# April 29, 2018

# First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Elise JeeYoon Choi

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey 11:00 Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod

# The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The flowers 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

G. K. Chesterton

It has never been quite enough to say that God is in his heaven and all is right with the world; since the rumor is that God had left his heavens to set it right.

Prelude Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier (Dearest Jesus, We are Here)

J. S. Bach

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Threefold Truth

ACCLAMATIONS

Psalm 118:1, 20–21

§ Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

Let us worship God!

§ Hymn 236 The Strife Is O'er Victory

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O Lord our God: In Jesus Christ, you have come that we might have life and have it more abundantly. You are the gate by which we find salvation, freedom, and sustenance. But we have looked to dumb idols and false messiahs for our rescue and our nourishment. We have given our lives to success, money, and comfort rather than to you, the One whose voice we know.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us these and all our sins, that we may know your redemption and turn to follow you anew, for we ask it in the name of Christ our Lord, 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 803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Resignation

Community Joys and Events

#### **Proclaiming**

Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10–17 Old Testament page 25

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) Surely the Lord Herbert Colvin

Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Surely the Lord is in this place.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

(11:00) Let Thy Holy Presence Pavel Tchesnokov

Let thy holy presence come upon us, we pray. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading John 10:1–10 New Testament page 103

The Sermon I Am the Gate 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 God's Time is the Best J. S. Bach

§ 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

2nd Helvetic Confession, 5.001

We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of humans. For God himself spoke to the ancestors, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.

# Sending

§ Hymn 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH

§ Charge and Benediction the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude The Heavens Declare Benedetto Marcello

# Comments for Contemplation

I Am the Gate Genesis 28:10–17; John 10:1–10

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#### This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/29				
	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 4/30				
	3:30 p.m.	Kids Beach Club -Blanton		
Tuesday 5/1				
	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class		
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study		
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring		
Wednesday 5/2				
	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 5/3				
	6:00 p.m.	The Well		
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting		
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring		
Friday 5/4				
	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class		
	6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out		

**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, Michael Deardorff, James Ditto, Laura and Moses Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, 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 Manci, 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

Information for the May 13 bulletin should be turned into the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.

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.



#### 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.

# Kids Night Out

Join us on Friday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. for Kids Night Out in the Fellowship Hall.

### 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 Financial Peace University class, 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.

## Youth Summer Camp

It's that time of year again and we are preparing to take our youth back to The Great Escape (middle school camp/conference) and Fun in the Son (high school camp/conference). Please help us get our youth to camp this year, especially those from Carter Jr. High and Sam Houston High School.

The cost to take a middle school student to camp is \$429 and \$445 for a high school student. Any donation that the Lord puts on your heart to give will help us greatly. The youth and youth leaders thank you in advance for all of your support!

# **Snacks for Camp/Conference Trips**

Another area of need for our youth summer camp/conference trips is snacks and bottled water. We are working with local grocery stores to see if they will donate snacks and water, but we will need as much help as possible.

If you would like to donate any snacks or water, please drop them off any time between now and Friday, June 22, at the church office or Adrian Rodriguez's office. Thank you so much for your help! Contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or 817-274-8286 if you have any questions.

# 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 Iacob

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

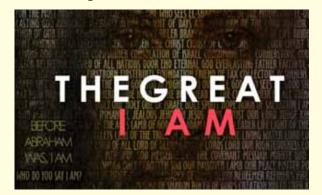
## **Preschool Summer Camp 2018**

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.