

February 3, 2019

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



## 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

Organist: Susan Fuchs

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

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.

## **Gathering**

Preparation for Worship

Isaiah 53:5–6, Circa 540 B. C.

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Voluntary

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

**The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**Let us worship God.**

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord, have mercy and forgive us through Jesus Christ. 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 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

Community Joys and Events



## *The Lord's Prayer*

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

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 Beginning of the End      2 Kings 18:1-12; Isaiah 6:1-10, 53:1-10

1. I needed to know the words of James and Peter, "God opposes the proud, and but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time." This is true not only of individuals. The pride of nations also goes before their fall. Perhaps it is part of what is happening to us in the United States in these difficult, and morally confused times, which may be actually partly the result of our own pride and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Amos warned them of a coming destruction and doom. Remember that Amos prophesied from about 760-750 B.C. and about 25-28 years later, in 722 B.C. the things of which he warned came to pass, when the mighty Assyrian Empire succeeded in crushing the capital city of Samaria after a three year siege, and sent the inhabitants of the northern kingdom of Israel into exile. King Shalmaneser V was the Assyrian king who began the siege on \_\_\_\_\_, but he was killed in battle and his successor, Sargon II had to finish the job.
3. 2 Kings 19:35 indicates a devastating defeat of the Assyrians when the Lord struck down 185,000 of their soldiers. Some people have connected this incident with a report by the ancient Greek historian Herodotus, writing in the fifth century B.C., who told of an Assyrian defeat on the borders of Egypt because of a sudden onslaught of field mice chewing through their bowstrings and their \_\_\_\_\_ equipment, and perhaps carrying the plague with them as well.
4. But here is what is the most important statement: he trusted in the Lord the God of Israel. He held fast to the Lord; he did not depart from following him but kept the commandments that the Lord had commanded Moses. Hezekiah did not bow before the king of Assyria, but he rebelled and would not serve him or give up defending Jerusalem. After a long series of unfaithful kings in both Judah and Israel, south and north, King \_\_\_\_\_ is a breath of fresh air.
5. And Isaiah gets it, just as we should or at least, we will one day, get it, when he says, "Woe is me, I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" So here we have the essence and the beginning of worship: A sense of the utter holiness and apart-ness of the God that we worship, of our unworthiness to stand before this God, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin in the presence of God and God's holiness.

## This week @ FPCA

## Prayer Ministry

Sunday 2/3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. The Story
- 9:45 a.m. New Member Class
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Souper Sunday Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. PCGRC
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday 2/4

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

Tuesday 2/5

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
- 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 2:45 p.m. Mentoring Program
- 6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 2/6

- 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 2/7

- 2:45 p.m. Mentoring Program
- 6:00 p.m. The Well
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Open House
- 6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
- 6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 2/8

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the February 17 bulletin should be turned into Kim at the church office by this Monday.

### Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Richard Ankele, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Vannah Caylor, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Mike Copeland, Michael Deardorff, Laura, Moses and Abe Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Phil Haven, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes, Pat May, J. Fred Miller, Allen Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, J.D. Paulk, Sue Perry, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. and Jo Ann Quick, Sarah Rabb, Joanna Rabourn, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Al Smithson, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Richard Whitenight, Jake Winkler, Karl Winter, Mary Jane Wright, Bob Zakrzewski

### Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, James Dailey, 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, Peyton Steeno, 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 Marge Dawson at mdawsonarltx@att.net or 817-980-6825.



**The 4-Week New Members Class**  
**Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community**  
**Begins today at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall**

**Week One:** "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"

**Week Two:** "On Being a Christian in a Postmodern World"

**Week Three:** "Christian, Protestant, Reformed, Presbyterian"

**Week Four:** "On Being Sent: Relational Ministry, Missional Discipleship and Incarnational Witness"

### **Souper Bowl of Caring Unites with FPCA's Souper Sunday to Change the Game**

Today is the day! Please drop off any soup can donations before or during the 11:00 a.m. service in one of the wooden bins located by the Chapel entrance, Narthex, and classroom hallway. After the 11:00 a.m. service you can bring all soup can donations to the fellowship hall during our Souper Sunday Lunch. Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office, placed in offering plate, or during the Souper Sunday Lunch. Our very own youth at FPCA will be taking all donations collected to Mission Arlington, our charity location of choice. On behalf of the youth ministry we thank you so much for your donations!

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez or Talita Gottmann at [thewellf pca@gmail.com](mailto:thewellf pca@gmail.com) or 817-274-8286 if you have any questions.

### **Gifts of Hope Update**

Gifts of Hope 2018 was a great success! The following gifts were given this Christmas through this program: 40 medical kits, 15 ducks, 10 chickens, 13 fruit trees, 10 soccer balls, 9 blankets for rescued slaves, 9 care kits for child victims, 8 care kits for persecuted Christians, 19 Bibles for believers in captive nations, food for 24 Arlington families for a week, 6 sets of winter items for the local homeless, 15 paperback books & 4 reams of paper for HOPE tutoring, toiletries for a month for 7 children in foster care, and 5 school backpacks for students in need. Donations will be given to World Vision, International Justice Mission, Voice of the Martyrs, Arlington Charities, HOPE tutoring, and Presbyterian Children's Home and Services totaling around \$1750! Thanks so much to everyone who helped and contributed!

### **Saints Alive to Meet on February 21**

On Thursday, February 21, the seniors of the church will meet for a potluck lunch and entertaining program. Dace Sultanov, a beautiful Russian cellist, will thrill us with her dramatic musical interpretations on the cello. So, prepare a casserole, salad or dessert to share and join us for a delightful afternoon. Any questions, call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

### **Financial Peace University**

Are you (or someone you know) always wondering where all your money went 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 Gifford 817-565-3835 [katinap84@aol.com](mailto:katinap84@aol.com).

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is offering it on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. CST, February 16th - April 13th 2019. If you would like to sign up, go to the following link [www.goo.gl/guB2tq](http://www.goo.gl/guB2tq) 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. Also, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

### **Annual FPCA Women's Retreat**

**March 29-31, 2019**

**Hilton Garden Inn Granbury**

Ginger Hertenstein, pastor at First Presbyterian Duncanville, will explore  
Diving Deeper – enriching your life through hearing God's voice.  
Registration will begin February 10. Make your plans now!