



Clothing Body  
and Soul

# The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX  
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
APRIL 26, 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*This \* means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION      *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"*  
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Vulpius/P. Manz

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION: *"Awake My Heart, with Gladness"* German Chorale Prelude/P. Manz  
**Please stand**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

**People: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!**

Leader: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**People: Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!**

Leader: O Holy Spirit, lead us on in worship;

**People: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Please be seated**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Please stand**

**\*OPENING HYMN #321**      *"The Church's One Foundation"*

**Please be seated**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

**Please Stand**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

**\*PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) "Blest Are They"**

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

**Please be seated**

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Epistle)**

**Acts 3:1-10**

**ANTHEM**

*"God Be In My Head"*  
Arr. by John Rutter

**Sanctuary Choir**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)**

**John 10:1-10**

**SERMON**

**"Thresholds & Gates"**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

**Please rise**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*From The Nicene Creed*)

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all this, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Please be seated**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

**Congregation: Lord hear our voices and be attentive to our prayers.**

Pastor: We pray for those whose hope is lost, who feel dried up and cut off from you.

**Congregation: By your grace, open their graves; bring them back to the land of the living.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are oppressed; held captive by the power of sin and death.

**Congregation: Release them from their chains; unbind them and let them go!**

Pastor: We pray for those who weep, lost and lifeless in fear and regret.

**Congregation: Grant them the peace of your presence; show them what your love can do.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are dying, the light of life fading in their eyes.

**Congregation: Help them to believe in you so that they may live and never die.**

Pastor: We thank you O Lord, for having heard our prayers.

**Congregation: Enable us to trust in you, and thus to see your glory; hear us now as we pray:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** 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.

**Please stand**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #300**

*"We Are One in the Spirit"*

**\* CHARGE**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* RESPONSE**

*"He is Lord"*

*He is Lord, He is Lord!*

*He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!*

*Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess*

*That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

**\* POSTLUDE**

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

Lyra Dividica, 1708/A. L. Page

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**Participants in worship:**

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