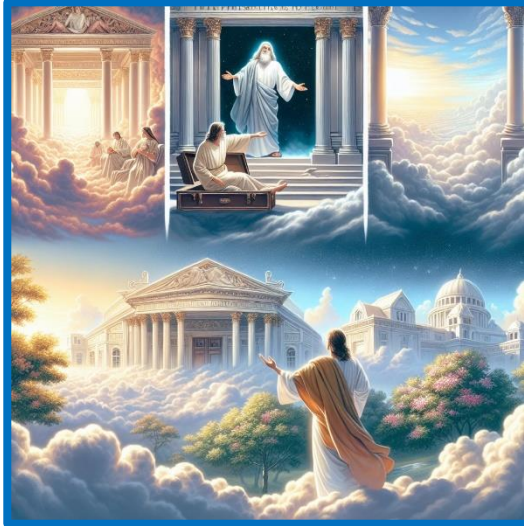




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The Clothing Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLANO, TX
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MAY 3, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

"Jesus, My Joy"

J. S. Bach/S. O. Wolff

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION: *"Jesus, My Sure Defense"*

Please stand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Leader: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Leader: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Leader: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand

***OPENING HYMN #4**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you. Amen.

(moment of silence for private confession)

Please Stand

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***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 (Old Testament)

Acts 7:55-60

ANTHEM

"The Call"
by Vaughan Williams

Soloist: Jeff Snider
baritone

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

John 14:1-14

SERMON

"We're Gonna Do What??!!!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please Rise

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Please be seated

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please Rise

COMMUNION HYMN #521

"In Remembrance of Me"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

John 6:35

Matthew 11:28-30

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THANKSGIVING

This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray:

People: 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.

PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

THE LIFTING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, saying – In your mercy, Lord, save us. Merciful God, you call us to goodness and lead us on right paths. You encourage us with signs of your coming and urge us to keep watch, that we might greet you with heads raised high when you come to re-store all of creation. Watching and waiting, we pray for this world that needs your saving power.

Pastor: For nations at war, in your mercy,

People: Lord, save us.

Pastor: For all who suffer from violence, in the streets or in their homes, in your mercy,

People: Lord, save us.

Pastor: For all who live in worry or fear, in your mercy,

People: Lord, save us.

Pastor: For those who have forgotten the ways of righteousness, in your mercy,

People: Lord, save us.

Pastor: For those who have never heard of your rescuing love, in your mercy,

People: Lord, save us.

Pastor: For all those who have lost hope, or never had it at all, in your mercy,

People: Lord, save us.

Pastor: We pray, too, for your church in the world, that we may increase in ardor for you and your children, and work in confidence for your coming reign. Now by the power of your Holy Spirit, make us ever more faithful, that we may greet you in confidence and joy on that great day. Through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #634** *"To God be the Glory"*

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***RESPONSE Hymn #80** *"You Shall Go Out With Joy"*

*"You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
Will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy!"*

***POSTLUDE** *"Jesus, Our Blessed Savior"*

J. S. Bach

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