

What's the Word at FPC Plano?

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First Presbyterian Church, Plano, TX*

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John 10:11-15: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

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**Pastor Tracy Ebarb
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sermon:
"Who gave you the authority?"
"Important question - bold answer"

Liturgist: Marty Saylor
Cantor: Kurt Thomas
Pianist/Organist: Marcy Lasseter

Can't be here?
Access **Live-Stream** at **10:30 am** at
www.firstplano.org or click on

First Presbyterian Church Plano, TX - YouTube

Worship service **videos** are posted on both sites
later Sunday afternoon or by Monday, AND videos are now also
available on **Vimeo!**



**Adult Sunday
School is held in
the education
wing at 9:30 am**

This week's Sunday school class is a continued study from "The Mayberry Bible Study" based on videos created by the Primetime Parable Miniseries. This video series is fun, informative, and a great learning experience!

Bible Study
Bible Study is Monday,
April 22 at 2:00 pm



Why attend Bible study?

- Develop your faith.
- Meet others who are working on their faith.
- Equip you to help others.
- Encourage others to attend.

- Strengthen the church.

This week's discussion covers:

Acts 8:26-40 ---Psalm 22:25-31 ---1 John 4:7-21 ---John 15:1-8

The April 22 Zoom link and passcode are [HERE](#).



Zoom Prayer Gathering

C.S Lewis stated: "I pray because I can't help myself. ... I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It

changes me." Asking God to direct his love and grace to those in special need brings his love and grace into us, as well. Please join our Prayer Group on Wednesdays at 9:30 am and add your spirit to their prayers. The April 24 Zoom link is [HERE](#).

Church Clothing Bin



We now have a "clothing donation bin" located next to our food pantry bins. The attached signs indicate the specific items we are *continually* looking for! These items can be new OR gently used.

We're "The Clothing Church" and we should always be prepared to welcome donations at any time! Not just outside donations, but donations from our church members as well.

As noted on the sign, donations can be serviceable used items, or new. Consider shopping at local Thrift Stores on their special savings days!



First Presbyterian Plano
The Clothing Church
Clothing Body and Soul
firstplano.org

Items needed EVERY week all year long: (we can't get enough!)

- Men's jeans, cargo or casual cotton **pants**
 - Waist sizes 30, 32, 34, 36 and any lengths
- Men's tennis and casual rubber soled **shoes** and boots in **ALL** sizes (8 through 13)
- Men's **belts** all sizes or one size fits all
- Men's cargo **shorts** waist sizes 30, 32, 34, 36

(Serviceable used or new donations will work! Consider shopping area thrift stores on their "special savings days" to make your dollars go further!)

**How we walk with
the broken speaks
louder than how
we sit with the
great.**

Bill Bennot



THE MIND UNLEASHED
UNCOVER YOUR TRUE POTENTIAL

Contributed by David Pickett



Pentecost Special Offerings

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about it and to find the link that leads to the Special Offerings website.

New Restaurants in Town!

JUST A LITTLE NOTE: Looking for a new place to eat after church? Click this underlined sentence to *check out 5 new restaurants now open in Plano | Community Impact*

Know of any good "after church restaurants" you'd like to recommend? Let the church office know.



Marketing Our Ministry: A Message from Neil McKown

Greetings FPC Plano family! My name is Neil McKown, a former child of this church, and currently serving at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, TX as their Director of Student Ministries.

When FPC Plano recently rebranded as The Clothing Church, embracing this new mission and vision of *"clothing body and soul,"* I found myself excited and wishing I could support you like you supported me for years. After multiple conversations with my family (Nancy, Ted, and Leslie McKown) I saw that there was a way I could assist and collaborate with you in your mission.

Your media team hired me to assist your church in sharing and capturing your mission and vision through social media. I've filmed stories from you all—Belle Wagoner, Lynn Schapeler, Linda

Pease, Richard Klein, Shannon Souddness, Nancy and Ted McKown to name a few, and from Pastor Tracy! These will be short videos meant to share what FPC Plano is about, and to express how you're trying to help your East Plano community!

You'll be seeing more of me! I'm thrilled to be able to help you all as you really lean into this amazing venture and mission to not only clothe those in your community physically with clothing, but to clothe their souls through friendship, listening, smiles, and lots of energy, as well!

Follow the church on First Presbyterian Church Plano on Facebook and then at @firstpresbyplano on Instagram and help us by sharing your church's vision out into the community!

Connect to News and Articles from PC(USA)

PC(USA) Blogs & E-Newsletters

***Click on the image at right** to see lists of Blogs and E-Newsletters available from PC(USA). There you can sign up for a number of blogs that might interest you, or you can sign up for various informative newsletters.*



If you just want the Presbyterian Weekly News for April 8-12, click [HERE](#).

Keep An Eye Open For Those Retreats at Gilmont!



Gilmont Faith and Conference Center

Click on the title above to go to the Gilmont website for information about upcoming events.

You can also check out brochures below for additional info:

Circle of Friends for Special Needs 2024 schedule

Gilmont Women's Retreat - April 26-28, 2024



ALSO - sign up for the North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage at Gilmont Camp and Conference Center May 3-5! Info is available on the little table between the narthex and Fellowship Hall. Or ask Ted or Nancy McKown for details.

Click **HERE** to access the NTPP website.

Visit the Presbyterian (USA) Mission Page

Click **HERE** to read about Presbyterian events and missions on "Presbyterians Today"



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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**COMMUNION
AT HOME**

In-home Communion

Once a month after our in-person communion service at church, we'll be delivering communion to our homebound members. If you want us to bring communion to you, please contact Sandra Rose at (972) 768-0468 or email her at: amma.sandy@icloud.com

Welcome to the "Joke Box"

- The Sunday School teacher asks the children to draw Christmas pictures. She goes over to one student and sees he's drawn a picture of four people on an airplane. "What is this?" she asked. "Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus on a flight to Egypt," he says. "Well... who's the fourth person?" "*That's Pontius, the pilot.*"
- Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? *David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.*

Some funny Christian moments from *Readers Digest*:

- My childhood church had a kitchen in the back. One day while looking around, I saw a wooden plaque with a button. The button didn't work. That was when I read the sign above the plaque: "When you are through using the kitchen, push button to summon a servant to clean up. If there is no response, refer to *Matthew 20:25-28* for further instruction. Thank you."

Funny Church Signs



- Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 am to noon, Richard Klein's square dance group will be practicing at FPCP in Fellowship Hall. Come and watch them and enjoy the music and the precision of their dance moves!
- North Texas Presbyterian Pilgrimage, May 3-5, at Gilmont Camp and Conference Center.

Please share any upcoming events with the Newsletter.



Sandra Rose is Chair of our Congregational Care Committee. Please let her know if you have a prayer request, need physical help, errands run, etc. Call Sandra at (972) 768-0468 or email her at:

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8/9; 8/23/ 8/30; 9/6; 9/20; 10/4; 10/18; 11/1;
11/15; 11/29; 12/13 and 12/27



Got any newsworthy events, family happenings, fun facts, meaningful information to share with your church family?

Email (office@firstplano.org) or call in your requests (972-423-4292), news, or share-worthy info!

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