

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS: Tom Copple Family, John Lipe, Garry Grau, Peggy Burger, Brenda Long.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Abel Duran, father of Melissa Palacios. Jonathan Roberson's sister, Chrisse. Alyssa Lawson, friend of Renee Clements. FPC Choral Scholar Zihan Liu. Paul Vega, a friend of Yolanda Garcia's son. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Copple.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING : Richard Putnam on the death of his mother.

Prayers for this church in transition.

Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, 4/28

8:30 am United Methodist
Worship Service

9:30 am Morning Study

The Path to the Cross—

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday, 5/1

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:15 pm Handbell rehearsal

Saturday, 5/4

8:30 am—5:30 pm Auditions

Sunday, 5/5

8:30 am United Methodist
Worship Service

9:30 am Morning Study

The Path to the Cross—

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Music Appreciation
Reception

Saturday, 5/11

2:00 pm—4:00 pm Brown
Recital



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN LUBBOCK

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024 10:30 AM

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God
and to one another as we follow Christ.*



THE PROPHET ISAIAH, BY JAN MOSTAERT (1475-1555)
MUSEUM BOSJMANS VAN BEUNINGEN, ROTTERDAM



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Guest Pastor: **The Rev. Dr. Andy Dearman**

Liturgist:

Pianist: **Dr. Spencer Hartman**

Director of Music: **Alexa Brown**

Violinist: **Dr. Isaias Ferreira**

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

INTROIT *Jesus, We Love to Meet* JESU A FE PADE

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us sing joyful songs of praise.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth, for the Lord is a gracious God and his mercy is everlasting.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 291 *Alleluia No. 1*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, the proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. Refusing to bear the burdens of others, we have turned from our neighbors. We have ignored the pain of the world, while passing by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. Hear our prayer, O God, even in the silence of this moment.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THE REV. DR. ANDY DEARMAN

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you!

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

* PASS THE PEACE

* GLORIA 732 *(sung responsively)*

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON JOHN 15: 1-8

PSALM 22 *(insert, all sing)*

SECOND LESSON ISAIAH 40: 21-31

SERMON THE REV. DR. ANDY DEARMAN
"Running with the Lord"

CHORAL MEDITATION HEATHER SORENSON
Have You Not Known?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* CALL TO PRAYER 380

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE 736 *(violin plays, all sing)*

Celtic Alleluia

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, we continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

My friends, let us do good and share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Remember the words of Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

* OFFERTORY ARR. GARY LAUGHREY
We Worship and Adore You

* DOXOLOGY 726 *We Praise You, O God (vs. 1&3)*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(unison)*
Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

* CHARGE AND BLESSING The Rev. Dr. Andy Dearman

* CHORAL BLESSING *(all sing)*
**May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.**