



# TOWER TIME

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April 3, 2025

## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 13,  
Worship 11 a.m.

### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

Thursday, April 17,  
7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Easter**

Sunday, April 20,  
Worship 11 a.m.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 20, in the  
Courtyard following  
worship.

### **Church Office Closed**

Monday, April 21

### **Splash Into Summer**

On Sunday, May 4, we  
will be having an  
evening of fellowship at  
Santa Fe Swim Club,  
4134 Santa Fe Street.  
This event is for all ages  
to swim, visit, and enjoy  
the evening together.  
Bring a friend!

## **EASTER 2025**

### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, the most important event in the history of the world and the most important event in your life. Plan to attend and invite others to join you in worship.

### ***Palm Sunday***

Our worship on Palm Sunday, April 13, will include the children parading the palm branches, just as children did when Jesus triumphantly rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

### ***Maundy Thursday***

This is one of the most important worship services of the year. It's not only when we commemorate the Last Supper where Jesus instituted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but it's when we remember his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial. Without the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday there is no celebration on Easter!



### ***Easter Sunday***

Easter Sunday is always a special time of worship as we celebrate Jesus conquering sin and death.

We are planning to have instrumentalists here to accompany our choir and our singing. The Easter Egg Hunt for the children will be in the courtyard immediately following worship as well as a time of fellowship for all.

## **Easter Events at First Pres**

<b>April 17</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>	<b>11am</b>

# COURTYARD EASTER EGG HUNT

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

We are changing things up a little this Easter! There will still be an Easter egg hunt for the kids after Sunday worship, but we are not stuffing the eggs with treats. All our little bunnies and chicks will hunt for Easter eggs in the courtyard. After the hunt, they will deposit their eggs in Kleberg Hall in exchange for Easter treats.

We will still need Easter eggs and Easter goodies, but there is

no need to stuff those goodies in the eggs. Since we are not stuffing the eggs, these goodies can literally be anything. Candy is always fun, but so are bracelets, puzzles, pencils/pens, stickers, you name it, the sky is the limit.



Please bring your donations and place them in the collection box beginning Sunday, April 6!

## PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

*"...by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* - Philippians 4:6

Please pray regularly and boldly that God will:

- draw over 120 people to worship each week
- send 30 new Covenant Partners this year
- double our children's Sunday School (again!)
- guide the officer nominating committee
- show you where you can serve in the church
- show us how to better serve our community

Please include the following in your prayers: Luis & Julie Añil, Roy Daniels, Sue Hawn, Bob Minor, Judy Pease, Maribeth Pierce, Bill Quinton, Liz Ramon, Dale Stewart, Cliff Taylor, April Vaughan, Robert Vaughan, Mark Wemer, Thomas Cameron, Clayton Johnson, the family of Arthur Frago.

Please try to call the church office at 884-4057#100 if you are in the hospital.

## WORSHIP

### ATTENDANCE

*"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."* Hebrews 10:24-25a

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3/30/25.....	96

It really makes a difference when you're here!

## JOHN GOODWILLIE MEMORIAL BENCH

On Friday, March 14, the Goodwillie family and the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg dedicated a bench in memory of John Goodwillie who had been a Covenant Partner of First Presbyterian.

John and his wife Lalla began attending FPC when they moved to Corpus Christi around 2012. After Lalla passed away in 2016, John officially joined the church saying, "I want to be the first new member of the church in ECO.

John served proudly in the US Navy before a successful career in sales and manufacturing. He was a longtime



supporter of the National Museum of the Pacific War, serving on their board of directors and contributing and raising money for the museum.

Bob Coffin and Pastor Chip Blackshear attended the event representing the church.

## PREGNANCY CENTER BANQUET



The annual fundraising banquet for the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend was held on March 27 with nearly

3,000 people attending in spite of heavy rain. First Pres hosted several tables.

The keynote speaker was noted author and podcaster Eric Metaxas, the author of biographies of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther, as well as several other books.

One of the highlights of the evening is when each table brings forward the candles representing the more than 800 lives saved by the Center's work in the last year.



- 4/2** Sharon Alsup  
Keith Smith
- 4/6** Kaylie Hodges  
Chastidy Rodriguez
- 4/7** Jacob Alegria
- 4/9** Tracie Alegria
- 4/15** Brad Hoover  
Rebecca Pinion
- 4/18** Karen Henny
- 4/21** Karyn Hunt  
Mark Wemer
- 4/22** Matthew Anderson
- 4/25** Gina Robbins
- 4/26** April Vaughan

## WELCOME, SHELBY FOX!

We are pleased to welcome Shelby Fox as our Director of Music! Shelby comes to us from Annapolis Christian Academy where she has served as Choir and Theater Director. Shelby has joined us part time until the



end of the school year when she will be with us (nearly)full time. In addition to leading our Chancel Choir, Shelby will be developing a music ministry to the children and youth in our congregation.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday School isn't just for kids! Enrich your Sunday mornings with Sunday School before worship. We now have three classes to choose from:

- Salt & Light*** meets in the Living Room and is led by Bob Coffin. They are currently studying Jeremiah.
- Discovery*** meets in the Chapel and is led by Ryan Barbato or Terry Smith. Their current lesson is on Being A Disciple.
- Apprentice Workshop*** is a new class that meets in the Board Room and is led by Lee White. This class invites all including seekers, new believers, skeptics, and those who have never opened a Bible.

## AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

### CONNECTING COMMITTEE

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments after worship on Sundays.

Fellowship refreshments are whatever you want them to be. We do not want you to miss out on worship when you volunteer for a date. We appreciate everyone

coming together to make it happen! It's one of the things that makes our congregation special and makes visitors feel welcomed.

We still have some dates available. Please see the sign-up sheet in Kleberg Hall or contact Nancy Graves or Katie Hoover.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

We are still seeking a Director of Children and Youth Ministries (DCYM). This is a full-time position that would coordinate FPC children and youth activities (ages 2 through 17).

The DCYM would be responsible for developing and sustaining the children's program to provide a fun and encouraging atmosphere to develop faith by studying the Bible and participating in age-appropriate crafts, recreation

and fellowship. The youth program (middle and high school) should be a vibrant and growing ministry for inviting and enabling this group to participate in activities that are engaging while learning and understanding both the Old and New Testaments and teaching their relevance to the youth's lives.

For more information, visit: [firstprescc.com/now-hiring/](http://firstprescc.com/now-hiring/)

## Opportunities to **SERVE**



The Worship Committee is seeking **new volunteers** to learn and assist in producing our Sunday services. These individuals will learn how stream services online and/or run sound in the sanctuary.

Please contact Glendon Sword at [masterduckster@yahoo.com](mailto:masterduckster@yahoo.com) or Walter Scogin at [jwscogin@swbell.net](mailto:jwscogin@swbell.net) for more information.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

*The author of last month's article, Walking in Faith, was Rachel Reyes. Her name was inadvertently left off the article. We apologize for the oversight.*

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