

April 15, 2018  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
The Second Sunday of Easter



## 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: Rudimar Bonamigo

8:30 Lay Leader: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Jane Leathem

# *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 flowers are offered to the glory of God  
by Ann Turney in honor and appreciation  
of Tina Hanson and Ed Ayers.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

*We may know who Jesus is and comprehend what he means by the “bread of life,”  
but on a day to day basis we feed our desires. Society tells us we deserve whatever we want  
and yet we realize that kind of bread becomes stale, providing no long-term sustaining nourishment.*

Prelude

Introitus

Amaral Viera

Call to Worship

This is the day which God has made.

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

Let us sing praises to our God!

**Let us worship God!**

Voluntary (11:00)

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Laura Farnell

Children’s Music Ministries    Cassandra Kirby, director

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Introit (11:00)

I Never Touched a Rainbow

Ruth Artman

Children’s Music Ministries    Laura Farnell, director    Cheryl Harris, piano

*I never, ever touched a rainbow. I never held a breeze in my hand,  
and I could never push the darkness away, but God can, and God will, and He does every day.  
He gives each tiny bird a song to sing and turns the winter into spring,  
and He makes the sun to shine on everyone. Yes, God can, and God will, and He does every day.*

*Sometimes I wonder how the Lord of Life can care for all of His creation:  
the moon, the stars, every flower and tree, and all creatures of land and sea--even me! Can it be?*

*I know I’ll never touch a rainbow. Yet its promise will live on forever, showing God’s love for all, the great  
and the small. And to belong to Him is everything to me.*

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Gracious God, we know you are the Bread of our life. Yet we are so busy living our daily lives,  
we fail too often to practice justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you.**

**Forgive us. Cleanse and sustain us so that we may fully live our lives in your presence. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ The Gloria Patri

**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 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

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Community Joys and Events

### *Proclaiming*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:9–18

Old Testament page 63

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)

Hallelujah, Amen

G. F. Handel

Scripture Reading

John 6:25–38

New Testament page 98

The Sermon

I AM the Bread of Life

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

So, Now as We Journey, Aid Our Weak Endeavor

Marcel Dupré

§ The Doxology

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

§ 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 522

I Am the Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Amen (Finale)

Marcel Dupré



## Comments for Contemplation

I AM the Bread of Life Exodus 16:9–18; John 6:25–38

1. The Israelites believed that God was not aloof from the world, and they had a sense of the immediacy of God's presence. Signs and wonders of God's activity were seen in many events that seemed to them *sign*-ificant and *wonder*-ful. But even the really extraordinary ones like the parting of the sea or the manna, did not make them all trust in God and his faithfulness. They, like us, had to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, and had to grow in their faith.
2. Of course, these two planes intersect, and we human beings can get glimpses of God's kingdom breaking into our experience. And we may look at something that is on that line and we may say, look – a sign, a wonder, a miracle. And someone else may look at it with different eyes and say, look – a rare occurrence, a strange event, a coincidence. And the reason we can both see different things is that the events are a part of this straight line, part of both the \_\_\_\_\_ plane and the human plane.
3. In the Arabic world, *man* is still the name for these plant insects, and their honeydew, which is regarded today as a great delicacy, is called *man essimmaor* 'manna from heaven.' As for the quails, flocks of them migrate over this region in the spring, and, when exhausted, are easily \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Israelites had to trust that it would be provided by the Lord daily, and they could gather both manna and quail as they needed for that day, depending on the size of the family, or the number in their tent. We read, "...those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Jesus makes clear that it is the Father who gives the true bread from heaven. He says, "For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." The crowd said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this bread always." They are looking for a divine sustenance that will both nourish them and \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

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

Sunday 4/15	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline Worship in Chapel Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary PCGRC
Monday 4/16	3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Kids Beach Club -Blanton Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 4/17	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Senior Flexibility Class Ladies Bible Study HOPE Tutoring
Wednesday 4/18	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study Quilting Group Ring of Praise Handbells Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 4/19	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Saints Alive The Well HOPE Tutoring
Friday 4/20	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Senior Flexibility Class Kids Night Out
Saturday 4/21	8:30 a.m.	All-Church Workday

Information for the April 29 bulletin should be turned into 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, James Ditto, Laura and Moses Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Joe and 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, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Marcia Rober, Aileigh Rodriguez, Albert Ross, Boyd Schernbeck, 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***

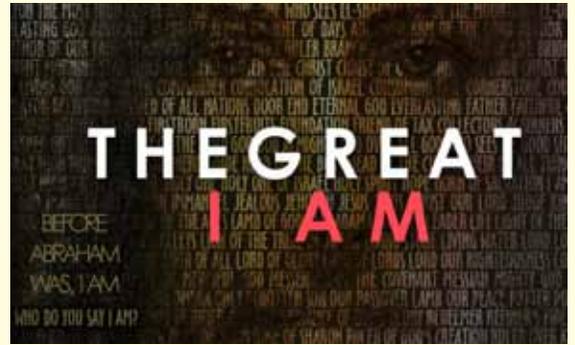
If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at the church office 817-274-8286.

For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at [juanicey@gmail.com](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.



**The 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



### Women's Bible Study

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor. Chapter 8 will be led by Rev. Betsy Pense.

### Saints Alive on April 19

Saints Alive will meet on Thursday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck lunch and a program. The entertainment has changed due to the illness of Danny Ray. We will have Debbie White with us instead and she will be singing country music. Please prepare a special dish to share with the group and join the fun.

### All-Church Workday

The All-Church Workday will be Saturday, April 21, at 8:30 a.m.

### Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out will meet on Friday, April 20, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. the the Fellowship Hall.

### Serve the City

Please join us on Saturday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. as we partner with over 50 churches in Arlington to serve our local elementary, middle, and high schools. We have been assigned to serve our neighbors at Carter Jr. High. On this day we will help beautify Carter's courtyard with some clean up and painting. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Adrian Rodriguez at 817-274-8286 or [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto:adrian@firstprestexas.org).

### 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](mailto:Laura.Farnell@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to help benefit our local schools!

### 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