

March 18, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Guest Organist: Arlene Small

8:30 Lay Leader: Ann Turney

11:00 Lay Leader: Maggie Johnson

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

The basic Christian experience is gratitude for the world, the gift of life, the dear people who enrich our lives, and God's gift of love in Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs,

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

I Was Glad

C. O. Beck

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, for we are ashamed and sorry.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Numbers 6:24–26

Old Testament page 124

Children's Time (11:00)

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

Psalm Anthem (11:00)

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Susie Rockett, oboe

John Rutter

*The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11–19

New Testament page 80

The Sermon

The Practice of Gratitude

Rev. Campbell

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)

Lenten Carol
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

Russell Farnell

(11:00)

Pastorale

G. Sammartini

§ 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

from 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.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. J. Bert Carlson



Sermon Notes

The Practice of Gratitude Numbers 6:24–26; Luke 17:11–19

This week @ FPCA

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| Sunday 3/18 | 8:30 a.m. | Belize Mission Trip Worship in Chapel |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship in Sanctuary |
| | 12:45 p.m. | Children's Music Ministries |
| | 2:00 p.m. | PCGRC |
| Monday 3/19 | 3:30 p.m. | Kids Beach Club -Blanton |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| Tuesday 3/20 | 9:00 a.m. | Senior Flexibility Class |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
| | 2:30 p.m. | Soul Keeping Small Group |
| Wednesday 3/21 | 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 3/22 | 10:30 a.m. | Soul Keeping Small Group |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Session Meeting |
| Friday 3/23 | 9:00 a.m. | Senior Flexibility Class |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Kids Night Out |
| Saturday 3/24 | 10:00 a.m. | The Well |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Spring Festival |

Information for the April 1 bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Elaine Bahn, 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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Last Week 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 this Monday, March 19.



Women's Retreat Reservations

A reservations table will be available outside the Chapel at 8:30; 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.

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the chapel and sanctuary or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls.

Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for over 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. The offering gifts are divided between three programs- Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see www.pcusa.org/oghs. Please see our Sunday bulletins for more details.

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Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class meet on Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Thomas Dombrowsky at 817-287-9773 or tomasdom@sbcglobal.net.

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