

THIS WEEK (and Beyond!) AT SPC:

April 9 - 15

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar (FH and Zoom):

Discussion of Brian McLaren's *Do I Stay Christian?*
A Guide for the Doubters, Disappointed and Disillusioned.

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

All voices welcome! Make a joyful noise!

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Teach the Preacher

Share your questions and reflections on
how the week's Lesson speaks to your spiritual journey

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast:

Food and Fellowship, following by a topical discussion

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, SPECIAL OFFERING,
received Easter Sunday and throughout April.**

During Eastertide, we celebrate that God connects with us
through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with
"those who have least" – that's how Matthew 25 puts it –
and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is all about.

Your gifts to OGHS are shared with the ministries of the
Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Celebrate!

SPC Worship Through Eastertide

April 9 - May 28

As we emerge from the worst of the pandemic
and enter the glory of spring in the panhandle,
we celebrate the gift of life together
as we form a foundation for the future here at SPC.

Warming the Cross liturgical art returns for a second season,
inviting us to dwell in the promise of peace
on the other side of despair.

April 9: The Dance of the Merrymakers

April 16: Messengers of Peace

April 23: Invest in Our Planet

April 30: We Choose Welcome

May 7: Rocks of Refuge

May 14: Mother Church

May 21: Never Alone

May 28: Join the Joy!

*Worship Planning Team: Keri Mahoney, Lores Morton,
Debbie Romano, Bob Tucker, Julie Tucker, Diana Wesley*

Children and Youth In Worship at SPC

11 a.m. Service

Children of all ages are joyfully welcome
in all aspects of worship life.

Parents of children younger than 5
may wish to utilize the nurse's office upstairs.

Children ages 5 through 5th Grade
are invited to participate in **First Pew**
time of conversation with the Pastor
and then proceed to **Sunday Studio upstairs**,
facilitated by a Children's Ministry volunteer.

On some Sundays,
the children return to the sanctuary
at the end of the service
to share what they have learned.
When children do not return to the sanctuary,
they may be picked up
from the Sunday Studio room upstairs.

Youth in Grades 6 – 12
are encouraged to worship in the sanctuary.
Youth Group generally meets after worship
every other Sunday.

*Note: Sunday Studio is suspended on Easter Sunday
so families may celebrate resurrection together*

Eucharistic Prayer

Come on, it's time for the dance!

Time to choose our song.

Time to choose partners,

Time to learn the steps and take the lead!

Invite them to the table

Invite them into the household of God

Invite them to the dance.

There is Mystery in The Dance:

The dance stops for a moment.

The dance picks back up on the other side.

The dance twirls and dips and lifts us up forever.

Holy One of The Dance,

Twirl and dip and dance through us
that our steps may mirror yours
in this life and the next.

Lead us only one step at a time
safe from temptation and harm,
as we learn to trust your direction and provision.

Patiently, gently, draw us back when we stray,
teaching us to do the same for our partners in the dance.

For you truly are The Lord of The Dance,
a dance that will never, ever end.

Amen.