

# First Presbyterian Church

*Easter Sunday*



**April 4, 2021**  
**9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming**

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<b>April 4, 2021</b>	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
Prelude	<i>Christ is Alive!</i>	Wilbur Held
Introit	<i>Christ is Risen</i>	Paul Sjolund
Greetings	“He’s Alive”	video by Don Francisco
*Call to Worship		
Leader: He is risen.		
<b>People: He is risen indeed!</b>		
*Hymn	<i>Jesus Christ is Risen Today</i> (Vs. 1, 3, 4)	No. 123
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
<b>Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.</b>		
Silence		
Choral Response		
Assurance of Pardon		
*Song of Thanksgiving	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	No. 579
*The Peace		
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.		
<b>People: And also with you.</b>		
Kids Connection (pre-recorded)		
First Reading		Mark 16:1-8

Anthem	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen</i>	Paul Fetler
Second Reading		1 Peter 1:3-9
Sermon	<i>"Born Anew to a Living Hope"</i> Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston	

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship	<i>"One Great Hour"</i>	Video
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Offertory	<i>Was it a Morning Like This?</i> Gretchen Bixler, Soprano	Jim Croegaert
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*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 592
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\*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn	<i>Thine is the Glory (Vs. 1, 2, 3)</i>	No. 122
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\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Choral Benediction:            *Hallelujah Chorus* (from Messiah)    G. F. Handel

\*Postlude                            *Lift High the Cross*                            Donald Busarow

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Director of Music  
Organist

Brent Johnston  
Dave Fulton  
Steve Bixler  
Mark Sweeney

### **Instrumentalists**

Joe Clements, Trombone; Dana Hamant & Allen Laramore, Trumpet

### **Production Crew**

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;  
Bob Moler, Camera Operator; Michelle Edwards, Video Editor.

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## Upcoming Events & News

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### **Tod Bolsinger, author of “Canoeing the Mountains: Church Leadership in Uncharted Territory” to give the sermon on Sunday, April 11, 2021.**

In the early 1800’s, Lewis and Clark led an expedition across the newly acquired western territory of the U.S. The chief purpose of this exploration was to find a practical water route to the Pacific Ocean. But what did they find instead? The magnificent but daunting Rocky Mountains. No way were the canoes and paddles they brought along going to work. Change was needed. Many challenges lay ahead and they had to literally lead their expedition into uncharted territory.

As with the Lewis and Clark expedition, First Presbyterian Church is and will be facing challenges in our future. Not that we don’t get a lot of things right and do a lot of good things. So did Lewis and Clark! But like this adventuresome duo, this church will face some things that we have not faced before.

As part of our Durfee 360 series, the Rev. Bolsinger will preach at our worship service (virtually) on Sunday, April 11. Tod is a Presbyterian pastor and now serves as Vice President and Chief of Leadership Formation at Fuller Theological Seminary. Trained in the same vernacular utilized by the Kansas Leadership Center, he will give us a look of how these leadership principals can be applied to the church.

**Please join us!**

### **CHURCH SESSION MOTIONS APPROVED**

#### **Session Motions passed March 16, 2021 to begin on March 22, 2021. Reopen the church to all groups (of any size) beginning Monday, March 22.**

Requirements for all church functions:

- no shared food, practice social distancing and wear face masks that cover the mouth and nose.
- In addition, due to the cleaning/sanitizing that will be necessary after a meeting, meetings must be scheduled through the office at least 2 days in advance of the desired date/time.
- In addition, the only food available will be individually wrapped.
- Temperature checks will no longer be required to participate in Sunday morning worship.

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## News & Events

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### **Easter is Here!!**

First Church Families have a variety of ways to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the merriment of being with family and friends again! On April 4th, you can join our celebration in one of two ways or do both!

**Easter Service** in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. will be in-person, live-streaming, and Facebook Live. There will be Coffee Fellowship in *The Well* starting at 9 a.m. and after worship service.

**Easter Tidings & Prayers** will be at 11 a.m. outside in the west church parking lot and sports court where there will be music, fellowship, goodie bags, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Both services will provide amazing live music, fellowship and spiritual messages. If there is inclement weather, the Easter Tidings & Prayers will be held in the church Parlor.

### **YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The next sessions of the Kansas Leadership Center’s Your Leadership Edge class will be held on April 14-15, May 5-6, June 2-3, and July 7-8. Courses are held online using Zoom. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 2 p.m. with generous breaks built into each day.

To enroll in a class:

1. Go to the Kansas Leadership Center’s Your Leadership Edge page ([www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge](http://www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge))
2. Look for a blue box that says, “Create Account Here to Register.” Click on that box to start your registration, then select the option to create your account.
3. Toward the end of the registration, there will be an option to enter a promo code. Be sure to enter FirstPrez2020 to waive the registration fee.
4. Watch for an email confirmation of your class registration.

The two books used in the class are available at no charge and located in the church office. These are Your Leadership Edge: Lead Anytime, Anywhere and the KLC Guidebook. If you have questions about the training or need assistance with your registration, contact Cynthia Berner, facilitator of our Core Transformation Team, at [ictbooks@gmail.com](mailto:ictbooks@gmail.com) or 641-7587.

--Cynthia Berner, Transformation Team Facilitator



**Welcome, Visitors!**

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! If you recently had a change in address, e-mail, or phone number, please feel free to contact the office on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that we may update your information.  
**Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

**All persons must sign in upon entry of the building at this time for safety reasons due to COVID-19.**

**Children’s Information**-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the south end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child’s (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris-Director of Children’s Ministry)

**A quick reminder:** Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary without an adult escort. In addition, all children and youth group activities including children in the Nursery must be supervised by a minimum of 2 authorized staff or volunteers.  
 Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Sunday Kids Connection**-Kids Connection is prerecorded as part of the live stream worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you have questions on how to find the group, please call Liz at (316) 214-4318.

**Praying for the Church Family**-As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Tom Starnes, Jeff Crittenden, and Paul Crittenden.

**Calendar**

- Sunday, April 4**  
*Easter Sunday with Communion*  
 9:00 Coffee Fellowship-Easter Sunday Only (*The Well*)  
 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, & Facebook Live  
 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)  
 11:00 Easter Tidings and Prayers (Sports Court/West Parking Lot)
- Tuesday, April 6**  
 5:30 Facilities Mtg (Zoom)  
 5:30 Christian Ed Comm. Mtg (Zoom)  
 7:00 Evangelism & Hospitality Mtg (Zoom)
- Wednesday, April 7**  
 9:00 Dorcas (Rm C105)  
 6:00 Youth Club (YL)
- Thursday, April 8**  
 9:00 Economy Corner Bd. Mtg (EC)
- Saturday, April 10**  
 10:00 WRCC Worship Prep Mtg (Parlor)
- Sunday, April 11**  
 9:30 Worship-Prerecorded Sermon by Tod Bolsinger (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live  
 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)  
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 11:45 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg (Zoom)  
 12:00 WOW Bible Study-(YL)  
 2:00 “Walking w/Jesus on Sundays”- Children’s Group (Camp)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 24, 2021**

**Whispering Winds Camp Work Day!**



It is time to get out and get the campgrounds cleaned up for warmer weather. The campgrounds need limbs picked up, window screens are in need of repair, basic cleaning of buildings, raking, and trimming trees. There is something for everyone. Please let Dave Duncan know if you are able to help.

**Call (316) 371-1050.**