



April 21, 2024, 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRELUDE
GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: You are never left outside God's house.

People: *There is always room for us.*

Leader: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.

People: *When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.*

Leader: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.

People: *We are ready to step into service for God. AMEN.*

All: *Let us worship God.*

***HYMN #138 (Blue)**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Isaiah 59:12-13

For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: ¹³ rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

***GLORIA PATRI** - *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.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** - *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 THANKSGIVING**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 53:6, 10-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 24:6-8; Acts 3:13-15

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-17

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"The Resurrection – Does It Matter?"

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*** THE FIRST CREED**

Leader: Jesus is Lord!

People: *Jesus is Lord, indeed!*

All: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.*

***HYMN # 293 (Blue)**

This Is My Father's World

***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are not alone. God is always with you. AMEN.

***POSTLUDE** - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **8 Most Significant Words: “Who will you invite to church next Sunday?”**
2. **An abbreviated version of “The Jesus Revolution” Movie will be shown at our Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, May 19th. Invite someone to see it!**
3. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres: Because we know why we’re here – to share the Real Jesus.**
4. **We’re on a mission for God. Plan to join by Profession of Faith in Christ, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer of Letter and help us make a difference for Christ in Tifton.**
5. **A new sermon series concludes today; “A Case for Christ.” This series is based on the perspective of an atheist-turned-Christian, and investigates who Jesus Christ was, divine or mortal, myth or real.
4/21: “The Resurrection - Does It Matter?”**
6. **Copies of the April calendar are on the table in the back of the church.**
7. **Our fellowship luncheon will be today at noon.**
8. **Please keep Michael Lindsey in your prayers. His sister, Linda Lindsey Norman, passed away on April 3, 2024.**
9. **Also please keep Charlotte Fall and her family in your prayers; Adam, who was also a member here died on March 29, 2024. Charlotte’s address is 21 Smith Court, Tifton 31794.**
10. **Spread the word that our worship services are on “Facebook Live” and “Instagram” every Sunday.**
11. **Invite, Invite, Invite. Your invitation may change a life for Christ. We are creating a “Culture of Invitation” here at First Pres through the following “Commitments for Christ”, which are easy ways for you to invite others:**
 - #3 – Heartwarming worship stories.
 - #7 – Service jobs and ways to make a difference in the Church.
 - #10 – The movie “Jesus Revolution.” (May 19th after the luncheon)
 - #12 – A new Chancel Choir.



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