Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



April 20, 2025

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

About FWPC Visitor Registration





The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's stole are currently gold and white, which signifies the Easter season — the season when the Church celebrates Christ's glory and triumph over death which was demonstrated in His resurrection.

The early Christians did not invent the empty tomb and the meetings or sightings of Jesus...Nobody was expecting this kind of thing; no kind of conversion experience would have invented it, no matter how guilty (or how forgiven) they felt, no matter how many hours they pored over the scriptures. To suggest otherwise is to stop doing history and enter into a fantasy world of our own.

N.T. Wright

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Courtesy walker and wheelchair are available at the main entrance.

Hearing Assistive Devices (FM Receivers) are at the back sound booth.

† Congregation standing

Order of the Worship of God

— April 20, 2024 —

Resurrection Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† The Gospel Greeting

Rev. Brandon Eggar

Pastor: Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and

Omega, all time belongs to Him, and all ages;

People: To Him be the glory and power through every age and forever!

Pastor: This is the day when our Lord Jesus passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear His Word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we will share in His victory over death and live

with Him forever in New Creation!

People: Thanks be to God!

The Song of Entrance

Choir

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of

them that slept. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your

victory?

People: Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures

forever.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! (louder) Alleluia! (louder)

Alleluia! (louder still!)

Pastor: This is the Day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

† Resurrection Hymn

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Red Trinity Hymnal #277

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia! sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! following our exalted Head; Alleluia! made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia! ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia! thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Adoration

Pastor: Let us pray that we may walk in the risen life of Christ:

All: Lord of life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory. Amen.

† Hymn of Adoration

Red Trinity Hymnal #276

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Low in the grave He lay— Jesus, my Savior, waiting the coming day— Jesus, my Lord. Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed— Jesus, my Savior; vainly they seal the dead— Jesus, my Lord. [Refrain]

Death cannot keep His prey– Jesus, my Savior; He tore the bars away– Jesus, my Lord. /Refrain]

Proclamations of the Resurrection

Pastor: Let us now proclaim the reality of the resurrection:

People: He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us into His presence,

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

People: We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in

the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised from the dead. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

People: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive!

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Pastor: Jesus!

All: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!

All: (singing) Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3X)

† Extending God's Welcome of Peace

Christ has been raised from the dead! Therefore, let the peace of Pastor: Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! People:

> Greet one another with the gospel saying, "Christ is risen" to which the response is "He is risen indeeed!"

† Song of Praise

DEATH WAS ARRESTED

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin Lost without hope with no place to begin Your love made a way to let mercy come in When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me You have made me new now life begins with You It's Your endless love pouring down on us You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend When death was arrested and my life began *Chorus*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began *Chorus*

Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began (repeat)
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began
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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Easter Prayer Scott Wade

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You broke open the gates of

the grave, and destroyed sin and death; through Your victory:

People: Bless us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You annihilated the power of

death. You have given us New Life and You have begun the great

process of renewing all things; through Your victory:

People: Heal us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You have given life to the dead

and You have changed our way of death into a way of life; through

Your victory:

People: Strengthen us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You confounded the soldiers

who guarded Your grave and filled Your disciples with great joy in

Your appearing; through Your victory:

People: Fill us with joy, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You announced joy to the

women and the apostles, and brought light into this world of

darkness; through Your victory:

People: Pierce our darkness, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You promised our resurrection,

so that we may rise at Your return; through Your victory:

People: Increase our hope, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, You are glorified by angels in Heaven, and worshipped on

earth; on this glorious feast of Your Resurrection, we ask You to deepen us in Your redemption; root us in Your goodness, extend Your mercy through us as we await the Day of Your return; in Your

victory:

All: Bless us and keep us; cause Your face to shine upon us; lift up

Your countenance upon us and grant us peace. Amen.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

Children Pre-K through 2nd grade can now be dismissed for KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction).

Teachers will meet the children in the foyer to take them to class.

After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.



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CHRIST OUR LORD IS RISEN

Our sin had kept us far from loving God, sealed in our tomb of hostile pride so God in Jesus entered all our loss and rolled our stone aside

Chorus

Sing, Christ our Lord is risen from the dead He's alive our hope and glory! King of love and power reigning now on His throne over all forevermore!

Deep in our darkness, we were lost in pain, and blind to who could give us light. Salvation's dawn rose and the Spirit sang; our Sun dispels our deepest night. *Chorus*

So come and bow down to the Son who shines more than a million dawns!

O nothing can alter the love that our Savior bled out on the cross By His death He your innocence won and His life proves your guilt is gone!

Sown in dishonor we in the earth may lay as our souls with Christ abide, but like Death's Conquer'r, we will all be raised and be clothed in what can't die! *Chorus*Composed by Jason Sommerlad

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

John 20:1-20

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not

cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brandon

"WHERE HAVE THEY LAID HIM"

Mary, Peter and John (vv. 1-10)

Mary and Jesus(vv.11-18)

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Celebration of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

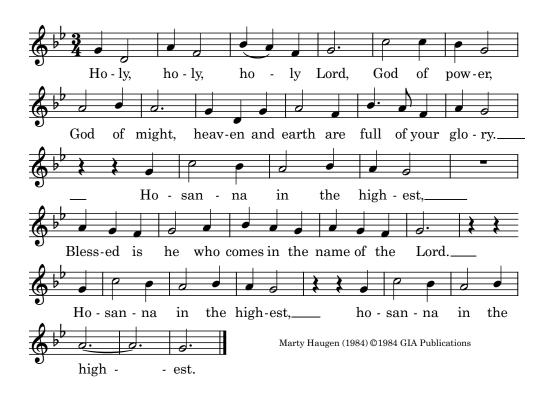
Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all

places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all

the company of Heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name

evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving Words of Institution

The Confession

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us!

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Pastor: And now our Holy Master, that with boldness and without

condemnation, we dare to call upon You, the Heavenly God, as our

Father, and say:

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your

kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the Kingdom

and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts

by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us now partake of the feast!

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice,

Gluten/Dairy free wafers are individually wrapped)

Statements for Communion:

"The body of Christ for you."

"The blood of Christ for you."

"You have new life in Christ."

"You have full forgiveness in Christ."

Understanding Holy Communion

"For Christ our Passover has also been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us celebrate the feast." – 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Because we believe the Table belongs to the Lord, it is vital that you come this morning on His terms:

- 1. You must be in communion with Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, trusting Him alone for your salvation.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29
- 2. You must be in communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:1-6
- 3. You must be in communion with the church (any Bible-believing church) as a baptized member in good standing.
 - Matthew 18:15-18; Hebrews 13:17
- 4. Because we seriously heed Scripture's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, we invite children who are ready to make a public profession of saving faith to complete the Communicants Class materials available at the book table, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become regular "communicants" at the Lord's Table. Contact Rebecca York at rebecca@fortworthpca.org.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." — 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

Prayers for Those Not Communing

For those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me the ability to follow You no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for You that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin: Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in You the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that You have set before me, looking only to You, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow You as one of Your disciples. Amen.

Communion Song

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul For His love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore *(repeat)*

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† The Sending

Pastor: As we go from this gathering:

All: May we rejoice in our Risen Lord.

Pastor: When we're anxious, doubting, and failing:

All: May we remember the tomb is empty.

Pastor: In all we do and say:

All: May our lives declare, "Christ is risen indeed!"

† The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (louder!) Alleluia (louder!) Alleluia

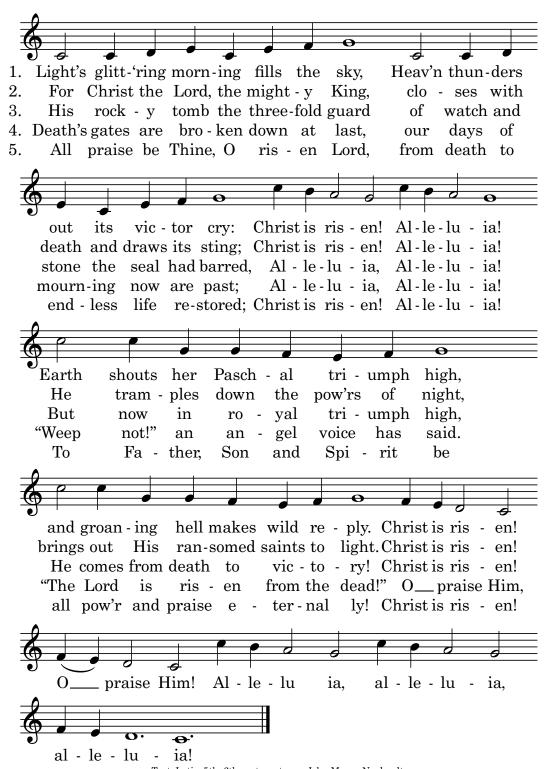
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1 Corinthians 15:58

(Song of Sending on next page)

† Song of Sending

LIGHT'S GLITTERING MORNING



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Pastor: Go forth in the power of Jesus' resurrection.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day

Andy Warren – April 20 Johnny Tassin – April 27 Chris Jordan – May 4

Save the Date

Mon, May 5, 7 pm – Ladies Game Night Sun, May 11 – Young Adults Lunch at Kincaid's June 8-14 – HS RYM at YMCA of the Rockies Mon-Thurs, June 23-26 – VBS August 2-6 – MS RYM at Allaso Ranch

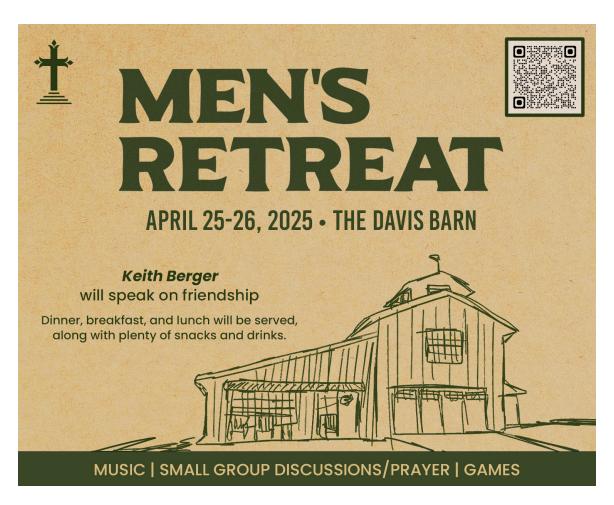
Information & Events

Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Deacon Nominees: David Blacklock, Cody Bailey, and Kris Keffer were nominated by you, have undergone officer training and been examined by the Session, and are now being recommended by the Session for your prayerful consideration for the office of Deacon. The election for these men will be held on **Sunday, May 4**, at a congregational meeting directly following worship. We will make bios for these men available in the near future, and you will have a chance to hear from them at the end of the Christian Formation class in the Lecture Hall on April 27.

Men's Book Study: From April 23 to May 28, men will meet on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 a.m., to discuss J.I. Packer's *Concise Theology* in the Lecture Hall. Come join us! Questions? Contact Gary Fredricks at gary.fredricks@cru.org or 407-694-0687

Capital Campaign: You can help us be good stewards of our beautiful, aging church building. The two large HVAC units that serve the sanctuary have outlived their expected lifespan and are failing. Please prayerfully consider how you can give generously to help fund the \$200,000 purchase of new air-conditioning units.









Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2024-May 2025

June-March	This Year	Last Year
Income YTD	\$1,253,325	\$1,186,628
Expenses YTD	\$1,202,930	\$1,209,149
How we're doing YTD	\$50,395	\$-22,521

Capital Campaign (as of 4/16/25)	\$ 46,942
Current Reserve for HVAC/building	\$103,752
Quarterly Alms (as of 4/16/25)	\$8,786

Ministry done thanks to your generosity:

- \$4,100 in Alms funds distributed
- \$23,650 from Benevolence offering for members in need
- \$9,560 paid for counseling
- \$15,370 to Geneva Ministerial Relief
- \$13,803 providing for congregational needs
 - o Rent/bills support
 - o Support during job loss
 - o Car repairs
- \$4,920 to partner agencies that help people get out of poverty
- \$7,370 to Oakmont ministries
 - o Super Wednesday
 - o Kids Hope
 - o Student of the Month
- \$36,900 for RUF ministries
- \$20,300 to US missions
- \$66,300 to world missions

As always, we are thankful for the ways that you joyfully answer our Lord's call to give to His work. Your giving is a beautiful picture of God's gracious way of providing for His children through His church and seeking to bring the light of the Gospel to the world.

Fort Worth Presbyterian Church

By God's grace and all for his glory, Fort Worth Presbyterian Church exists to gather for biblically saturated worship, grow together in the life of the gospel, and go out to bear witness to the reign of Christ in all things.

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