



# First Presbyterian Church

## The Cross and Crown



May 2025

Extending God's Grace throughout Northeast Texas

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**May pulpit supply:**

May 4th - Jane Els, communion

May 11th - John Coleman

May 18th - Jane Els

May 25th - John Coleman

**May 2025 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays**

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**May  
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARIES**

**17—Debra Gaines**

**ATTENDANCE:**

March 30—13

April 6—12

April 13—15

April 17—10

April 20—18



## Jane's Journey

Once Easter has passed there is a sense of "What now?" This is the natural reaction to most events that have a cycle of great build up like Christmas and Easter. Surely the disciples felt this. Their main feeling was fear. The political climate they lived in during the first century in Roman-occupied Jerusalem and other Jewish areas was tense. They basically hid out from the authorities. In fact, Jesus had told them to lay low and that they would hear from him. But he didn't tell them much more.

Hide out and wait for further instructions. So, that's what they did. They didn't even leave Jerusalem. Instead, they hid behind locked doors. And Jesus just appeared in the room, presumably walking through the wall or teleporting himself into the room. Who knows how Jesus does these things?

But his presence with them was worth waiting for. He breathed God's Holy Spirit on them and spent some quality time that they needed. Later, he would visit with them at other times that are recorded in the bible as important milestones and teachings. The bible mentions other times he appeared to them. Jesus wasn't finished after the resurrection. There was a lot more to do. And there is a lot more for us to do, also.

Someone asked me this morning how long I have been working with kids at Camp Gilmont. When I thought back I remembered my first visit clearly. It was 1990. Twenty-five years ago. I watched the Young Adult Sponsor playing a CD of Garth Brooks singing "I've Got Friends in Low Places." And I remember thinking how well that song fit into the Jesus' message. And I was hooked on Youth Ministry from that day on.

Jesus wasn't finished after the resurrection. And it wasn't always a cute picture that you might see on the front of a greeting card. Some days are ordinary and drab. But we take them a day at a time with the knowledge that He walks beside us every step of the way. Even in the low places.

# May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Session mtg.	28 2pm - Bible Study	29	30 Bible study 9-11	1	2	3 12pm - Al-Anon
4 Communion Session	5 Cinco de Mayo 2pm - Bible Study	6	7 Bible study 9-11	8	9	10 12pm - Al-Anon
11 Mother's Day	12 2pm - Bible Study	13	14	15	16	17 Debra Gaines 12pm - Al-Anon
18	19 2pm - Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24 12pm - Al-Anon
25	26 Memorial Day Office closed	27	28	29 Ascension of the Lord	30	31 12pm - Al-Anon