

DEDICATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Over powers and principalities, over all who determine, control, govern, or finance the affairs of humankind,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Above the Church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Ensemble

“OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

“TRUST AND OBEY”
(WORDS ON SCREEN)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE Hymn #535**

“GO WITH US, LORD”

***POSTLUDE**

Ensemble

“Sunshine in My Soul”

***Please stand if you are able**

Rev. Becky Downs, Pastor
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 Jackson Okland, Assistant Director of Music
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FPC Mission Statement

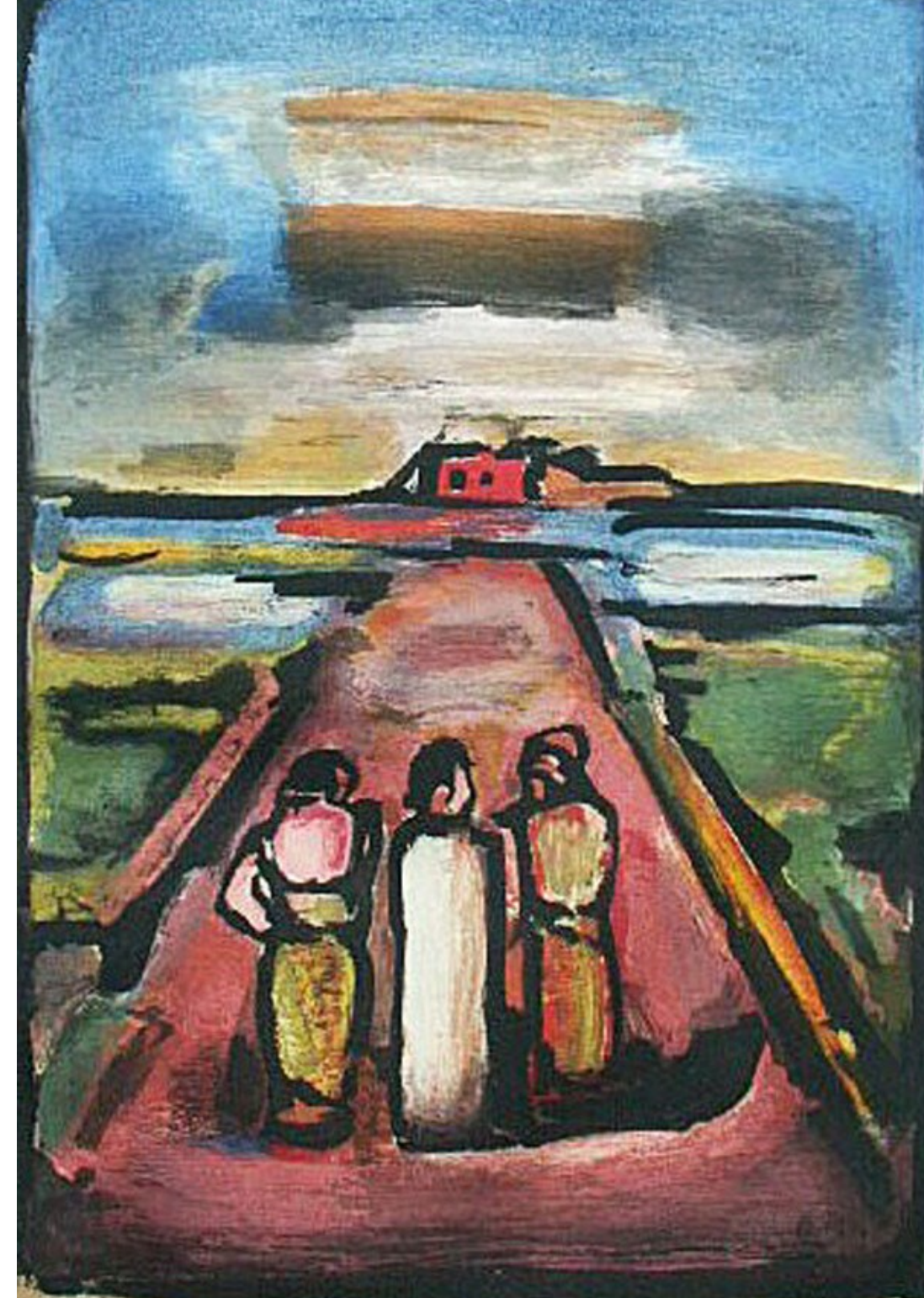
God calls First Presbyterian Church to reflect Christ as we strive to:

Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth, joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith, reach out to serve and include our diverse community, and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

April 27, 2025 - May 4, 2025

Today	2:00 College of the Mainland Concert
Monday	Salvation Army Monday Serving Team Communications Meeting, 6:00 PM, library
Tuesday	The Bell Choir Practice, 5:30 PM, Room 209
Wednesday	Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM. America's Kitchen Meals on Wheels Drivers Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
Next Sunday	9:00 Ida Austin Class, online 9:15 Quest Class, parlor 11:00 Minute for Mission GUM 12:00 Worship Ministry Meeting 6:30 Evensong. Knox Chapel

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Georges Rouault, "Christ on the Road to Emmaus," 1936.

First Presbyterian Church

Galveston, Texas

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

FPC VISION

Connecting to the Community with the Love of Christ

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Heather Sommer, Liturgist

God has turned our mourning into dancing.

God has clothed us with joy.

Praise God and do not be silent!

We will give thanks to God forever!

*OPENING HYMN #339

“BE THOU MY VISION”

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All

Heavenly Stranger, our Companion on the Way, we yearn for your love and grace. We relish the joy which burns within our hearts when you are with us. Yet, sometimes we would cling to you, hoard the blessings of relationship with you, and not share your love with others.

Forgive us, Dear Lord.

Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world. Shine the light of your Spirit through us, so that we may show your Way to those who long for peace and help to revive those in whom hope has died. We pray in the name of our saving Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

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

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PROCLAMATION

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 24:13-27

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¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

Children ages 6 through 5th grade

*HYMN

“REVIVE US AGAIN”

(WORDS ON SCREEN)

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 24:28-35

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²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON