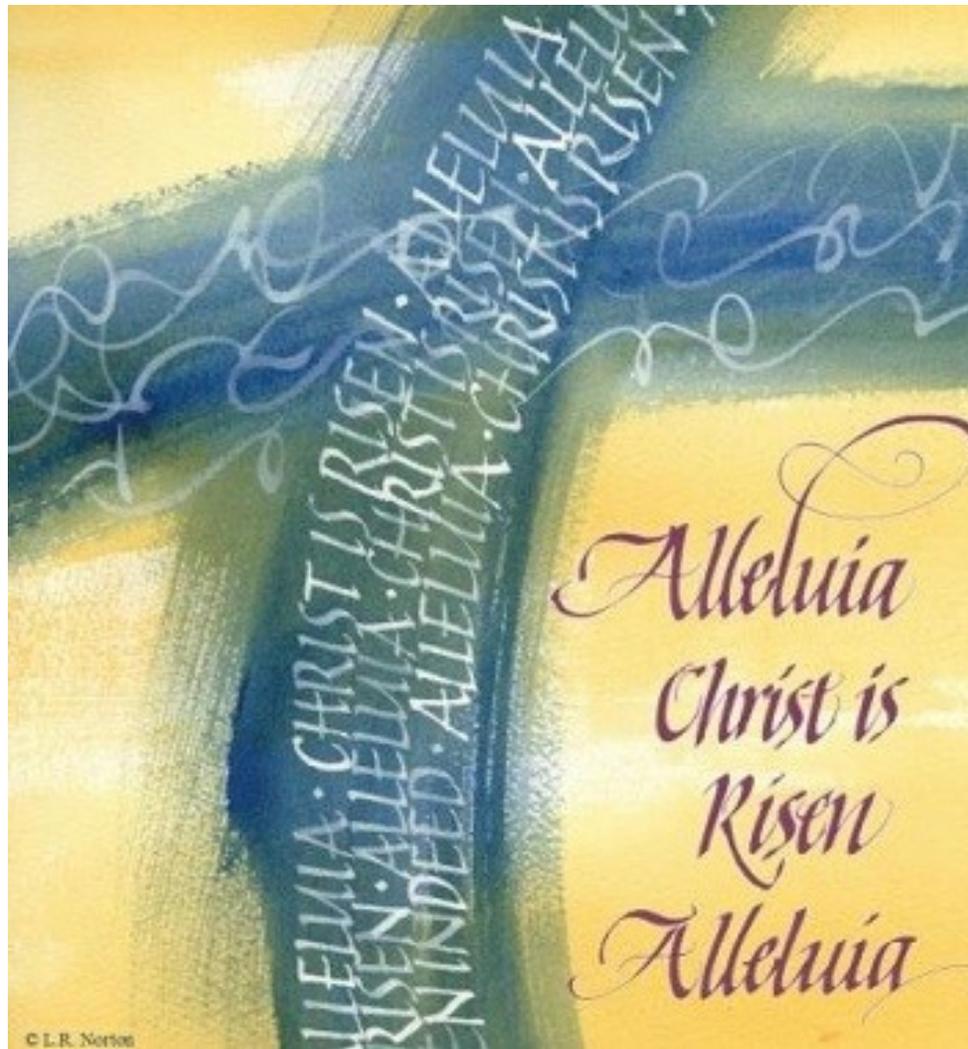


# Presbyterian Church of Seffner



1906 South Lenna Avenue  
Seffner, FL

## WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

### Session Members

Janet Holzman - '19 - Mission  
Carol Shick - '19 - Worship  
Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.  
Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care  
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration  
Bill McClellan - '19 - Fellowship  
Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship  
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship  
John Hehn - '21 - Facilities  
Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session

### Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to  
discover God's love,  
seek God's purpose,  
and do God's will.

### Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with  
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter  
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of him who called you out of darkness into  
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 12, 2020, 11:00 A.M.

*Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay.  
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is Risen! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.  
"Go to Dark Gethsemane", Hymn 97*

Leader: Christ is Risen!  
People: **Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

HYMN #108 "Christ is Alive"

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now,  
And touching every place and time.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high,  
Untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life,  
Our Savior in the God-head reigns.**

**In every insult, and war,  
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
And lives, where even hope has died.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Alleluia"

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118:1-4)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!  
Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."  
Let the Presbyterian Church of Seffner say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."  
Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."  
Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of Life, we seem to have more faith in the ways of death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through violence. We compromise the wellbeing of creation to make the money we think will keep us safe. We sacrifice our integrity for esteem. Forgive us, Lord. Breathe new life into our imaginations, so we may find new ways to live in community with all creation. Breathe new life into our convictions, so we may persist in doing right even when it is difficult. We pray in the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

At the waters of baptism, we die and rise with Christ, as the Holy Spirit wipes away sin's deadly stain and we rise filled with the breath of new life. Remember this each time we experience God's forgiving love. The old life is gone. A new life has begun. Brothers and Sisters, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC "Thine is the Glory"

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:39-43  
Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON "...we are witnesses whom God chose beforehand..."  
Acts 10:41

HYMN # 123

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!  
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy ghost. Alleluia!**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.  
We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

For our offering today we thank all of you for sharing your gifts of creativity to celebrate the Resurrection!

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 # 104 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.  
In desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
Bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!**

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (the congregation joins hands to sing)  
**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
be with you all, be with you all.  
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES** The office will be PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

#### VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Greg Uebel (on or before 4/18)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH!** We are so grateful for your faithful giving! Today and during the month of April, we also have an opportunity to give toward our denominational offering, **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**, partnering with ministries that serve communities in need and supporting them in their work toward safety, sustenance, and hope. One of those ministries is **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, which is already drawing **\$2.7 million to fight the COVID-19 epidemic** both in the U.S. and abroad. You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up "Bill Pay" with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

**IF YOU LOVE CAMP** and have been looking for a way to give back, this is your chance! You and your small group will spend a part of each day working on a project to benefit camp, then spend the rest of your time doing your favorite activities. This year we will landscape the beds in front of Cedar Lodge and build chairs for a sitting area. Find more information at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org).

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE APRIL 15TH** - If you have an announcement, article, schedule or other items for the newsletter, please submit to [pseffner@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pseffner@tampabay.rr.com)

**OUR MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM** continues to feed those most in need even during these difficult times. But for their safety and that of the community, some of our regular volunteers are not able to help during this time. **Can you help us in helping our community?** We are looking for **Substitute drivers and/or delivery helpers** for the month of APRIL. You will need to be available **Wednesday mornings, 10:45 until noon. Youth can earn up to 2 hours of community service** by helping our adult drivers deliver food to the door. You can also help by **providing a dessert** to go with the main meal for approximately 45 people. If you can help, please contact **Janet Holzman at 813-681-2548 or email at [omanopa@aol.com](mailto:omanopa@aol.com)**. Thank you for your continued support in prayers and service!

**PROGRESS CONTINUES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL** - Our **Rejuvenation Project is moving along**, be sure to tune in to the website or Facebook to see the progress! Please continue to keep it in your prayers.

**We're going to "ZOOM" right into our EASTER BIBLE STUDY!** Starting **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH**, we will offer 2 Bible Study Opportunities on "Zoom", one at 10am and one at 6:30pm. The book we are using is, **Why Easter Matters**, by Andy Stanley, and will be available for pick up outside the church office that Wednesday. It is a 6-week study on Easter and it's relevance on our lives today. To enable opportunities for conversation, the studies will be no more than 12 and will need at least 4 people. **Please sign up by emailing Loli or the church by TUESDAY, APRIL 14th.** Upon sign up, there will be more information on getting on Zoom and scriptures we will be wrestling with!

### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 12, 2020**

11:00 am Easter Worship Service Online Live

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

8:30 am Meals on Wheels

5:30 pm Easter Bible Study Online Live

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

11:00 am Holy Humor Worship Service Online Live

### A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

- Apr. 12 Online Live Easter Worship Service
- 14 Online Session Meeting
- 15 Meals on Wheels
- 16 Online Live Easter Study
- 19 Online Live Holy Humor Sunday
- 22 Meals on Wheels, Online Live Easter Bible Study
- 29 Meals on Wheels, Online Live Easter Bible Study

### PRAISES and CONCERNS

#### Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Melissa Triebwasser

MacEwen Family in loss of Emily, their niece

Lexi Crawford

Maggie Hehn

Bill Worth

George Kosan

Susan Kriska

Tammy Wooster

Terry Cooney

Bob Stetler

Jim Barfield

Charles Brandt

Joy Lavazza

Bonnie & John Taylor

**College:** Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

**Military:** Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson

He is Risen, Indeed!



## EASTER GARDEN 2020

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor and in Memory to our loved ones.



<b>We Honor:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>		
<i>William Chang McBride William Rhode Crawford</i>	<i>Alex Sink</i>	<i>The Highs, Jan Brandt and all our friendly volunteers in Fellowship ministries</i>	
<i>My Children: Kimberlie, Bruce, Jr., Donald and their families</i>	<i>Bruce Derenthal</i>	<i>Jean Barfield, the Kelseys and all the other terrific volunteers in Meals on Wheels ministry</i>	
<i>Grandgirls: Angela, Rachel, Alexandra, Elizabeth and Gabby</i>	<i>George and Betty Jo Kosan</i>	<i>Linda Carlile and the wonderful Worship ministry volunteers</i>	
<i>Carmen Ann Tomasello</i>	<i>La Familia</i>	<i>Volunteers, you are all loved!                      Loli Reiter and Session</i>	
<i>Our children and grandchildren and those fighting the virus</i>	<i>The MacEwens</i>	<b>We Remember:</b>	
<i>Ramiro and Olga Ros, Isabel and Olivia Reiter "You make my cup runneth over," Honor and gratitude for my husband and partner, John Reiter</i>	<i>Loli Reiter</i>	<i>Bill McBride Adelaide Bunker Sink</i>	<b>Given by:</b>
<i>Maggie Hehn and other Healthcare providers</i>	<i>Presbyterian Church of Seffner</i>	<i>Our parents: Joe and Elizabeth Derenthal, Eleanor Heidt</i>	<i>Alex Sink</i>
<i>Carrie Childs and the loving volunteers in Missions</i>		<i>Jim Wheeler, May Leslie, Tammy Overholt, Teresa Hickox, and our grandparents</i>	<i>Anne and Jay Heidt and Bruce Derenthal</i>
<i>The Walters, Dolores Jaimungal and all the joyous volunteers in Music</i>		<i>Our loved ones</i>	<i>La Familia</i>
<i>Deb Thatcher, Christy Mayfield and all the wise Christian Ed. volunteers</i>		<i>Grandmas and Grandpas with Jesus</i>	<i>The Mayfields</i>
<i>The Williams, Dolphins and the all the other awesome Facilities volunteers</i>		<i>Parents: Ruth and Lee Chambliss, Julia's paternal grandparents: Lillian and Ed Williams, Julia's dad, Mike Williams</i>	<i>Cammie Williams</i>
<i>The Three Wize Guyz and Supervisor, (the 3 Ed's and Bruce)</i>		<i>Patty's parents: Harold and Katherine Hauser Evan MacEwen</i>	<i>The MacEwens</i>
<i>Joy Lavazza and the thoughtful Congregational Care volunteers</i>		<i>Richard Scone</i>	<i>Carol Shick</i>
<i>Mary Shambach, John Atteberry and all the other Admin volunteers and "techies"</i>		<i>Parents: Sally Cano and Alberto Cano</i>	<i>Kara Rutherford and Family</i>

*We are thankful to the Glory of God, for the anonymous donors, and everyone else who helped make this year's Easter Garden special.*