



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



May 2023

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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Preaching Schedule

May 7 - Jane Els, communion

May 14 - Tricia Clark

May 21 - Jane Els

May 28 - Pentecost - Lessons and Hymns**

**** This is the one Sunday of the liturgical year that we use the red paraments and banner in the sanctuary. If you'd like to get into the "spirit" of things on Pentecost Sunday (see what I did there 😊), wear colors of flames - red, orange, and/or yellow!**

Community Notice

The ministerial alliance will hold the annual National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 4, from Noon-1pm at the City Civic Center.

Our Fellowship Lunch in May will be on Sunday May 7th. Join us after church to spend some time with friends! Main dish will be enchiladas, please bring a side dish, dessert, or drinks if you can.

Attendance:

March 26—8

April 2—13

April 6—11

April 9—12

April 16—11

April 23—9

**May birthdays &
anniversaries:**

**(Please notify the office if I do
not have your birthday)**

17 Debra Gaines

May2023 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 7

Acts 7:55–60

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16

1 Peter 2:2–10

John 14:1–14

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 14

Acts 17:22–31

Psalm 66:8–20

1 Peter 3:13–22

John 14:15–21

Ascension of the Lord—May 18

Acts 1:1–11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 21

Acts 1:6–14

Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

Day of Pentecost—May 28

Acts 2:1–21 or Numbers 11:24–30

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 or Acts 2:1–21

John 20:19–23 or John 7:37–39



Jane's Journey

I never named this column "Jane's Journey." Someone else did. When I started writing a column for the church newsletter for the church I attended in Garland back in the 1980's someone on the staff of the church named the column—mostly I think because of the two J's. But over the years I've come to appreciate what it means.

The journey through life can be about our final destination of life where we hope to end up eternally with God, AKA heaven; but so much of life is also the journey of living our life while we are here in our mortal lives. And, as "mortal, material human with skin" we usually concentrate on this life we are living now. After all, it's the only life we know. But we know this life will come to an end eventually and the eternal life, the one we are aiming for—the one spent with God forever—will begin.

I once visited a huge church that had retrofitted their bathrooms with a few shower stalls so they could offer housing for overnight guests such as the mission trip I was part of. They had a big shower stall for handicapped use that was designed for wheelchair use. Instead of a steep curb to keep the water inside the shower stall there was a smooth slope to transition from the dry area into the wet area. The transition was so smooth that the only thing separating the two was the shower curtain. You could roll a wheelchair right into the shower.

When I saw this I wondered is this might be what the ideal transition into heaven might be like. I decided that day that I would like to live my life so spiritually that when my time came to leave the mortal life and transition into my immortal life the transition might be as smooth as rolling into that shower stall.

That would make for a smooth transition. And it would make for a spiritual journey. I haven't gotten there yet. But it's my goal. I sure hope I have plenty of time left for practice. For now, I am trying to speak less and listen more. And be more in tune to what God has to say to me. Hopefully, when it is time for me to act then it will be something God wants me to do and not my own idea.

Maybe one day, if all goes well, I will look around and notice I'm in heaven and won't remember how I got there.

May

First Presbyterian, Birthdays, Holidays in United States

May 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 First Day of Asian Pacific 2pm - Bible Study	2	3 9am - Bible study	4 National day of Prayer Noon at City auditorium	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 12pm - Al-Anon
7 Communion Lunch	8 2pm - Bible Study	9	10 9am - Bible study	11	12	13 12pm - Al-Anon
14 Mother's Day	15 2pm - Bible Study	16	17 Debra Gaines 9am - Bible study	18 Ascension of the Lord	19	20 12pm - Al-Anon
21	22 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	23	24 9am - Bible study	25	26	27 12pm - Al-Anon
28 Day of Pentecost	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 9am - Bible study-last	1 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride	2	3 12pm - Al-Anon