



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



April 2023

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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**Preaching Schedule**

**April 2 - Jane Els, communion, Palm Sunday**  
**April 6 - 5:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday, The Lord's Supper (more info below)**  
**April 9 - Tricia Clark, Easter**  
**April 16 - Jane Els**  
**April 23 - Lessons and Hymns**  
**April 30 - Jimmy Chapman (also Stated Session Meeting)**

*Maundy Thursday*

*Please join us for our Maundy Thursday service as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.*

*For this service, we will be seated together at a table just as the disciples were when they celebrated the Passover meal with Jesus. We will sing, hear scripture and a message, and receive communion while together at the table.*

**On Palm Sunday, April 2nd, please come join us for lunch after church. We will share fun, Fellowship, and even a Special Surprise!**



**Music Notes**

**The chime choir will continue to practice at 10:20 on Sunday mornings. We would welcome any new members! Contact Patricia Fields if you are interested.**

**Attendance:**  
**February 26—8**  
**March 5—11**  
**March 12—14**  
**March 19—11**

**There are no April birthdays  
& anniversaries:**  
**(Please notify the office if I do not  
have your birthday)**

## April 2023 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

### **Palm/Passion Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)—April 2**

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1–11

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54

### **Maundy Thursday—April 6**

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

### **Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)—April 9**

Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10

### **Second Sunday of Easter—April 16**

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–31

### **Third Sunday of Easter—April 23**

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19

1 Peter 1:17–23

Luke 24:13–35

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 30**

Acts 2:42–47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19–25

John 10:1–10



## Jane's Journey

Easter will be April 9<sup>th</sup> this year. And I happen to know this interesting but slippery date because a few years ago I decided to memorize it: Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox of every year. Some emperor decided this when they put him in charge of the calendar a few centuries ago. There had been a lot of confusion over when exactly Christ rose from the dead. We know that Jesus was arrested the night of the Passover meal so that's how we know to tie the date to the full moon and the equinox because that's

how the Jews time their Passover. So, I guess in that respect our timing of Easter is fairly correct.

I'm taking a class online in Sacred Time. We started out with the hours of the day, then the week, and the next week we studied the monthly times. This week we will discuss the annual times. Each week we will deal with a long space of time until the last page of the last chapter when we get to eternity.

The author of the book we're using in the class is Christine Valters Paintner. Here is the gem of wisdom she closes the book with: "Eternity is not something that happens after we die; eternity also exists here in all the glorious spaces where we lose track of time because our hearts are so full of wonder and delight. God is a God of circles and rhythms, inviting us always to fall fully into this moment."

This means that God has been with us during every moment of the Lenten season and will be with us as we sit around the table to remember Jesus' Last Supper with his friends on Maundy Thursday. And God will be with us with the first glorious note on the organ on Easter morning. God was with us as children as we ran through the grass as children excitedly gathering Easter eggs. And God will be with us as we draw our last mortal breath and transition to a life that does not require breathing or walking or standing in line at the grocery store.

We live within eternity right now. We live with God right now.

Join us around the table on Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. for a short worship service to remember the night Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another.

# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	2pm - Bible Study					12pm - Al-Anon
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion Lunch following PALM SUNDAY	2pm - Bible Study- 7pm - Communion-			Communion Maundy Thursday		12pm - Al-Anon
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Sunday One Great Hour of	Easter Monday 2pm - Bible Study		9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	2pm - Bible Study	Tax Day	9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study		9am - Bible study			12pm - Al-Anon
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	First Day of Asian Pacific 2pm - Bible Study		9am - Bible study		Cinco de Mayo	12pm - Al-Anon