



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

"An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."



**Sunday Worship
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday**

A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*All who are able, please stand. **Bold** print denotes congregational response

WELCOME

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major (BWV 532a)
Bruce Xu, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

(Silent prayers of confession) In the name of the risen Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God who raised Jesus from the dead has not
given us over to death.

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM

Sing Ye to the Lord

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

WCPC Sanctuary Choir

Jonathan Aigner, director

Bruce Xu, organ; Jonathan Persaud, trumpet; Trevor Seeley, trumpet

Melodie Gale, horn; Dong Pham, trombone; Nick Gale, tuba; Tim Turnley, timpani

Sing ye to the Lord,
For He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh's chariots and his host
Hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise,
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Exodus 15:21b and 4a; 4th c. Latin hymn,
translated by Robert Campbell, 1849*

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00AM)

Arthur Fox and Aveleigh Rose Loerwald, children of Rachael and Matthew Loerwald.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Laura R. Grice

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

"The Unfinished Easter Story"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord, He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

(from "A Declaration of Faith")

A TIME OF PROMISE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION

One Great Hour of Sharing

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Now Glad of Heart

K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one!
The fight is fought, the day is won,
The Christ is set upon His throne, Alleluia!

Who on the rood was crucified,
Who rose again, as at this tide,
In glory to His Father's side, Alleluia!

Who baffled death and harrowed hell
And led the souls that love Him well
All in the light of lights to dwell, Alleluia!

To Him we lift our heart and voice
And in His paradise rejoice
With harp and pipe and happy noise, Alleluia!

Then rise, all Christian folk, with me
And carol forth the One in Three
That was, and is and is to be, Alleluia!

16th c. German hymn,
translated by Arthur Henry Fox-Strangeways

*DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 233

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*
WCPC Sanctuary Choir

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

*The Sanctuary Choir would like to invite all who wish to sing to join them in the chancel at this time.
Copies are available on the organ console.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year: www.wcpc-tx.org/giving cash or checks payable to WCPC. Please be sure to note One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).



CHILDCARE FOR WORSHIP

Childcare, for children under 5, is provided during both worship services. Room 100 in the Children's Education Building for the 8:30 service and in the Hendricks Building (building to your right across the parking lot as you leave the sanctuary) during the 11 am service. After the children's message staff will be available to take children over to the nursery rooms or you can walk them too. WCPC believes worship for children is important to spiritual formation, children of all ages are encouraged and welcome in worship. The Parlor (a room with a viewing window and restroom to the right as you enter the worship space) is available if you need a place for busy toddlers to roam, continue a meltdown, or privacy to diaper, etc.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will be available to pray with you. They will be at the front-right side of the sanctuary. Our Stephen Ministers are trained in compassionate listening and confidentiality. There is no need too large or too small to request prayer.

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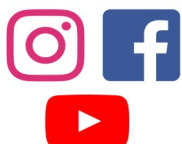
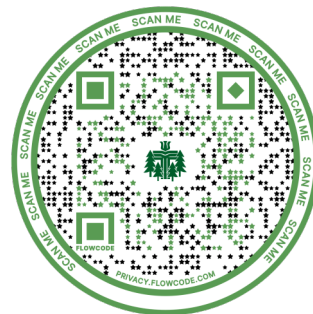
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TREASURER'S REPORT THRU FEBRUARY 2024

	February	Yr to Date
Revenues	\$ 80,131	\$ 150,513
Expenses	\$ (80,337)	\$ (178,182)
Net Total	\$ (206)	\$ (27,669)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	\$ 8,583
Total	\$ 4,086	\$ (19,806)



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Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday School (all ages): 9:45am-10:45am

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Laura R. Grice

