

February 25, 2018
First Presbyterian Church
The Second Sunday in Lent



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Ask an usher for a large print bulletin, Bible, or hearing enhancement device.

Prayer cards, visitor information cards, and offering envelopes can be found in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate.

Preaching: Rev. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

8:30 Lay Leader: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:21–23

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Children's Time (11:00)

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Anthem (8:30)

Be Thou My Vision

Cheryl Harris and Carolyn Savko, piano duet

(11:00)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Laura Farnell

*Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1–9

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The Sermon

The Struggle of the Soul

Rev. McDermott

Responding

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Offertory (8:30)

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

John Behnke

(11:00)

Be Thou My Vision

Joel Raney

Cheryl Harris and Carolyn Savko, piano duet

§ The Doxology

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

§ Affirmation of Faith

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Fugue in D Major

Dietrich Buxtehude



Sermon Notes

The Struggle of the Soul Luke 9:21–23; Matthew 13:1–9

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/25

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 2/26

3:30 p.m. Kids Beach Club-Blanton
4:00 p.m. Bryan Siegel Memorial
6:00 p.m. MPAC Meeting

Tuesday 2/27

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
2:30 p.m. Soul Keeping Small Group
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 2/28

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 3/1

10:30 a.m. Soul Keeping Small Group
6:00 p.m. The Well
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 3/2

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 3/3

10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Elaine Bahn, David Boice, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Kevin Chin, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Laura and Moses Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, David Goff, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Bob Koch, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, John Pittman, Jim L. Quick, Aileigh Rodriguez, Albert Ross, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Amie Murtha, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at the church office 817-274-8286.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.

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The 4-Week New Members Class
Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community
Begins today at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

Week One: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"

Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World"

Week Three: "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"

Week Four: "On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"



Soul Keeping - A six-week Lenten Bible study, video and sermon series

Lent (February 14 - March 31) is a time for preparation, repentance, reflection and prayer. This year, FPCA will focus on a new book/Bible study and DVD video curriculum by John Ortberg called "Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You."

Pastor Rich has room in his Lenten Small Group which meets on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. in the church Parlor.

Contact Kim Lewis (Kim@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286) if you want to be part of the Lenten Small Groups. Make 2018 a year of spiritual growth for you!

Lenten Services

- * Maundy Thursday Service - March 29, 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel
- * Good Friday Service - March 30, 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary
- * Easter Sunday - April 1, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services
Easter Breakfast will be between services from
9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

It's Spring Cleaning Time

Come help us to clean the Sanctuary, Classrooms,
hallways for Easter.

We will have many guests and let's make our
facilities shine.

Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. til 12:00 noon

Bring your dust cloths and cleaning supplies.

Gifts of Hope

Thanks to everyone who participated in FPCA's Gifts of Hope alternative gift market! This past Advent season, 186 gifts were purchased totaling \$1714.50, which will be given to various mission and outreach organizations. This amount represents 45 medicine kits, 18 ducks, 29 chickens, 1 hot meal, 2 blankets for rescued slaves, 7 care kits for children, 5 care kits for persecuted believers, 15 Bibles for believers in captivity, food for 16 families for one week, 6 pairs of warm winter socks and gloves, 26 paperback books for HOPE tutoring students, 5 reams of paper for HOPE Tutoring, 8 welcome kits for kids entering foster care, and 3 parenting classes sponsored by PCHAS . Thank you for giving these gifts in the spirit of Christian love that will bless people in need both locally and internationally.

Time to Order Easter Lilies!

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out a form and place in the offering plate during Sunday worship or mail or bring it to the church office. Forms are located in the Narthex, outside the Chapel and in the church office. Cost is \$10.00 per Lily (per dedication) The deadline for orders is Monday, March 19.



Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday June 11-15
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
for children 4 years old to 6th grade.

Preschool Summer Camp 2018

June 11 through August 3
Ages 6 weeks through 3rd Grade
Monday-Friday 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Contact the Preschool to Register at 817-274-4051