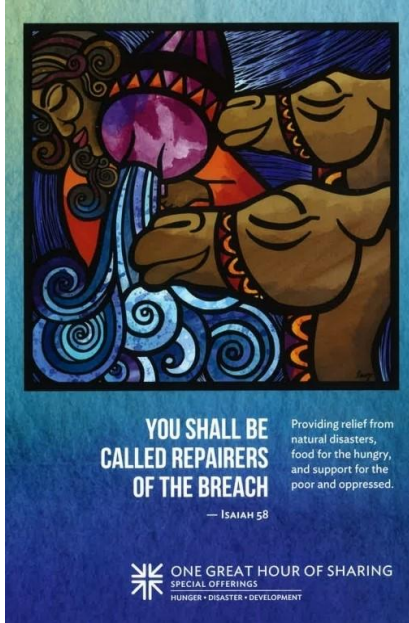


Easter Sunday Breakfast
April 4th

A light breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:30am. Come join us!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
February 24th through April 4th

In Isaiah chapter 58 God issues a call and a challenge: to love others more deeply by sharing what one has with those in need. Through the *One Great Hour of Sharing* we become faithful ambassadors of the kingdom of God. We extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, offer compassion to those in pain - physical, emotional, or spiritual - and set a feast, with God, for those who do not have enough to eat.



The *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* is the single most significant way that Presbyterians come together each year to build God's kingdom and to welcome neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people through three programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. PDA works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or man-made disasters.

Presbyterian Hunger Program. PHP works to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed.

Self-Development of People. SDP invests in communities responding to experiences of racism, oppression, poverty, or injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these social issues.

You may donate to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* by check (to FPC with "OGHS" on the memo line) or through our church's [online giving portal](#).

Thank you for your generous support of the *One Great Hour of Sharing* Offering.

Worship CD's

Please call the church office if you would like to receive compact disc audio recordings of worship services.

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration

To register for the COVID-19 vaccine with the State of New Mexico, go to the state's online website: <https://cvvaccine.nmhealth.org>.

If you do not have a computer or need help registering for the vaccine, please contact the church office.

The March 18th Meeting of the Session

At its March 18th meeting the Session of First Presbyterian Church...

- Received a proposal to provide a short-term emergency relief shelter in the Fellowship Hall
- Heard about plans for Holy Week worship services
- Received a report on good progress in identifying candidates for Ruling Elders and for Deacons from the Nominating Committee
- Received an update from the Revitalization Team

"With Heart and Voice"

"With Heart and Voice" is a weekly organ and choral music series on local PBS radio station KENW 91.1 FM which features recordings from around the world. Programming often celebrates the seasons of the church year. "With Heart and Voice" is supported by First Presbyterian Church. Tune in on Sundays from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.!

April 2021 Schedule

Apr 4th - An Easter Celebration

Apr 11th - Eastertide

Apr 18th - Celebration of Creation

Apr 25th - Hymns and Anthems of Praise and Adoration

Congregational Contact Ministry

Please continue to work with the Deacons and pastor to maintain contact by phone, text, email, and US mail with all of our saints. Thanks for your help with this important ministry.

Giving to God Electronically Through Our Church

You may give to God through our church via the church's [online giving portal](#). You may specify a one-time or recurring gift using your checking account or credit card. You may also specify a donation to the church's General Fund, Deacons' Fund, or Pastor's Assistance Fund.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's abundant resources!



Prayer Requests

Please relay prayer requests to the pastor or the church office.

[A Prayer For the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

Please Pray for Our Church

Please pray for Christ's church in all of its variety in our city, nation, and the world,

and...

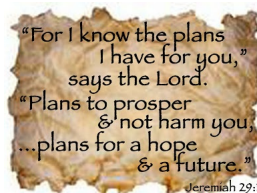
For the revitalization and renewal of the First Presbyterian Church of Roswell, as we are led by God's Holy Spirit.

The Sanctuary is Open

Our sanctuary is unlocked and available for anyone who would like the opportunity to come and enjoy its beauty, to pray, to meditate, to be with God. The exterior door nearest the church office is unlocked during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to noon and 1:00 to 3:00pm.

Daily Inspirational Phone Message

Start your day with an inspiring message.
(575) 622-4923



April Birthdays

2nd	Ann Hultman
3rd	Lois Wilson
3rd	Charles Stevens
4th	Matt Hinkle
6th	Shirley Foster
7th	Katie Shanor
8th	Mary Kling
9th	Colton Miller
13th	Emma Pinon
15th	Wayne Glass
17th	Neil DeFranco
17th	Randy Miller
19th	Ross Robertson

23rd	Betty Patton
25th	Margo Fullinwider
28th	Roxanne Yates
30th	Mark Daniels



April Anniversaries

24th	Bob Entrop & Rebecca Johnson
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Featured PC(USA) Mission Worker for April

Janet Guyer

Mission co-worker in Malawi
Serving with the Church of Central Africa
Presbyterian Synod of Livingstonia



Janet addresses poverty and gender equity issues alongside the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in northern Malawi. As Women's Guild program associate, she focuses on these priorities, and supports the guild director in equipping members at the presbytery and congregational levels.

Janet serves in a secondary capacity as acting facilitator for women's and children's interests, maintaining contact with women's structures and leadership of PC(USA) partners in Ethiopia, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Janet also engages with Presbyterian Women and other US constituencies who wish to promote these efforts.

[Read more about Janet's work...](#)



March Worship Highlights



DOING THE MOST GOOD

William Booth
Founder

Brian Peddle
General

Douglas Riley
Territorial Commander

Kelly Pontsler
Divisional Commander

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February 24, 2021

Pastor John Guthrie
First Presbyterian Church
400 West Third
Roswell, NM 88201

Dear Pastor Guthrie,

On behalf of The Salvation Army, I would like to express our appreciation for this kind and generous gift from the First Presbyterian Church as indicated in the 2020 statement below. The below list indicates the gift we received directly from the First Presbyterian Church and not through another charitable organization. This letter may be used for tax purposes to claim a tax deduction.

Gift Date	Gift Amount
11/30/2020	\$1,000.00
2020 Gift Summary	Total \$1,000.00

As a result of this generosity, those in need in your community have food, shelter, and hope for a better future. Thank you for choosing to support the programs and services of The Salvation Army in your local community. If you have any questions regarding your donor record, please contact me by phone at: 602.267.4112 or email me at: lindsay.vix@usw.salvationarmy.org.

May God richly bless you!

Warm regards,

Lindsay M. Vix
Donor Data & Marketing Director, Southwest Division

♥ And ye shall seek me and find me ♥
when ye shall search for me with
all your heart Jer 29:13 KJV

March 12, 2021

Dear Siblings in Christ,

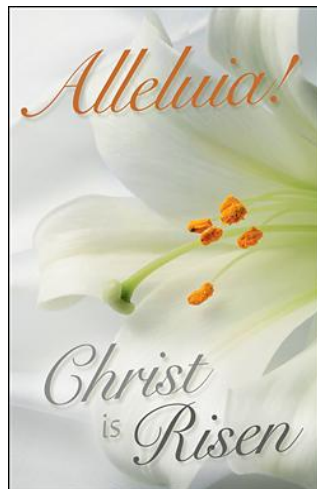
The time has come for a new phase in our lives! On April 9-12, 2021, we are moving to Manor, Texas. We have been preparing for this move for about one year now. Truly, the Lord took us on the right pathway as we began to worship with the family at First Presbyterian Church. The many prayers and cards have been wonderful. Thank you so much.

We both got our COVID-19 vaccine in February, and have now completed the incubation time. Please keep e-mailing us the newsletter.

Love,

Dixie and Larry Loy

P.S. New Address: Dixie & Larry Loy
13706 James Garfield
Manor, TX 78653



First Presbyterian Church

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