



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 17, 2024
11:00 AM

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

by Joan Stott

Holy God, we even dare to name you as our "Accessible God", because we know of your promises in the past, and we rely on them to still be true, authentic and valid for every situation of need that is experienced by your people. Be for us this day, Trustworthy God, all that you have been and promised to be to our ancestors in the past; and hear us now in our grief and crying as we call upon you for your help. We wait in hopeful anticipation for you to respond to our pleas, as we yearn for a closer bonding with you. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sydne Allen

PRELUDE

Psalm 22
Peace Handbells

Louis Bourgeois (arr. Larry Sue)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130:5-6

Jim Bryant

from The Complete Psalms by Pamela Greenberg

One: I look for you, my soul looks for you wildly, I wait for your word of response.

All: My soul longs for you more than the watchman at the gate longs for morning, more than the tired watchman at the gate longs for the first flicker of dawn.

*Hymn #836

"Abide with Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim Bryant

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. ...*Silent Prayer...*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Song of Response #423

"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

WE SHARE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hide Not Thyself from Me
Emma Kiriloff, flute

Esther Megargel

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 130

Rev. Sydne Allen

SERMON

"Waiting"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Après un Rêve
Jake Thompson, double bass

Gabriel Faure

Doxology #605

"Praise to God the Father"

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name, and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

*Hymn #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Rev. Sydne Allen

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #626

"As the Deer" (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Concertino No 2 for String Bass & Piano 3. Andante
Jake Thompson, double bass

Franz Anton Hoffmeister

The congregation is invited to sit in quiet reflection until after the postlude.

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Today

Rev. Sydne Allen, Pastor

Jim Bryant, Liturgist

John Holter, Piano & Organ

Anna & Steve Bridgman, Ushers

Chris Dennis & John Daugherty, Audio/Visual Team

THE SESSION

Jesse Riggs, Clerk of Session

Class of 2024

Christina Brizendine
John Daugherty
Kevin Skinner
Mackenzie Smith

Class of 2025

Lucy Freeman
Bill Grobe
Amy Hearon

Class of 2026

Tom Doumaux
Paul Gares
Diane Minshew

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Sandy Daugherty
Arleta Wood
Anna Bridgman

Edith and Gene Pratt
Faye Harris
The Family of Peggy Hussey

Special Prayer Requests for Our Families, Friends, & Neighbors

John Olsson (Friend of Lorrie Basnight)
Anne Traynor (Friend of Lorrie Basnight)
Marsha Harris (Friend of Lorrie Basnight)
Ann Carraway (Friend of Betty White)
Jeff Check (Father of Pastor Sydne)
Emoni Cannonier (Friend of Logan Johnson)
Dawn Slann (Friend of Rebecca Franks)
Robin Dana (Friend of Peggy Vaughan)

Donna Brown (Friend of Rebecca Franks)
Caroline Luvender (Friend of Logan Johnson)
John Sword (Peter Sword's Father)
Hayden Lenz (Neighbor of Molly Ortiz)
Tad Delgado (Nephew of Pastor Sydne)
J. Wright (Family Member of Charles & Betty White; Kevin & Stacey Skinner)



Weekly Schedules

SUNDAYS @ PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Church Nursery Available
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Conference Room)
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
12:20 – 1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR MARCH, 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Audio/Visual Team</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Communion Team</u>
March 24 Palm Sunday	Lorrie Basnight	Ron Skinner & Steve Bridgman	Betty & Charles White	
March 31 Easter Sunday	Ann Barnhill	Chris Dennis & John Daugherty	Joanne Lang & Tom Lee	Pam & Paul Gares Ann Barnhill

THE SESSION has called a Meeting of the Corporation for **Sunday, March 17**, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing 2024-25 Officers of the Corporation. The nominees are: Ann Barnhill, President; John Daugherty, Vice President.

THE CARE & CONNECTIONS TEAM invites you to stay for our 3rd Sunday Gathering and potluck meal, immediately following the Meeting of the Corporation.

THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM is collecting donations for our annual Easter decorations/plants for the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute, there is a basket in the Narthex. Additionally, everyone is welcome to bring flowers on Easter Sunday to decorate the outdoor cross. The annual tradition of “flowering the Cross” reminds all of us that new life emerges from Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM encourages congregation members to support those affected by the devastating Texas wildfires. Donations can be made to the church office with the mention of “Texas Wildfires” in the check memo line. **Donations will accepted thru March 17** and will be matched up to \$1000 with funds from the Mission budget. Money received will be sent directly to First Presbyterian Church of Canadian, Texas where the Allens previously served as Pastors. Please feel free to sign the letter for the FPC Canadian congregation in the Narthex!

THE SECRET GARDEN, Starring Laura and Caroline Ortiz on **3/22 at 7 pm; 3/23 at 2 pm** at Ayden Arts & Recreation Center, 4354 Lee St. Ayden. Ticket information and link is posted below, on website, and Facebook. <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/7ea3b106-ba6c-4a51-85cd-e07f5995e401>

HOLY WEEK @ PEACE begins with Palm Sunday on March 24, and continues thru Good Friday on March 28. Daily prayer services will be offered in the sanctuary Monday thru Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with the Lord’s Supper will be on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held at 12:00 noon sharp on March 28 in the sanctuary. Please join in this meaningful time as we journey from the Triumphal Entry to Christ’s triumph over death!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected on **March 24 and March 31**. This offering goes to support three programs of the PCUSA community. The first is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which helps communities recover from natural or human-caused disasters and assists with refugees. The second program is the Presbyterian Hunger Program which aims to address systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed. The third program is the Self-Development of People which invests in communities to address oppression, poverty, and injustice. During this season, please consider giving to this offering to help provide safety, sustenance, and hope to those who need it most.

GET INVOLVED @ PEACE

Care & Connection Team	Opportunities	Contact Person(s)
J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Group	March 20 & April 17	Pam Riggs
Prayer Breakfast	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays (March 21)	Charles White
Peace Connections	Sign up anytime for a group	Lucy Freeman, Diane Minshew
Meal Ministry	Need a meal? Want to offer one?	Margaret Cox
Transportation Ministry	Need a ride or want to offer one?	Diane Minshew
3 rd Sunday Gatherings	3 rd Sundays (Sept – May)	Kevin Skinner
Spiritual Development Team	Opportunities	Contact Person(s)
Church Nursery	Weekly and Special Services	Carrie Decker, Mackenzie Smith
Children's & Youth Ministry	2 nd Sundays after worship (April 14)	Pastor Sydne
Sunday Worship Ministry	Ushers, Liturgists, Communion Servers	Christina Brizendine
Sanctuary Care	Paraments, Communion, Baptismal Font	Joanne Lang
Choir & Handbells	Make a Joyful Noise!	Peggy Vaughan
Audio/Visual Crew	Weekly Livestreaming & Sound	Ron Skinner, Chris Dennis
Adult Sunday School	Seasonally, Sundays @ 10a	Mackenzie Smith, Tom Doumaux
Outreach Team	Opportunities	Contact Person(s)
Community Events	Easter Egg Hunt (March 23)	Amy Hearon
Grifton School Partnership	Upcoming!	Janet Johnson
Food Truck Fridays	Beginning May 31, 2024	Pam Riggs
Food Bank Support	Sign up in the Narthex!	Church Office
Community Shelter Meals	Sign up on Mission Board	Paul & Pam Gares
UKirk Ministries		Paul Gares, Ron Skinner
Administration Team	Opportunities	Contact Person(s)
Church Treasurer		Lisa Jones
Counting and Securing Offering		Jim Bryant
Building & Grounds	On going	Kevin Skinner

Administration

To manage the finances, stewardship, and personnel ministries of the church; and to maintain the facility, coordinate with all ministries to care for the property, and to identify long-term projects.

Care & Connection

To build relationships in the congregation by developing and promoting fellowship opportunities.

To build relationships in the congregation by ministering with compassion to all in the church family.

Spiritual Development

To plan, organize, and provide for worship and learning opportunities that nurture the spiritual life of the church family so that we are able to worship God together.

Outreach

To share the love of God with others by: Reaching out to the community, offering care to those who are struggling, and creating a welcoming environment to invite others into the life of Christ's church.