



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



April 2024

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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**April pulpit supply:**

April 7th - Jane Els, communion  
April 14th - John Coleman  
April 21st - Kenny Rigoulot  
April 28th - Jimmy Chapman, session meeting  
after church

**April 2024 Revised Common Lectionary for  
Sundays and Festivals**

**Second Sunday of Easter—April 7**

Acts 4:32–35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1–2:2  
John 20:19–31

**Third Sunday of Easter—April 14**

Acts 3:12–19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1–7  
Luke 24:36b–48

**Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 21**

Acts 4:5–12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16–24  
John 10:11–18

**Fifth Sunday of Easter—April 28**

Acts 8:26–40  
Psalms 22:25–31  
1 John 4:7–21  
John 15:1–8

**APRIL  
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES**

**None for April**

**ATTENDANCE:**

February 25—10  
March 3—9  
March 10—11  
March 17—8  
March 24—12



## Jane's Journey

Now what? I always find myself asking that question the day after Easter. So many times, people expect their lives to change drastically with the resurrection. That is an easy assumption since the resurrection of Christ means that our relationship with the Triune God is different because of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. Everything in our lives is different because of Christ. But, at the same time nothing about us changes. We are still the same people we were a month ago.

Our first clue was on Palm Sunday when we shouted Hosanna! Save Us, Jesus! The Jews of 30 A.D. were expecting Jesus to be another Moses to lead his people out of their bondage under the Roman ruler. Today, we need another type of saving from Jesus. We cry out for Jesus to save us from ourselves. Save us from our captivity to the wrong oppressors: materialism, the pull of comparing ourselves to one another, the superficiality of the society we live in, the fear that our bodies may not be attractive enough, strong enough, slim enough, that we won't have enough money when we need it, or that we may not be smart enough.

Enough. We are still plagued today by the worry that we aren't enough. Yet we just finished celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ who though we were "enough" for him to give his life for.

After all the palm branches are finished waving we still find ourselves shouting "Hosanna.... Save Us!" But we shouldn't forget that the whole point of the resurrection is Christ drawing us closer to him ensuring our place with him in eternity, telling us that, yes, we ARE enough. Simply through our belief we have been given a seat at the table of Grace.

# April

First Presbyterian, Birthdays, Holidays in United States

Apr 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter Sunday	1 Easter Monday 2pm - Bible Study	2	3	4	5	6 12pm - Al-Anon
7 Communion	8 Eclipse day no bible	9	10	11	12	13 12pm - Al-Anon
14	15 Tax Day 2pm - Bible Study	16	17 9am - Bible study	18	19	20 12pm - Al-Anon
21 Session	22 Cross & Crown due 2pm - Bible Study	23	24 9am - Bible study	25	26	27 12pm - Al-Anon
28 2pm - Bible Study	29	30	1 First Day of Asian Pacific 9am - Bible study	2	3	4 12pm - Al-Anon