

April 8, 2018

First Presbyterian Church

The First 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

Guest Organist: Vernon Carey

8:30 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Bob 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 Carl and Sue Carpenter in celebration
of their 50th wedding anniversary March 30.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

*God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives,
change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully.
Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus. Amen.*

Prelude

Aria

J. S. Bach

§ Call to Worship

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and earth rejoice.

You broke open the gates of hell and destroyed sin and death.

By your resurrection you confounded your executioners.

You filled the disciples with joy.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

This Is the Threefold Truth

Acclamations

§ Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.

**We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the
cries of the oppressed, indifferent to calls for peace, and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant, through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:1-15 Old Testament page 50

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) There Is A Balm in Gilead arr. Damien Sneed
Hunter Hendrickson, tenor Cheryl Harris, piano

(11:00) For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

Scripture Reading John 8:31-43, 51-59 New Testament page 101

The Sermon I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 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 (8:30) Andante César Franck

(11:00) Songs of Praise African Praise Choir

*My Lord who rendered his life for me.
What have you done for Him?
He died on the cross for you and me; He gave his life for all of us.
What have you done for Him?*

*I know the Lord's right in my heart:
He died for me (us) on Calvary;
He rose again that glorious morn;
He's coming again to take me (us) home.*

§ 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

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he arose on the third day, that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 244

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

§ Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel



Sermon Notes

I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob Exodus 3:1-15; John 8:31-43, 51-59

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/8

8:30 a.m. Women's Retreat
Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Luncheon for Families with
Children
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 4/9

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

Tuesday 4/10

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

Wednesday 4/11

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
5:15 p.m. Preschool Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 4/12

6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
6:45 p.m. Teaming Meeting Night

Friday 4/13

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the April 22 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, 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, 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.



This week 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

Children's Ministries Luncheon

Today is the Luncheon for families with children in 6th grade or younger at 12 noon in Room 214.

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 for a potluck lunch and a program. Our performer will be Danny Ray from Pantego who sang and played guitar for us last year. He was a big hit, so we will enjoy having him with us again. Please prepare a special dish to share with the group and join the fun.

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!



Kids Night Out

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

All-Church Workday

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

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

A colorful poster for the "Night of Hope Fiesta" event. The poster features a central illustration of a lit diya (oil lamp) surrounded by decorative elements. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner, providing all the necessary details for the event.

YOU'RE INVITED
TO ATTEND H.O.P.E. TUTORING CENTER'S
NIGHT OF HOPE
FIESTA
DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT AND SILENT AUCTION
\$45.00 PER PERSON | \$360.00 TABLE OF 8 SEATS
SATURDAY - APRIL 14, 2018
6:30 - 9:00 P.M.
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1200 W GREEN OAKS BOULEVARD | ARLINGTON, TEXAS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER STEPHANIE GILLESPIE
COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER - ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
"EVERY CHILD NEEDS ONE COMMITTED ADULT"
MASTER OF CEREMONIES JIM DOUGLAS RETIRED WFAA REPORTER