

First Presbyterian Church

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10:30 A.M

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP --- *Psalm 145:1-10*

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord **Amen.**

*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #481 BLUE

1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

3 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

***CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This whole thing about confession is odd when you think about it. We are restored when we report how bad we've been. We're forgiven because we ask for mercy. There is something incredibly significant about acknowledging the reality of our sin and our need for God to take care of it because we simply can't. The really good news is that God can and has taken care of it.

It is when we let go of ourselves and trust God enough to confess our sins that we are forgiven and restored because of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time of silent personal confession)

Merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you by thinking we can be good enough on our own to please you.

We do not want to believe that we need your righteousness.

We try to do things on our own power.

We dislike having to humble ourselves so we can accept your grace for us.

Help us to let go of what gets in the way of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

So that we may delight to do your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hear the Good News. Our sins, though many, are insignificant compared to God's grace and love. We are forgiven through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN "Open Our Eyes, Lord" #633 GREEN**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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***HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #383 BLUE**

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll. Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostle's Creed" PAGE 14 BLUE

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

***HYMN "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" #384 BLUE**

1 O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

2 O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

3 O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain

That morn shall tearless be.

4 O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION —based on 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17

Go out into the world in peace: have courage;
hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil;
help the suffering; honor all;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
With God's help we will.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with all God's people forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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Up Coming Events:

April 10 6:00 PM Community Prayer – Carrollton Church of the Nazarene

Deacon of the Month:

April: Mary Ellen Richards

Worship Leaders: Hannah Mergen, Jay Stoneman, and Pastor Tim Dyck.

Philippians 1:1-11

From Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I thank my God every time I remember you. I always pray with joy in my every prayer for all of you because of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am sure of this very thing, that the one who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

For it is right for me to think this about all of you, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel all of you became partners in God's grace together with me. For God is my witness that I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And I pray this, that your love may abound even more and more in knowledge and every kind of insight so that you can decide what is best, and thus be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.