



ATASCOCITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 31, 2024

PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Easter Brass - Aaron Allison, Danny Williams,
Jonathan Williams, Cameron Wolfe

Carl Braden & Easter Brass

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Wayne Eberly

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

Rev Shelley Craig

INTROIT

Christ is Alive!

Chancel Choir
Cameron Wolfe, Trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyce Olson

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will all be changed.

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is thy victory? Where, O death, is thy sting?”

The sting of death is gone, for the tomb is empty and Jesus Christ is alive.

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

♦ **HYMN NO. 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - Brass

Congregation

♦ **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Congregation

O Lord, on this Easter morning, the chains of captivity have been broken. You are alive and the life you bring is hope. Forgive us for our doubts, our fears, our anxiety, our little faith. We are so used to death that we find it hard to grasp that you truly are alive. We are so used to death that we often choose to go back to the tomb, back to the chains, back to the broken lives we once lived. Today, in the bright light of that resurrection morning, lead us from death into life. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

♦ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Joyce Olson

Hear the good news! In Christ Jesus there is new creation. The old is gone! Behold, the new has come! Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

Hallelujah and thanks be to God!

♦ **GLORIA PATRI**

Congregation

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**

Joyce Olson

The peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Loves Me! (v 1)

Pastor Wayne Eberly

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children's Song

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 15:1-8 (NRSV)

Joyce Olson

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

After the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

✦ **HYMN NO. 238**

Thine Is the Glory

Congregation

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Wayne Eberly

OFFERTORY

Carl Braden



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✦ **DOXOLOGY**

Congregation

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor Wayne Eberly

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

Resurrection Victory

Chancel Choir
Brass Ensemble

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

Pastor Wayne Eberly

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

After the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON	<i>The Price is Right</i>	Pastor Wayne Eberly
♣ HYMN NO. 233	<i>The Day of Resurrection!</i>	Congregation
♣ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Pastor Wayne Eberly
♣ CLOSING RESPONSE HYMN	<i>May the Lord Go With You</i> May the Lord go with you, Let him take your hand. Keep his love within you Until we meet again. Amen.	Congregation
♣ POSTLUDE	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i>	Carl Braden Brass Ensemble

♣All who are able may stand

Bold print indicates Congregation participation



Sunday Morning Worship Leaders

Pastor Wayne Eberly

Joyce Olson, Liturgist

Pastor Wayne Eberly, Children's Moment

Shelley Craig, Minute for Mission

Joe Weir, Music Director

Carl Braden, Pianist

Aaron Allison, Danny Williams,

Jonathan Williams, Cameron Wolfe: Brass Ensemble

Nam Arnold, Rob Arnold, Ryan Lewis, Kiernan Dulaney:

Sound Booth Personnel

Sunday's Faith Formation Classes will not meet

- **9:30 am Children's and Families' Activities**
 - Easter Crafts and Snacks - fellowship hall
 - Butterfly Release, Egg Hunt - APC grounds
- **9:30 am** The nursery is open during the Faith Formation and worship hours for children not yet in Kindergarten.

Narthex News

Saturday, March 30 is the last day to register for Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering, Saturday, April 6 at First Pres of Pasadena. The theme for the event is "Dancing in the Rain: Finding Joy and Gratitude in Life's Storms." Enjoy a Continental Breakfast at 9:15 am followed by a PW Business Meeting. Rev Dr Fran Shelton and Rev Joseph Moore are speakers before a lunch break at 12:50. Rev Laura Grice leads the worship service at 2:00 pm. Dismissal is at 2:45 pm. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Thomas, Co-Moderator (713-594-18672).

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery, Saturday, April 6. Meet in the APC parking lot at 8:30 am to load your truck and get your delivery route. Adults and teens volunteers are needed! Sign up on the website (<https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/opportunities/ZaF9un2lji>) or use this [link](#). Also, twin-size "Bed in a Bag" bedding donations are requested and may be brought to the SHP display in the narthex. For more information, please contact Rick Anderson (713-859-1695).

Blessing of the Pets will be rescheduled for a later date.

Kingwood Fox Trot 5K Run & Walk, Saturday, April 6, 9 am. Benefiting The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. The event starts at 9 am in the parking lot across the street from Kingwood Methodist Church, 1799 Woodland Hills Dr, 77339. Registration is \$35 per person (receive 1 t-shirt) at <https://give.michaeljfox.org/kingwood2024> or use this [link](#). For more information, please contact Julie Payne (7276payne@gmail.com) or Lisa Ryan (lkwryan2@gmail.com).

Welcome and Safety Team volunteers, meet Sunday, April 7, noon, classroom 102, for updated information on the process of this new ministry.

Needlers meets Tuesday, April 9, 7 pm at Rosemary Mumford's house, 18323 Marlin Waters Dr, 77346. Quilt piecing, crochet, knitting - you sew it - you bring it to work on and help plan for current projects. For more information, please contact Karen Frye (vkfrye62.kf@gmail.com) or Rosemary Mumford (rosesmum@aol.com).

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study, Wednesday, April 10, 11:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Please bring a simple dish or salad to share at 11:30 before the study continues at noon.
The Time Out for Men group will join us for lunch before continuing their fellowship with Pastor Wayne in classroom 102 at noon.

CLC Spirit Night, Thursday, April 11, Lake Houston Brewery, 10614 FM 1960, Huffman, 77336. Support this CLC fundraiser by dining at Lake Houston Brewery from 5 - 8 pm. Pick up and present the printed flyer in the narthex to assure CLC gets credit for your purchase!

Spring outing to Washington-on-the-Brazos, Saturday, April 13 for a beautiful drive as we enjoy the bluebonnets. You are in charge of your own transportation with an arrival time of 10:30 am at the visitors' center. Following a one or two mile walk (depending on how energetic you are); we will drive to Brenham for lunch at LJ's BBQ on West Main. For more information, please contact Pastor Wayne (pastorwayne@apchumble.org).

Sunday, April 14 is the deadline for registering for the Baywatch Dolphin Tour in Galveston, Monday, May 13. Harris County precinct bus will depart APC parking lot at 8:30 am and arrive at approximately 10:30 am. After a quick run on The Strand, lunch will be at "Fish Tales." The Dolphin tour is at 2 pm and should last about 45 minutes. The bus will get back to APC by 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Linda Andrus (281-852-1668 or text 281-923-6286).

A Walk in the Word Bible Study, the second series, begins Wednesday, April 17, 12 noon, classroom 102. We take a weekly walk through "The Acts of the Apostles." You may follow along with the readings in a handout located in the narthex before the discussion on Wednesday of each week until May 22.

Wednesday Night Dinner is back again April 17 at 6 pm. Come for fellowship and an Italian menu prepared by an APC able and talented kitchen crew! Adult meal is \$8 and children (3-17) is \$4. Sign up in the narthex.

April 19 is the extended registration deadline for Men's Conference at Mo-Ranch. Join George Williams and friends who will be attending **Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 5.** Men's conference is a gathering of men for fellowship and spiritual renewal. Activities include keynote presentations, worship, songs, workshops, relaxation, and recreation. About 10 men are attending, so there is room for a few more. For more information, see the April *Communicator* or **contact George Williams (281-772-4706).**

APC invites you to attend a presentation regarding ways you can include the church as you make plans for your will and estate. Rick Young, the President of Texas Presbyterian Foundation will lead a workshop following worship on **Sunday, April 21.** He will offer creative and inspiring ways to use the resources we are blessed with to support the ministry and outreach of the church. Lunch will be provided. Sign up in the narthex.

Special Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing goes through Sunday, March 31. For more information, please refer to a brochure in the pew pocket. Your gift of cash or check may be placed in the

envelope provided for your convenience or online through the APC website (apchumble.org). Click on the “Give Now” button, choose the appropriate category, and enter the amount.

Greece and the Greek Isles, In the Steps of Paul, Tuesday, March 18-28, 2025. Pastor Wayne and Julie are inviting you to travel with them to several treasured spots that were traveled by Paul. Brochures are available in the narthex. The trip is open not only to APC members, but also to others who are interested in gaining a firsthand perspective on the world in which Paul lived and traveled. For more information, please contact Pastor Wayne (pastorwayne@apchumble.org).

Mission Market Place. New items have been added to the store and the display nook in the narthex. Think: cards and gifts for Spring, Easter, Birthdays, Anniversaries. Also available, Home Décor. Located just outside the sanctuary, come by Sunday after worship and get a free candy-filled Easter egg. Everything in the narthex nook is 50% off! Also, open on Tuesdays from 10 am till 3 pm.

Pastoral Care. In case of emergency, please contact your deacon or elder for March, Ron Powell (580-467-3095). For April contact Jamie Hannan (281-799-0320).

Deadline for the newsletter, “*The Communicator*,” is the 20th of every month.

Check the APC website (apchumble.org) for any updates.

Calendar

Sunday 3/31 Easter

9:15 am Chancel Choir practice - sanctuary
9:25 am Nursery during FF and worship hours (not yet in Kindergarten) – nursery
9:25 am Easter Crafts and Snacks - fellowship hall
9:56 am Egg Hunt (preschoolers and elementary age)
10:20 am Butterfly Release - APC front lawn
10:30 am Worship – Boxcast and sanctuary

Monday 4/1

9:30 am Yoga - fellowship hall

Tuesday 4/2

10:00 am Mission Crafters - crafters room
11:00 am Directory Committee - library
5:00 pm Children’s Ministry Committee - classroom 104

Wednesday 4/3

Thursday 4/4

Friday 4/5

Saturday 4/6

8:30 am Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Delivery - APC parking lot

Sunday 4/7

9:15 am Chancel Choir practice - sanctuary
9:15 am Doug Kennard’s class - library
9:30 am Sermon Scripture Study - classroom 102
9:30 am Christian Chat & Coffee - classroom 104
9:30 am Youth Bible Study - youth room
9:30 am Children’s Faith Formation - orange classroom
9:30 am Pre-school Children’s Faith Formation - teal classroom
9:30 am Nursery during FF and worship hours (not yet in Kindergarten) – nursery
10:30 am Worship – Boxcast and sanctuary
12:00 pm Welcome and Safety Team volunteers - classroom 102

Prayers of the People

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, and in other parts of the world where there is war.
- Praying for peace in Israel and Palestine.
- Victims, families, and communities affected by violence.
- People of Ecuador as they deal with turmoil and unrest right now.
- People of Haiti in their country's unrest.
- Those impacted by recent natural disasters and weather extremes.
- Victims and families caught in recent gun violence.
- William Fitzpatrick, Frank and Barb's son, emotional and physical recovery from pulmonary embolism condition.
- Peace and safety for all who are serving in the military away from home.
- Pat Litzinger recovering from surgery.
- Judi Anderson for health concerns.
- Johnny McCann, brother-in-law of Danny Williams, for his surgeon's decisions in Johnny's alternative treatment.
- Peace and patience for Pastor Wayne as he recovers from an injured foot.
- John Daniel, APC choir member, recovering from a heart attack.
- Caleb, Lizzy Frye's student, and his family as they navigate his diabetes diagnosis.
- Tommy Marshburn, friend of Ellen and Russ Nipe, hospitalized with heart problems.
- Strength for Jane Brubaker, caregiver for Karen Frye's brother, as he is in dementia.
- Healing for John Buchanan, Jenny's dad, after a fall and transported to St Luke's for examination.
- Russ Nipe for health issues.
- Kay Pritchett, mother of Bob Pritchett, entered dementia care. Prayers for her and the family during this stressful journey.
- Ongoing concerns: Sine McCarty, Garland McCarthy, Betsy Gould, Anne Wallace, Michael Burgos, Ann Owen, Connie Brown.