

April 22, 2018
First Presbyterian Church
The Third 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. Chris Campbell

Guest Organist: Susan Fuchs

8:30 Lay Leader: Samuel Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

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 Helen Schrickel in memory of her husband, Gene.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*We are your people, O God – the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered.
Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your
table; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

Prelude

Laudation on “Lancashire”

A. Jordan

§ Call to Worship

Jesus Christ, you come to transfigure us and renew us in the image of God:

Shine in our darkness.

Jesus Christ, light of our hearts, you know our thirst:

Lead us to the wellspring of your gospel.

Jesus Christ, light of the world, you shine in every human being:

Enable us to discern your presence in each person.

Jesus Christ, you send your church to prepare your path in the world:

Open for all the gates of your kingdom.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Threefold Truth

Acclamations

§ Hymn 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live
in darkness. Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world. We speak
when we should listen; we act when we should reflect.**

**Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways for the sake of him who is the light
of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:5–9 Old Testament page 670

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) Feed My Lambs Natalie Sleeth
 Ryan Farnell, treble Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00) Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing C. L. Bass

*Now let us praise God and sing
Our great redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord
Our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!*

*All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.*

Scripture Reading John 8:12–20 New Testament page 101

The Sermon I AM the Light of the World 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) I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light M. Burkhardt

(11:00) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today arr. Kevin McChesney
 Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

§ The Doxology

**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 Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world and to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 377	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	HOUSTON
§ Charge and Benediction		the congregation joins hands
§ Postlude	Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds	R. Hobby



Sermon Notes

I AM the Light of the World Isaiah 42:5–9; John 8:12–20

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/22

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 4/23

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

Tuesday 4/24

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 4/25

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
2:00 p.m. Preschool Teacher
 Appreciation
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 4/26

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 4/27

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 4/28

9:00 a.m. Serve the City
10:00 a.m. The Well

Information for the May 6 bulletin should be turned into 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, 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, 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.



Serve the City

Thank you so much to those who have signed up and/or expressed an interest in helping with our Serve the City event at Carter Jr. High on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Here are a few details about that day: 1) We will meet at Carter Jr. High at 9:00 a.m. 2) Adrian Rodriguez and the youth will bring all supplies needed. 3) Projects we plan to complete will be courtyard clean up, painting courtyard benches, and painting a large chess board in the middle of the courtyard. 4) Lunch and drinks will be provided for all volunteers.

Lastly, we are still in need of volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Adrian Rodriguez at: adrian@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286.

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



You Are Invited to the Preschool Teacher Appreciation Gathering

Date: Wednesday, April 25
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Location: Church Parlor

Children's Ministries Luncheon

The Luncheon for families with Children in 6th grade or younger will be Sunday, May 6, at 12 noon in Room 214.

Financial Peace University

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you had no house payment? What if your kid(s) college(s) were paid for? What if you could retire with peace? What if you could GIVE more than you've ever been able to give? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise-spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future, regardless of where you are in life.

If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Katina or James Gifford: 817-565-3835 or katinap84@aol.com. FPCA is offering it on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., June 18th.-August 13, 2018. If you would like to sign up, go to the following link or ask us to help you! Membership and materials costs \$109 through this class link. If you've gone through the class already but would like a refresher, please sign up at no cost.

Link: <https://fpu.com/1064301>

**Childcare will be available upon request. Classes will be held in the Parlor at FPCA.

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.