



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



April 2025

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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April pulpit supply:

6th - Jane Els, communion

13th - John Coleman

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27th - John Coleman

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b–14

John 12:1–8

Sunday, April 13

Passion/Palm Sunday / Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28–40

Psalms 118:1–2, 19–29

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14

Psalms 116:1–2, 12–19

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16–25 or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

John 18:1–19:42

Sunday, April 20

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Day

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24

1 Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43

John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

April
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES
None

ATTENDANCE:

March 2—17
March 9—14
March 16—15
March 23—14



Jane's Journey

Beaven and I represented our church at Camp Gilmont's groundbreaking ceremony last Sunday. They are building a new lodge and this church made a donation toward the building. The new lodge will house 20 new rooms with the ability to sleep 40 people. More than just housing, the lodge and capital campaign will include hospitality space, additional lodging for staff, outdoor pavilion, parking and building resources for Day Camp. It's an ambitious goal at just the right time in the 85th year of this Presbyterian camp. The camp has been operating at capacity every weekend for the last couple of years and having to turn people away for lack of space.

Camp Gilmont is much more than a set of buildings, however. It is holy ground.

Anyone who has walked alone down various hiking trails has felt it. And I've heard stories from people who have felt the presence of God while they walked. Most of the time the camp operates as it was designed: as a gigantic playground for kids where they run with abandon on fields chasing a ball or each other, dancing silly dances, sometimes calmly discovering the beauty of the woods, canoeing through the quiet waters of the lake or weaving friendship bracelets. But adults hike the woods, too. Listening for God to whisper into their soul. Or reassure them of the Creator's presence.

We are taught that God is everywhere. But it's far easier to feel the presence of God in nature than a crowded city street. We don't expect to feel God in a subway train or elevator. I have felt God's presence many times and it was usually in some quiet and natural place. I think it was always a time when I was alone. With the weather being as close to perfect as you can get this week, I went for a walk and I felt like I could reach out and touch God in the very air. Maybe that's why the Holy Spirit comes to us as wind.

I would love for us all to find a way to visit Camp Gilmont. We are one of the camp's closest neighbors—less than an hour's drive on some beautiful roads. God will be there waiting for us.

April

First Presbyterian, Holidays in United States

Apr 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	2pm - Bible Study					12pm - Al-Anon
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion	2pm - Bible Study		Bible study 9-11			12pm - Al-Anon
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday	2pm - Bible Study	Tax Day	Bible study 9-11	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	12pm - Al-Anon
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday OGHS offering taken	Cross & Crown due Easter Monday 2pm - Bible Study		Bible study 9-11			12pm - Al-Anon
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Session mtg.	2pm - Bible Study		Bible study 9-11			12pm - Al-Anon