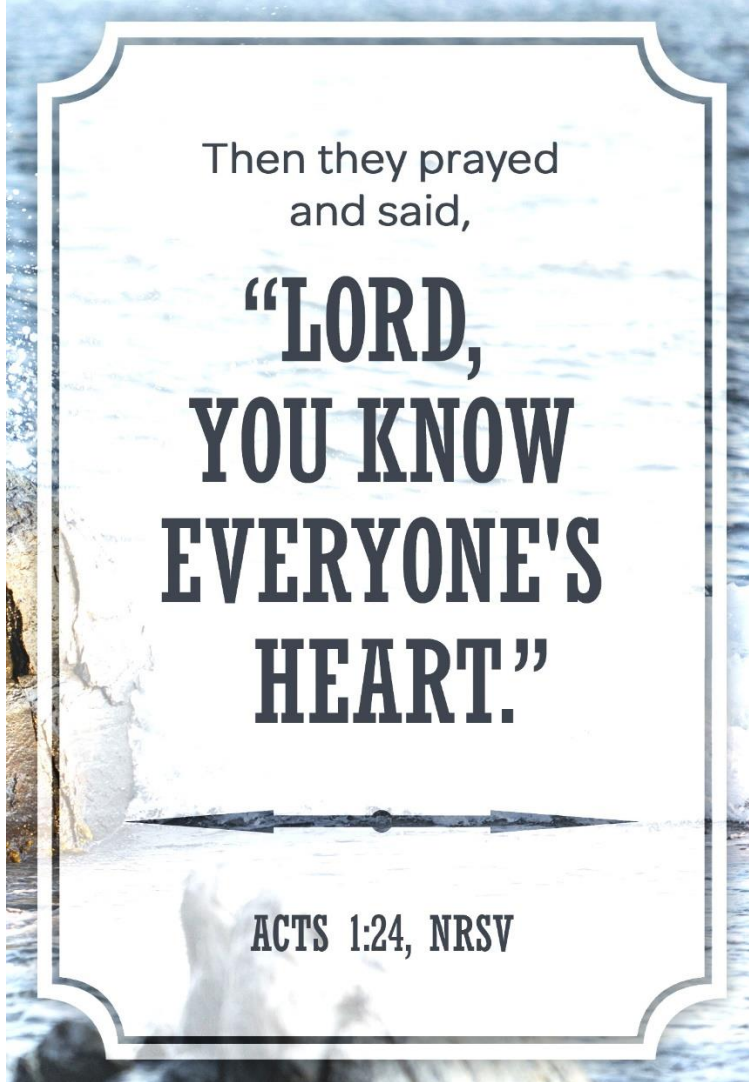


First Presbyterian Church  
of Garland, Texas



April 14, 2024 – 10:50 am

# ORDER OF WORSHIP HERITAGE SUNDAY

April 14, 2024 - 10:50 am

*\*Please stand if health permits*

## ***WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE***

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

“Morning Prayer,” Peter I. Tchaikovsky

### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*On this Heritage Sunday, we thank you, O Lord, for First Presbyterian Church of Garland. We praise you for all the joy we have known in this fellowship for 136 years, and we pray for all those who together make up this community of your people, so that our church may be a real home for all who share its life. Bless us as we continue to build on the heritage that you have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive*

Kaitlyn Ngwa

**Liturgist:** We have come to worship and celebrate God, and to give thanks for 136 years of ministry!

**People:** **Thanks be to God for our witness to the community!**

**Liturgist:** We have come to give thanks for the gift of Christ and the Spirit in our lives!

**People:** **Thanks be to God for the people who had the faith and vision to establish this congregation!**

**Liturgist:** We have come to give thanks and praise for all the members, past and present, who have generously given their prayers, gifts, and service to this congregation!

**People:** **Thanks be to God all who have led worship, preached and taught us!**

**Liturgist:** We have come to take our part in this witnessing body!

**People:** **Thanks be to God for calling us to this ministry!**

**Liturgist:** Praise the Lord!

**People:** **The Lord's name be praised!**

### \*HYMN (words on screen)

“Our God Reigns Forever”

Ruah

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (words on screen)

“Have Mercy on Me”

Ruah

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*GLORIA PATRI #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

## \*PASSING THE PEACE *Responsive*

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**People:** *And also with you!*

## *WE HEAR GOD'S WORD*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Robert Saylor

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:15-20, pg. 118

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# ANTHEM

“O Love,” arr. Elaine Hagenberg

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:21-26, pg. 118

Pastor Dan Anderson-Little will read in English

Pastor Oliver Jamshaid will read in Urdu

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# SERMON

## “The Marks of Membership”

## \*HYMN

“Hallelooya tarif kerain gai” (“Hallelujah! We will praise the Lord”)

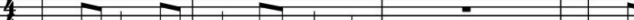
## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Unison*


The Apostles' Creed, p. 35, *Glory to God*

## OUR HERITAGE ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

*God has blessed the First Presbyterian Church of Garland with saints from all over the world. Some have been members for a long time, and some have been members for a short time. But every saint is important and precious. To help us appreciate our many heritages, members will be asked to stand in various groups. We will conclude this roll call with a special recognition of our 50-year members of the church.*

*Between each section, we will sing an African song of praise:*

Solo   
Glo - r - y be to - o God in the high - est! Glo - r - y be to - o

All   
Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Solo

God in the high-est! Ev'-ry - bo - dy shout "Hal-le - lu jah!"

All

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu -

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Solo

Hal-le - lu - jah!

All

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Every week, First Presbyterian Church prays for a mission co-worker or mission project. Today we pray for Faith Ministry, an organization that serves families in need living in the city of Reynosa and the town of Miguel Alemán in the border state of Tamaulipas.*

## ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

### TIME FOR SHARING GOOD NEWS

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*As part of your offering, you are asked to turn in a Connect Card. You will find them in the pew rack. Please fill it out — one per household--and place the Card in the offering basket. If you would like to make an electronic offering to the church, please use the QR Code on the announcements page.*

### OFFERTORY

"Stars I Shall Find," arr. Victor C. Johnson  
Linsley Liburd II, Soloist

### \*DOXOLOGY #606

### \*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## ***WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING***

### \*HYMN

"Our Own Hundredth," words by Wilhelmine Mitchell

Thankful we for the church of old.  
That persevered in faith foretold.  
A faith that still guides you and me,  
Knowing that we can confident be.

Through every day, in joy and sorrow,  
We trust in You for each tomorrow.  
Free from all worry, free from strife,  
Your love and mercy gives us life.  
Our joy abounds in Thy wondrous care.  
We lift our hearts to You in prayer  
A song of praises we shall sing.  
To Christ our Savior, Lord and King

*On the last verse of the hymn, children and youth are invited to come forward and join Sue Suneson for the benediction. The children and youth will remain up front to start their program and pray before lunch.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“Celebrate the Journey,” words by Julie McClain

Come celebrate with us the journey  
You've been away for far too long.  
It seems like years though it may be days  
That you've been gone welcome back home.

We've made new friends along the way  
And kept some old ones close at heart  
So join with us and celebrate  
Our heritage, till time to part

We see the future drawing near  
We take direction from our past  
We're looking for a brighter dawn  
When Christ shall come for us at last

My memory will linger on  
And make me proud to worship here  
Until the day we live as one  
You're family I'll hold you near

[Repeat first verse]

\*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION *Unison*

**Go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

***WORSHIP CONTINUES WITH SERVICE IN LIFE***

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Dan Anderson-Little, Pastor

Kaitlyn Ngwa, Liturgist

Rev. Oliver Jamshaid, Pastor

Linsley Liburd II, Director of Music Ministry

Margaret Ball, Organist

Naetochi Aki, Quincy Ndi, Jaimie Ndi, Acolytes

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**WELCOME!**

First Presbyterian Church is a congregation of people gathered from diverse backgrounds – we worship One Lord in different languages and styles. We know you will find a place here! If you would like more information about our church or about how to get involved in the church’s mission and outreach, please speak with Pastor Dan.

**Sunday Worship Services**

- 8:30 am** An informal, contemporary worship service featuring our praise band with Holy Communion every week. All you need will be on the screen.
- 10:50 am** Following a more traditional order of worship, this service features a wide variety of music styles: choral anthems, gospel songs, African praise songs. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.
- 5:00 pm** An Urdu language service featuring music from Pakistan. Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month.

**Weekly Church Calendar – Visit our website to see all events at [www.fpcgarland.org](http://www.fpcgarland.org)**

**Sunday, April 14**

Heritage Sunday

Noah’s Neighborhood

Meat Sale Orders

- 8:30 am Contemporary Service – In-Person & Live Streaming
- 9:35 am Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:50 am Worship – In-Person & Live Streaming
- 12:00 pm Heritage Luncheon
- 5:00 pm Urdu Worship Service

**Monday, April 15**

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting

**Wednesday, April 17**

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 18**

- 10:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

**Saturday, April 20**

- 8:00 am Community Breakfast

## Announcements

**Online Access for 8:30 am and 10:50 am Services** – Our morning services are available through YouTube. Click on the link provided in the weekly email. Click on the red LIVE button that appears. Silent announcements will appear until the service starts.

**Quarterly Deacons' Offering: Camp Gilmont** Gilmont's mission is to be a safe, sacred space where all are invited to grow closer to God, creation, others, and themselves. Just a reminder that the Deacons' Fund supports four agencies on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Quarterly Deacons' Offering: Camp Gilmont is the 2nd quarter agency that we support. Go to their website at <https://gilmont.networkforgood.com/projects/56836-gilmont-main-donations> or place an additional offering in the offering plate marked for Camp Gilmont or the Deacons' Fund.

**Noah's Neighborhood:** Children 3 yrs. Old-1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to join us for an age-appropriate worship time during the 10:50 worship. The children will join us at the back of the sanctuary after the Children's Time, and we will escort them to the Noah's room for a Bible story, music, and creative play. They will be returned in time for the Benediction.

**Heritage Sunday April 17:** Come celebrate the 136<sup>th</sup> birthday of First Presbyterian Church, Garland. After the 10:50 service we will share a potluck luncheon.

### Officers on Call

The Officers on call are primary contact persons for the Session and the Board of Deacons. April Officers on call are Elders: Veronica Forbia, Gail Baugher Deacons: Linda Peavy, Akhtar Asif

**Greeters:** Sandy Kueser, Cindy Larsen

### Staff

Rev. Dr. Dan Anderson-Little, Pastor  
Sue Suneson, Director of Faith Formation  
Margaret Ball, Organist  
Cathy Schingle, Administrative Assistant  
Nohemi Gipson, Nursery Director

Rev. Oliver Jamshaid, Associate Pastor  
Oscar DeLuna, Musician  
Linsley Liburd II, Director of Music Ministry  
Dana Dunlap, Treasurer



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