

March 25, 2018  
First Presbyterian Church  
Palm Sunday



## 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

Guest Organist: Amy Stewart

8:30 Lay Leader: Jonathan Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Tommy Copeland

# *The Worship of God*

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

The green plants are offered to the glory of God.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

*Jesus prepares to enter Jerusalem. He will enter majestically, hearing cries of "Hosanna in the highest!" His sights are set on what he must do. His intentions are faithful to God, who sustains him. Soon the crowds will disperse, to be replaced by tormentors. Adulation will cease, and he will be faced with betrayal. Humiliation and obedience will lead to death so that life may abound to God's glory.*

§ Call to Worship

This is the day which God has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed are those who enter in God's name.

**We bless you from the house of the Lord!**

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

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

With shouts of "Hosanna!" let us worship God.

§ Palm Procession

Prelude on ELLACOMBE

Albert Travis

§ Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing.**

**Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

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**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 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIE GEBEN

Community Joys and Events

The Public Reception of New Members

## *Proclaiming*

Scripture Reading                      Psalm 84:1-7                      Old Testament page 543

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)                      O Taste and See                      Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Pat May, soprano              Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00)                      Ave Verum Corpus                      Camille Saint-Saens

*Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste of the test of death (or, the  
heavenly banquet).*

Scripture Reading                      Ephesians 5:15-20                      New Testament page 194

The Sermon                      The Practice of Growth                      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 (11:00)                      O Sacred Head Now Wounded                      Michael Burkhardt

§ 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                      The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *Sending*

§ Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

What Wondrous Love Is This

Robert Lau



## *Sermon Notes*

The Practice of Growth Psalm 84:1–7; Ephesians 5:15–20

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 3/25

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

Monday 3/26

3:30 p.m.                Kids Beach Club -Blanton

Tuesday 3/27

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 3/28

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 3/29

6:30 p.m.                HOPE Tutoring  
7:00 p.m.                Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 3/30

                                  Preschool Closed  
9:00 a.m.                Senior Flexibility Class  
7:00 p.m.                Good Friday Service

Information for the April 8 bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to [kim@firstprestexas.org](mailto: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, Marcia Rober, 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](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.

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# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE  
March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Childcare will be provided at all services

# EASTER SUNDAY

SERVICES  
8:30 in the Chapel  
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

BREAKFAST  
Served from 9:30–10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
There will be no Sunday School today

## New Member Reception

Today there will be a reception for the New Members after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parlor. Please come welcome them.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:tomasdom@sbcglobal.net).

## Thank You

A huge thank you to Kyle and everyone who helped organize and staff the Spring Festival!!!

## New Sermon Series - "I AM"

4/8/18 - I AM who I AM  
4/15/18 - I AM the Bread of Life  
4/22/18 - I AM the Light of the World  
4/29/18 - I AM the Gate  
5/6/18 - I AM the Good Shepherd  
5/13/18 - I AM God's Son  
6/3/18 - I AM the Resurrection and the Life  
6/10/18 - I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life  
6/17/18 - I AM the True Vine  
6/24/18 - I AM a King  
7/1/18 - I AM the Alpha and the Omega  
7/8/18 - I AM the Root and the Descendant of David and the Bright Morning Star

## 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

## Vacation Bible School

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

## 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](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs). Please see our Sunday bulletins for more details.