

# The Worship of God

## Easter Sunday

Please silence all cell phones during worship. Thank you.

### Pre-Service Music

Barbara Jacobs

### Welcome

Greg Pope

Welcome to all who are gathered for worship today at FBC Fitzgerald. We seek to be an inclusive fellowship offering a place to grow, to serve, and to experience the unconditional love of God. **If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card found on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate as it is passed later in the service.** Please introduce yourself to the pastor on your way out and let us know if you have any questions about our church.

#### To Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worship today! We invite you to scan this QR Code so that we may get in touch with you, or to sign up for our newsletter.



### The Life of the Church

Please read the announcements found in the worship bulletin and participate wherever you are able.

### The Easter Gospel

Luke 24.1-12

Greg Pope

### Hymn for Worship 217

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

### Prayers of the People

Greg Pope

### A Moment with Our Children

#### The Welcome of Children

He Lives

Congregation  
ACKLEY

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

#### The Children's Choir

Alive, Alive and C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

(After a Moment with the Children, preschool through kindergarten age children will exit to the preschool building for Extended Session.)

### Offertory Hymn 215

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Offertory Prayer

#### Give Online

Your tithes, offerings, and gifts are more important than ever. We make giving online quick and easy. Use the QR code to make your donation.

### HYMN TO JOY



### Offertory

Jesus Is the Living Stone

Sanctuary Choir  
McDonald

The First Word of Easter:  
"Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here! He is risen!"

### Special Music

Susan Spivey

The Second Word of Easter:  
"Mary . . . go tell the disciples"

### Special Music

Risen Indeed

Sanctuary Choir  
arr. Martin

The Third Word of Easter:  
"I have seen the Lord"

### Special Music

Susan Spivey and Barbara Jacobs  
Because He Lives

The Fourth Word of Easter:  
"Peace be with you"

### Hymn 225

Worship Christ the Risen King

REGENT SQUARE

The Fifth Word of Easter:  
"As the Father has sent me, so send I you"

The Sixth Word of Easter:  
"Receive the Holy Spirit"

### Hymn 228

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

The Seventh Word of Easter:  
"My Lord and my God!"

### Silent Reflection

### Invitation to Discipleship and Community

If you are feeling led to publicly profess your faith in Christ as Savior and Lord or to join your life with this community of faith, you are invited to come forward during the hymn of response and share that decision with the pastor. If you have any questions about membership, you are welcome to speak with the pastor at any time. For all worshipers, may this be a time of rededication of our lives to the kingdom of God and the way of Jesus.

### Hymn of Response 216

Christ Arose

LOWRY

### Benediction

Greg Pope

### Postlude

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Susan Spivey

Our Service of Worship has Ended.  
Our Worship Through Service is Beginning.

### Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God. They are placed in loving honor of all the precious children of our church and the incredible leaders who have such a positive impact on their lives. It's wonderful to see the love and appreciation for our children and those who guide them.

Our sincerest apologies for not adding the Sanctuary flowers dedication last Sunday, March 24, 2024. The flowers were dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Delos and Alice Stone by Henry and Judy Stone, Eric and Lisa Stone and family, Kevin Stone, and Lamar, Kathy, and Jeremy Stone and family.

### Wednesday Vespers

11:00am and 6:00pm Burch Hall

April 3

SPRING BREAK WEEK, NO EVENTS

April 10 – May 22 The Letters of First, Second, and Third John

We extend a great big word of thanks to Mike Ott for constructing the cross used in our worship this Lenten season as we heard *The Seven Last Words From the Cross*.

## Children's Ministry Events

Sunday School (10:00am)  
 Children's Choir meet at 5:30pm in the  
 Children's Choir Room (Upstairs Breezeway)  
 Mission Friends meet at 6pm (Pre-school Building)  
 GAs & RAs meet at 6pm (Upstairs Breezeway)

## Youth Ministry Events

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO  
 PAY YOUR \$50 non-refundable deposit for  
 Summer Youth Mission Camp (June 9-12)  
 NO WNL THIS WEEK.

## Music Ministry

The next choir rehearsal will meet at 9:15am in the  
 Sanctuary on April 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make rehearsal,  
 join us at 10:45am in the Choir Room to warm up.

Sunday School 10:00am

Worship 11:00am

*The Jesus Creed:*

*Loving God, Loving Neighbor*

Eastertide Sermon Series

April 7 - May 5

You may order the devotional book to supplement our worship.

Scot McKnight, *40 Days Living the Jesus Creed.*

Paperback and digital download are available.

The devotions begin tomorrow, April 1.

April 7	<i>The Jesus Creed (I): The Heart of Christianity</i> Acts 4:32-35. Psalm 133. 1 John 1:1-2:2. John 20:19-31
Apr 14	<i>The Jesus Creed (II): The God Who Loves Us</i> Acts 3:12-19. Psalm 4. 1 John 3:1-7. Luke 24:36b-48
Apr 21	<i>The Jesus Creed (III): Lady Gaga and Shakespeare,</i> <i>Aretha Franklin and Jesus</i> Acts 4:5-12. Psalm 23. 1 John 3:16-24. John 10:11-18
Apr 28	<i>The Jesus Creed (IV): The Cobbler's Gift</i> Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 22:25-31. 1 John 4:7-21. John 15:1-8
May 5	<i>The Jesus Creed (V): A World-Conquering Love</i> Acts 10:44-48. Psalm 98. 1 John 5:1-6. John 15:9-17
May 12	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY
May 19	GRADUATE SUNDAY
May 26	MEMORIAL SUNDAY
June 2	Pentecost Sunday (Lunch and Church Conference)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31 EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM.....Easter Vigil Sunrise Service (Breezeway)  
 10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*  
 11:00 AM.....Worship\*  
 NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TODAY

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

Daily Scripture: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9. Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Daily Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - SPRING BREAK for Ben Hill Co. Schools, NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Daily Scripture: John 20:1-18, Psalm 18:1-2, 14-24

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Daily Scripture: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Daily Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2:2, Psalm 133

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Daily Scripture: John 20:19-31, Psalm 133

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

10:00 AM.....Sunday School\*

11:00 AM.....Worship\*

5:00 PM.....Women's Bible Study (Mann Hall)

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

Daily Scripture: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133

1:00-6:00 PM.....Blood Drive (Gym)

5:00 PM.....55+Club/Young at Heart FISH FRY SUPPER (Burch Hall)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Daily Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2:2, Psalm 133

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Daily Scripture: John 20:19-31, Psalm 133

5:30 PM.....Children's Choir

6:00 PM.....Mission Friends, GAs and RAs\*

6:00 PM.....Youth WNL (Youth Room)\*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Daily Scripture: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4

10:00 AM.....Exercise Class (Mann Hall)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Daily Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7, Psalm 4

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March 31, 2024

11 O'clock in the Morning



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