

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary (*Child care provided.*)

### CHRIST IS RISEN!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 18**

**6:30pm The Lord's Supper** in Fellowship Hall

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19**

**6:30pm Characters around the Cross** in Sanctuary

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD |**

**EASTER, April 21**

**7:30am Sunrise Worship** on the lawn  
(*Breakfast Potluck follows*)

**9:30am Easter Activities**  
for Children

**10:45am FESTIVAL WORSHIP**  
in Sanctuary

*Loving child care provided.*

### EASTER MORNING

On April 21, all are invited to Easter Sunrise Worship (7:30am) led by FPC's Youth Ministry on the 31<sup>st</sup> St lawn. Again, this year we will "flower the cross." Worshippers are invited to bring flowers from their yard (or purchased).

Following worship (8:30am), the youth will host a breakfast potluck in Fellowship Hall. Your monetary donations will provide financial support to FPC's youth participating in summer conferences at Mo-Ranch. Donation baskets will be available on serving tables. Participants asked to bring either a breakfast dish (casserole/quiche/tacos/pancakes), hash browns, yogurt or fruit for parfait, pastries, or juice. Coffee and water provided. To let us know what food item you will bring, email Karen in the church office, [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

Festival Worship (10:45am) in the sanctuary: We experience as the Psalmist writes—"Joy comes in the morning"—with choir, organ, piano, and procession with lilies!



First Presbyterian Friends,

A few might be able to read this edition of *The Chimes* newsletter before Palm Sunday (upcoming). Many will perhaps only read this edition after Palm Sunday, likely during the first days of Holy Week.

Either way, please note the special services on Thursday evening at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall, where we will remember Jesus' last celebration of Passover with his closest disciples.

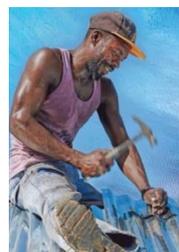
On Friday evening, also at 6:30pm, in the sanctuary, with the leadership of the Chancel Choir, we will remember the events and characters of the day that is ironically called "Good Friday," actually an adaptation from "God's Friday." On Easter Sunday, the services are at 7:30am on the 31<sup>st</sup> St. lawn and at 10:45am in the sanctuary.

If you are in town and physically and schedule-wise able, let us share in these services. Invite friends and family. The blessings of God's subtle and overcoming grace are mysterious and often indescribable.

May you be renewed, transformed, and strengthened in many ways . . .

*Pastor Ted*

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



*You shall be called repairers of the breach.*  
—Isaiah 58

The **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** Offering will be received during worship on **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**, and **EASTER, APRIL 21**. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Projects are underway in more than 100 countries (incl. the U.S. & Canada). Our gifts to the OGHS Offering support **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%)**, **Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%)**, and **Self-development of People (32%)**. Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, OGHS currently supports programs in over 100 countries.

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## BE A PART OF THE PERU MISSION TRIP

The Peru Mission Trip (currently 24 participants) is around the corner (May 17-27). What will team members do?

- (1) medical professionals: triage, medical assessments, delivery of services;
- (2) assist with delivery of health & wellness workshops;
- (3) assist with fitting reading glasses and VBS activities arts/crafts, bible stories and recreation.

FPC members Marlee Criaco and Cheryl Page will lead and facilitate Vacation Bible School for the children. They are in need of craft supplies to help them teach Vacation Bible School. On the Indoor Patio, you'll find a tree with leaves on it. Each leaf has a few supplies written on it. Pick one leaf (or more), purchase the items listed, and return them to church in a plastic bag by Sun, April 28. Your donations and help are very much appreciated!



## CHURCH LADIES LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

Church Ladies meet to enjoy lunch and fellowship on the third Wednesday (usually) of each month. Amico Nave in Bryan is the place to be on **WED, APRIL 17**, at 11:30am. This gathering is open to all who enjoy trying different restaurants with friends. Come! Enjoy! For more information, contact Becky Alter, [alter@suddenlink.net](mailto:alter@suddenlink.net).

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- All men meet at Chicken Oil Co. in Bryan at 11:30am on **TUE, APRIL 30** (and the LAST Tuesday of each month) for fellowship and lunch... a great way to get to know other men in the church. Contact Rick Page, [rick.page57@gmail.com](mailto:rick.page57@gmail.com), to be added to the email notification list.
- Rise and shine for Men's Breakfast at 6:30am on **THU, MAY 2**, (and the FIRST Thursday of each month) for fellowship and great food... for early risers, this is a great way to get to get your day going. Contact Allyn Jordan ([allyn@jordanhome.net](mailto:allyn@jordanhome.net)) to let us know you'll be coming or to receive email notifications.

## CHICK FLICKS GATHER IN APRIL



Chick Flicks gather on **FRI, APRIL 26**, at 6:00pm in the church library and parlor for dinner and a movie (to be determined). **All women are invited** to this evening of fun and fellowship! To be added to the email notification list or to receive information about the dinner theme and movie, contact Vicki Gergeni, 979.324.9169 or [vgergeni@hotmail.com](mailto:vgergeni@hotmail.com).

## Growing Disciples Christian Education Ministries ([education@fpcbryan.org](mailto:education@fpcbryan.org))

### EASTER EGG HUNT AND ACTIVITIES

**ALL CHILDREN THRU 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ARE INVITED!** Meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn (weather permitting) and for crafty Easter activities and. **Kids, bring your Easter Baskets!**

Following the Hunt, children will go to their church school classes for a Bible lesson.



### CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am); 3 Years Old thru GR 4 meet in Room 13. Beth Morris teaches this class. GR 5-6 meet in Room 10. David Sahn teaches this class.

**APRIL 21 Hallelujah!** Children join the women at the tomb and Christians everywhere to celebrate the resurrection.

**Read with your children: Luke 24:1-12.**

**APRIL 28 Peace Be With You.** After hearing the story of the risen Jesus coming to the disciples, children extend blessings of peace to others.

**Read with your children: John 20:19-31.**

## EASTER LILIES FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to beautify the sanctuary with lilies on Easter morning, April 21. The cost is \$20<sup>00</sup> per plant. Please write "for lilies" on your check made payable to FPC-Bryan. You may wish to designate a lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or to another designation of your choice. Please indicate your desire on Sun, April 14, in worship and place it in the offering plate or—notify Karen in the church office, 979.823.8073 or [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org), by Wed, April 17.



# YOUTH Haps

Youth Ministries ([youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org))



## FELLOWSHIP

Youth meet most Sunday evenings at 6:00pm for dinner in Carter Creek Foyer followed by games, activities, and study. For details, call or text Youth sponsors Jessica Sahn Petersen (979.220.2513) and Jasen Petersen or email [youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org).

## WORSHIP

Youth lead Easter Sunrise Worship at 7:30am on the 31<sup>st</sup> St lawn. Following worship, the youth host the Easter Breakfast Potluck in Fellowship Hall.



## CHURCH SCHOOL

Youth meet in Room 403, Sundays, 9:20am-10:20am.

**APRIL 21 Proclaiming the Gospel.** Youth, with the women, will identify the challenges of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

**Luke 24:1-12**

**APRIL 28 Believing Without Seeing.** Youth explore what it means to believe without seeing and consider how to live in a world that gives more weight to provable facts than the mystery of faith.

**John 20:19-31**

## CARING AND SHARING

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

- the family of **MACK PRESCOTT** following his death on April 7.
- **MELISSA & LEIGH GATHINGS** and their family and friends following the death of Leigh's mother, Jan Gathings, of Arlington, on March 25.
- **MINDI & ANDREW MALY** and their family and friends following the death of Andrew's brother, Brandon Maly, on March 12.

*"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord. —John 11:25*

*Dear Ones at First Presbyterian,*

*Leigh and I appreciate your kindness in remembering us at the death of Leigh's mother. Our hearts are full with all the love and caring expressions of sympathy we have received. Thank you for the lovely plant you sent which we will treasure as we do our FPC family.*

*Thankfully, Melissa & Leigh Gathings*

*God is Faithful*  
*Dios es fiel*  
하나님은 신실하시다

**ALL WOMEN OF FPC  
are invited to  
PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN'S  
BIRTHDAY TEA  
AND OFFERING**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
**3:00pm—4:30pm on the Patio**

- ✚ Installation of PW Coordinating Team Officers
- ✚ Announcement of HONORARY LIFE MEMBER
- ✚ Delicious Birthday Refreshments

The 2019 Birthday Offering benefits Disaster Response Team (Presbytery of Charlotte, NC), Effingham Child Development Center (IL), Presbyterian Homes and services of Kentucky, Inc., and Wings of Refuge (Iowa Fall, IA). Donations for FPC's local service project will contribute to improved signage inside and outside the church facilities.



## YOUng Adult News

Young Adult Ministries ([youngadults@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcbryan.org))

### YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES

Young Adults gather most weeks after worship on most Sundays for fellowship and lunch at local restaurants! Following worship, Tammie and/or Charley Keesee will be at the front of the sanctuary (near the chancel) to greet young adults (18-39). Come as often as your schedule allows!

**APRIL 21 EASTER BLESSINGS!**

**APRIL 28 Fish Daddy's, College Station**

For more information about the lunches or young adults, contact Tammie Keesee, [tdsprott@gmail.com](mailto:tdsprott@gmail.com).



Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.

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**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
MONDAY, APRIL 22  
TO OBSERVE EASTER HOLIDAY**



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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| 04/18 Jeannie Miller  | 04/26 Hannah Wertz    |
| 04/19 Johanna Krauter | 04/27 AJ Renold       |
| 04/20 Chelsea Simpson | 04/28 Megan Pratt     |
| 04/21 Brent Vinson    | 04/29 Linda Witherite |
| 04/26 Trish Burk      | 05/01 Nicole McKinley |
| 04/26 Annabelle Hicks |                       |



- ♥ Madison Hodges  
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Leroy & Wanda Kipp  
(parents of David Kipp)
- ♥ Adrian Rogers  
(son of Heidi Linder & Bill Rogers)
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

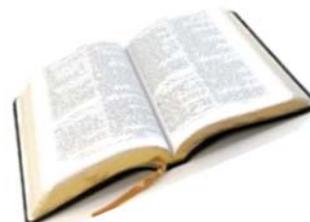
**MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
IN THE  
MILITARY**

### NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, incl. the May Calendar and covering news/events from **MAY 2-15**, is **WED, APRIL 17**.

Submit content to: [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

### ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



**APRIL 21**  
John 20:11-18

**APRIL 28**  
Luke 24:1-12