

March 11, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Nelson Abam

11:00 Lay Leader: Katina Gifford

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The green plants are offered to the glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

from Ephesians 2:1–2, 4–5

*You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world ...
But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.*

Prelude

Pastorale on BRADBURY

Dale Wood

Introit (11:00)

Worship Him as One

C. O. Beck

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

His steadfast love endures forever.

This is the gate of the Lord;

The righteous shall enter through it.

Let us worship the Lord.

§ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Gracious and loving God, we sin without giving it a second thought. We confess faith,
yet are indifferent to your Word and deaf to your Spirit. Often, we do not think of
you at all in our choices. We have exchanged your truth for a lie.**

**Forgive us and make us clean, O Lord. Renew us so that we may hear and obey your
call on our lives. Help us to live in your grace and for your glory.**

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ The Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

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.

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, **“The peace of Christ be with you.”**

§ Hymn 187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Psalms 139:1–18

Old Testament page 577

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Anthem (11:00) Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Richard Farrant

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, Lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more.*

Scripture Reading John 15:1-5 New Testament page 109

The Sermon The Practice of Grace 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) My Song is Love Unknown Michael Burkhardt

(11:00) Songs of Praise African Praise Choir

*Oh, the Lord is good, the Lord is good for a sinner, a man like me.
Cast your burden on to Jesus for he cares for you. Higher, we lift Jesus higher.*

§ The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; ...
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose...
We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux Couperin



Sermon Notes

The Practice of Grace Psalm 139:1–18; John 15:1–5

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/11	Belize Mission Trip
8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
Monday 3/12	Belize Mission Trip
	Preschool Closed - Spring Break
Tuesday 3/13	Belize Mission Trip
	Preschool Closed - Spring Break
9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
2:30 p.m.	Soul Keeping Small Group
Wednesday 3/14	Belize Mission Trip
	Preschool Closed - Spring Break
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 3/15	Belize Mission Trip
	Preschool Closed - Spring Break
	Newsletter Deadline
10:30 a.m.	Soul Keeping Small Group
11:30 a.m.	Saints Alive
Friday 3/16	Belize Mission Trip
	Preschool Closed - Spring Break
9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 3/17	Belize Mission Trip
8:30 a.m.	Spring Cleaning Time

Information for the March 25 bulletin should be turned into the church office by this Monday.

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, Jim Reynolds, 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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It's Spring Cleaning Time

Come help us to clean the Sanctuary, classrooms, hallways for Easter. We will have many guests so let's make our facilities shine.

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

Bring your dust cloths and cleaning supplies. Child Care will be provided. Please call the office and let us know the ages and number of children you will be bringing.

Belize Mission Trip

The Belize Team is going on our mission trip Sunday, March 11 - 18. You can follow us on our blog at:

fpcamissions.blogspot.com

We appreciate all of your support and prayers.

Women's Retreat Reservations

A reservations table will be available outside the Chapel at 8:30; and also outside the library and Red Hall at 10:30 to 11:00 and again at noon. Brochures with information about cost are available in these same locations, as well as in the church office. Questions, call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.



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 it 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.

Lenten Services

- * Palm Sunday - March 25, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 - * 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

Spring Festival

We will be having a Spring Festival on March 24 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. We will have a petting zoo from Down On The Farm with a miniature donkey, miniature horse, potbelly pig, pygmy goats, sheep, rabbits and chickens totaling 25-30 animals.

At 3:50 p.m. we will have an egg hunt for children in 6th grade and younger. There will be 3 different age specific areas for the egg hunt. It will be a great time. Please bring and/or invite children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors.

The 4-Week New Members Class

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

Continues in week three at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

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

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

Saints Alive

Saints Alive will meet on Thursday, March 15, at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. The Performing Arts Group from the Arlington Woman's Club will be entertaining us with romantic songs from the 40's. We will start with a covered dish lunch, so please bring a dish to share.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m. in the church Parlor. Chapter 7 will be led by Isobel Peden.

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