

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;

We will sing praises to you among the nations!

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,

Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Allelujah!

Psalm 57:9-11



Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & 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 have forgiven 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.**

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing— insert

CORPORATE READING OF GOD'S WORD

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

1 John 4:13-18

‡ CONFSSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Hear us now as we continue in silent prayer, confessing our sins to you.

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

Gracious Father, help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength, and give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“**Thanks be to God!**”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *What Wondrous Love Is This*—335



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

**Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament**
Genesis 24:15-28

**Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles**
1 Corinthians 14:13-25

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“**Thanks be to God!**”

† **Gospel Lesson**—John 21:1-14
“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“**Praise be to Christ!**”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

† **Sermon Text**
Acts 8:9-25

Sermon
We’re Not Hiring a Celebrity Pastor
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*—insert

‡ The congregation is invited to kneel

† The congregation is invited to stand

In Grateful Response We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication



† CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed*

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *For All the Saints*—280

† BENEDICTION AND SINGING

Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where're Thy face appears:
Thy cross is lifted o're us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Lead On, O King Eternal [KINGS LYNN], verse 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

New Members, Baptism, and Reception—Prior to our service the Davis family will be presented for membership, and their daughter, Burgundy Rose Davis, will be baptized. Please join us for a baptism reception which will be held in the Fellowship Hall after our service.

THIS WEEK

Midweek at All Saints

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday evening for a meal, a time of singing, and Bible study. Please refer to the email sign-up to RSVP for dinner. Contact Pastor Shaw with any questions.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m.—Dinner provided by the church

6:15 - 7:00 p.m.—Understanding the Psalms

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.—Hymn Sing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 18—Pentecost Celebration—Please mark your calendars for this festive celebration with members of Christ Covenant Granbury! An invitation with more details is forthcoming.

June 10-13—Summer Sanctus XVII—For campers ages 13-18. Held at Timberline Baptist Camp and Conference Center in Lindale, TX. **Camp is now full. Sign up for waitlist** at www.summersanctus.org. Please direct any questions to Pastor Jeff Niell: hello@summersanctus.org.

The Congregation Stands and Speaks to the Child

Little child for you, Jesus Christ has come, He has fought, He has suffered. For you He entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terror of Calvary; for you He uttered the cry, "It is finished." For you He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there for you He intercedes. For you, little child, this word is true: "We love Him because He first loved us."

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