

April 1, 2018
First Presbyterian Church
Easter 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: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Judy Northup

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 Easter lilies are dedicated to the glory of God.

See dedications on pages 5 and 6.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

1 Corinthians 15:19–20

*If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.*

Fanfare

Easter Fanfare

Russell Farnell

Brass Quintet

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Introit

Alleluia

Paul Bassler

Jacqueline Ruddick, horn Cheryl Harris, piano

§ Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life, but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.

Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace; in the name of the risen 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 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Community Joys and Events

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Comments for Contemplation

The Risen Christ, Our Life Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

1. What unites us is that we are all celebrating the resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. To someone who had never heard of such a thing, this would seem a very _____ thing to be doing. If you haven't heard of Jesus Christ, you probably haven't heard of someone rising from the dead. I would submit to you today that Jesus' resurrection from the grave is the most important event in human history, bar none.
2. Apart from Jesus' resurrection, we would have no assurance of a just God who deeply cares about a suffering world, we would have no assurance that there is anything redemptive about suffering, we would have no assurance of the hope of living in a right relationship with God and our neighbor, and we would have no assurance of being saved from the power of sin and _____.
3. (N.T. Wright): "Crucifixion was not a private event. Jewish revolutionaries whose leader had been executed by the authorities, and who managed to escape arrest themselves, had two options: give up the revolution, or find another leader. Claiming that the original leader was alive again was not an _____. Unless, of course, he was."
4. (Tim Keller): "No one has come up with any plausible alternative to this claim. Even if you propose the highly unlikely idea that one or two of Jesus' disciples did get the idea that [Jesus] was raised from the dead on their own, they would never have gotten a movement of other Jews to believe it unless there were multiple, inexplicable, plausible, repeated encounters with _____."
5. But Jesus quite intentionally makes Mary the first bearer of the good news of Jesus' resurrection, showing that women, and men, as well the disabled, Gentiles, slaves, free, Jews and Greeks would be a part of his kingdom work. His resurrection is for the whole _____.

Easter Lily Dedications

in honor of:

Ann Innes
Evelyn Ford
Jane Leathem
Our Families
My children & grandchildren
Our granddaughters, Ruthie, Sabina & Vivie
Andy, Jackson, Candance, Ireland and Liam (grandchildren)
Our Grandchildren
Our Children
Sandy Boice
Ministers & Staff

given by:

Roger & Diana Young
Lucy Cleaver
Lucy Cleaver
Sheri & Jim Quick
Ann Turney
Bill & Debbie Richardson
Gary & Eileen Lindley
Jim & Jamee Shroyer
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Richard & Lois Ankele
Barbara Hughes
Christian Ngochi

in loving memory of:

Doris and Don Tubbs (parents)
Bill Herzog
Howard Feis (brother)
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Feis (parents)
Claudia Johnson
Tommy Collins
Janey Wessler
Betty Coulter
Shirley Counts
My Parents, Harry & Kathleen Moore
Morris "Tippy" Homstad
Our Parents
Ted R. Dysart
Claude & Viola Patterson
L.N. & Anne Johnson
LTJG W.A. Johnson, George E. Johnson
Claudia Johnson
Our Parents
Virginia & Frank Sims

given by:

Shirley Herzog
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Carolyn Savko
Carolyn Savko
Harold & Sandy Thomlinson
Edna Collins
Charlene Watson
Charlene Watson
Lucy Cleaver
Kathy Moore
Dorothy "Dottie" Homstad
Carl "Bill" & Sue Carpenter
Sally A. Dysart
Claudia & Lew Johnson
Lew Johnson
Lew Johnson
Lew Johnson
Sandra & Fred Cook
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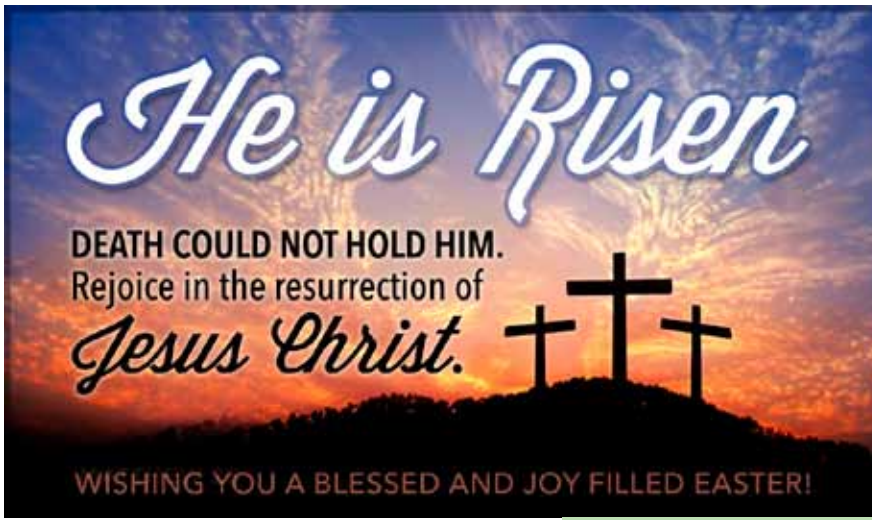
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in loving memory of:

Our son Rob
Our Parents
Rob Dawson
Great GaGa Dawson
Our Families
Mary Nell White
Walter Cooper
D. Trent & William Lowrance
Floyd & Marjorie Elkinton, parents of Carole Ray
John & Minnie Ray
Dr. Lee J. Walker & Laurie Walker Shelby
David Chambers
My husband, G. B. Turney
Our parents
Julia Poindexter
My beloved wife Marianne
Dick Rabb
Shug & Helen Hardin
Bill & Esther Moulton
David Goff, son-in-law
Shannon Reagan
Robert Reagan
Col. J.T. Van Horn & Mrs. Julie Blashy Van Horn
Cordelia Blashy Heintz
Deloris Yvonne Babb
David Boice
My brother, Bill Martin
Husband Bill Hughes

given by:

Marge & Bob Dawson
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Greg & Jennifer Meyer, Hannah & Mady Schwettmann
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Sheri & Jim Quick
Frances Cooper
His Family
Liz & David Lowrance
Carole & Allen Ray
Carole & Allen Ray
Marilyn V. Walker
Paula Thomson
Ann Turney
David & Isobel Peden
Craig Poindexter
Billy Sanders
His wife, Sarah Rabb
Bill & Helen Moulton
Bill & Helen Moulton
Helen Schrickel
Darlene Reagan
Darlene Reagan
Robert & Tina Blashy Paulk
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Fred Babb
Richard & Lois Ankele
Polly Baugh
Barbara Hughes



**EASTER CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST**

Come join us in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30–10:45 a.m. for the Easter Continental Breakfast.



**After Easter, we will begin a new sermon series:
“Standing on Holy Ground: Jesus and the great I AM.”**

- 4/8/18 - I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- 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

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.

Box Tops



Thank you so much to everyone who has been collecting Box Tops for Education! So far this school year, we have collected about 650 Box Tops for a total of \$65 for Blanton Elementary and Carter Junior High. Please continue to collect these labels, which can be found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn them into the orange “Box Tops” shoeboxes located in the church office and also in the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. A few tips for collecting: 1) Please check the expiration date since the program does not accept Box Tops that have expired. 2) If you have time to trim the Box Tops label before turning it in, that makes them easier to sort and process. Feel free to email Laura.Farnell@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to help benefit our local schools!

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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/1	8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
Monday 4/2		Church Office Closed
	3:30 p.m.	Kids Beach Club -Blanton
Tuesday 4/3	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Preschool Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 4/4	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 4/5	6:00 p.m.	The Well
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Friday 4/6		Women's Retreat
	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out
Saturday 4/7		Women's Retreat
	7:30 a.m.	MPAC Candidate Breakfast & Candidate Queuing

Information for the April 15 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, James Ditto, Laura and Moses Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Lila Glenn, 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 or 817-794-5626.

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