

APRIL 21, 2024



**First United
Presbyterian Church
Houston, PA 15342
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*“Resentment is like drinking poison
and then hoping it will kill your enemies.”*

— Nelson Mandela

“No Good Deed. . . .”

Pastor - Ben Libert

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*“We will share the love of our Lord, building on our past,
reaching in faith toward our future.”*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome & Announcements

**Meditation Music: - “The Water is Wide”. . . - By, Stephenson
(Celebration Ringers)**

Call to Worship

L: God sends us on a journey, this and every day,

P: following Jesus wherever he leads us.

L: We are called to Go!

P: to the place where God covenants with us.

L: God calls us to gather together in worship,

P: to tell future generations the good news.

L: God calls us to practice patience,

P: to wait for the day of the Lord.

L: God calls each of us to take up our cross,

P: to trust the One who bore it for us.

L: God calls us to trust in the love of Jesus.

P: Let us worship God, who leads us, this and every day.

***Hymn: #233 - “This Day of Resurrection”**

Call to Confession:

L: How often are we like Peter and the other disciples, wishing for an easier faith. We would much rather be able to keep a tally of how many times we were wronged so we can know when enough forgiveness is enough. We have forgotten that as we forgive, we will be forgiven. Let us confess our lack of mercy and sinfulness together using the unison prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

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. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. We have refused to offer the very same forgiveness to others that we beg from you. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. Restore us, renew us, redeem us, and remind us of your great love.

(Silent Confession)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Know the forgiveness of God as you hear these words from the Apostle Paul: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." My friends believe the good news of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen!

***Gloria PatriPage 581**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

L: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Let us pass the peace of Christ by waving the right hand of friendship to one another.

**Special Music: "You Do Not Walk Alone". . . .By, Hagenberg
(Chancel Choir)**

THE WORD

Psalm 23:1-6

Acts 4:5-12

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SERMON: "No Good Deed. . ."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn: #250 - “Hymn of Promise”**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

***Doxology: “Praise God from Whom”Page 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Benediction**

***Hymn: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines”. Page 582**

Postlude



Ministering to us today:
LiturgistBob Blough
MusicTerri Jeffers
Audiovisual .Leon Young
Trustees . . . Bob Arnold
& Linda Young
NurseryVicky Lesjak
Acolyte Mako Morgan
Greeters . . . (MV) Gloria Schmalz
&Dodie Hanna
(GV) Pastor Ben
& Janice Blosel
(GH) Bob Blough
& Virginia Rockwell

PRAYER LIST

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS:

Tom Setto, Darryl Beton, Rich (Pepsi) Witmer, Barb Burnett, John Orlando, Mindy Kelley, Brandon Craig, Darren Spiker, Cat Morgan, Rev. Don Austin, Tim Lynch, Melanie Donahoo, William Young, JoAnn Pitcock, Amanda, Matthew Scears, Brad Pitcock, Brian Baumgardner, Bill Brown, Sophia Desmond, and Bill Ensley.



APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS:

Susan Stonebreaker, Karen Jones, Dorie Nicholls, Jackie Shober, Aurora, Sandy & Jack Simpson, Dan Browning, Robert Ward, Joyce Orlando, Charity, Cathy Lynch, Patty Goldbach, Pastor Melody, Bell Family, Evelyn, Bob Washabaugh, Marion Marcase, and Curtis Marcase.



ALSO PRAY FOR:

**Pastor Ben and our Houston Church leaders
Our Nation and our Nation's Leaders
All unspoken requests of our church family.**

*Thank
You*

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RESSURRECTION POWER

**A Heartfelt “Thank You” to our Church Family!
Your kindness & generosity will give a wonderful
warm start to the New Residents at
Ressurrection Power.**

We are so thankful !

The Deacons

*Thank
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**The flowers today were given in celebration of
the Birthdays of Sarah & Roman Wallace,
by Family.**

**If you would like to donate flowers in memory or in
honor of someone, please sign up in the Church
hallway or call the Church Office.**

**BE OUR GUEST AT OUR ANNUAL
SPRING LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
AT 12:00 NOON**

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO OUR SPRING LUNCHEON, WHICH INCLUDES HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED THEIR 50TH YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP. THERE WILL BE A DELICIOUS LUNCH, ENTERTAINMENT AND LOTS OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP. IT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN BY MONDAY, APRIL 29TH OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 724-746-3040.

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDING ADULTS: _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDING CHILDREN: _____





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Regular Events
Sunday School ---9:45am
Worship—11:00am
Bible Study—Tuesday 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-Office Closed	2-Deacons Mtg. 6:00pm	3-	4-	5-	6-
7- Communion Sunday	8-Ministry Mtg. 6:30pm	9-	10-	11-	12-	13-
14-Soup & Sandwich	15-Mission Mtg. 6:30pm	16-	17-	18-	19-	20-
21-	22-Admin. Mtg. 6:30pm	23-	24-	25-	26-	27-
28-	29-Session Mtg. 6:30pm	30-				