

March 10, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Lent

THE STORY

READ THE STORY
EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE



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

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Kathi Dailey

11:00 Lay Leader: Jim C Quick

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The green plants 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

Nehemiah 8:9-10

“This day is holy to the Lord your God: do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared,... for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Prelude

Upon the Cross Extended

Camil Van Hulse

Call to Worship

Psalms 47:1-2, 4

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,

a great king over all the earth.

He chose our heritage for us,

the pride of his people whom he loves.

Let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts.

Introit

I Was Glad

C. O. Beck

§ Hymn 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of mercy: you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you. We have turned aside to go our own way. We are misled by our pride—we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Sanctify us by your Spirit that we may walk in paths of righteousness for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we pray, Amen.

§ Kyrie Eleison



O Lord, have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

§ 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 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Community Joys and Events

Commissioning of The Belize Team (8:30); Moment for Mission (11:00)

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:11–18; 6:15–16

Old Testament page 431

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)

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

*Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.*

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1–7

Old Testament page 889

The Sermon

Rebuilding the Walls

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)

Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

(11:00)

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

*My eyes, I lift them up to you. My strength depends on you alone.
'Cause I know without you I cannot make it on my own.
My eyes, I lift them up to you. You are my strength (confidence), That's why I lift my eyes to you.
Goliath depended on his strength, while David depended on the Lord.
And I hear Goliath came crumbling on the ground, while God gave victory to Israel.
Some people put their confidence in their wealth, while others put their trust in their wisdom.
But my eyes, I lift them up to my God and creator.
My eyes, I lift them up to you. You are my strength (confidence). That's why I lift my eyes to you.*

§ 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

Colossians 1:10–15

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have the first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through his blood on the cross.

Sending

§ Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Fugue in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach



Sermon Notes

Rebuilding the Walls

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This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/10	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 3/11		Belize Mission Trip Preschool Spring Break
Tuesday 3/12		Belize Mission Trip Preschool Spring Break
	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday 3/13		Belize Mission Trip Preschool Spring Break
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	5:15 p.m.	Preschool Team Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 3/14		Belize Mission Trip Preschool Spring Break
	6:45 p.m.	Team Meeting Night
Friday 3/15		Belize Mission Trip Preschool Spring Break
	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 3/16		Belize Mission Trip

Information for the March 24 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

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, Wasim Abusaef, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Bobbie Fowler, Tom Fowler, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, 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, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Al Smithson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, 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 Mancini, 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.

Sunday Flowers

Dear Congregation:

For some time now FPCA has provided flowers only when people sign up and there is a dedication. We know that you love having fresh flowers to make our worship spaces even more beautiful so since we have a lot of Sundays available following Lent, we thought we'd issue a gentle reminder. If you would like to sign up to provide a floral arrangement, there are two flower charts: one outside the Chapel and one outside the southern entrance to the Sanctuary. Flowers are placed first in the Chapel for early service and then moved to the Sanctuary for all to enjoy. Then you may take all or part of them home, or request they be distributed by the Congregational Care Team. The standard cost is \$50.00 per arrangement.

Time to Order Easter Lilies!

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out a form and place it in the offering plate during Sunday worship or mail or bring it to the church office.

Forms are located in the Narthex, outside the Chapel and in the church office. Cost is \$10.00 per Lily (per dedication)

The deadline for orders is Monday, April 7.



Pray for Belize Mission Team!

The Belize Mission Team leaves on Monday, March 11th for Belize and will return on Sunday, March 17th. This year we have eight team members: Suzie McCoy, Tina Hanson, Kathi Dailey, Jill Craig, Caroline Norris, Samuel Terwilliger, Jonathan Terwilliger, and Lydia Terwilliger. The team will be serving at Youth Enhancement Services working directly with teen girls and painting a classroom building. You may follow the team via our blog at <https://fpcamissions.blogspot.com>. We plan to post daily updates. We thank you for your support and ask for continued prayer support for our mission team and the people in Belize. We ask for prayers for safe travel, for energy and strength to complete tasks set before us by the Lord, for openness and relationship building with the girls and staff at YES, and above all, that we may be able to communicate through words and deeds the great love of God to all we meet in Belize and along the way.

Women's Retreat Reservations

The Women's Retreat will be held March 29-31 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Granbury, TX. The brochures and registration forms are available in the church office and can be mailed to Bev Koch, 2808 Burlwood Drive, Arlington, TX 76016. Please contact Bev Koch at 817-261-3202 if you have any questions.

Lenten Services

- * Palm Sunday - April 14, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- * Maundy Thursday Service - April 18, 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel
- * Good Friday Service - April 19, 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary
- * Easter Sunday - April 21, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services
Easter Breakfast will be between services from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

March 21st Saints Alive Program is Paul Baskin

We were very sorry to have to cancel our February program due to no heat. The Russian cellist has agreed to come on April 18 and is not to be missed.

For our March 21st program we have the return, at popular request, of Paul Baskin, guitarist. Please join us for a potluck lunch and bring a dish to share. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Preschool

Summer Camp



Ages 6 weeks through 3rd Grade

June 10, 2019 – August 2, 2019

HOPE Tutoring Fundraising Dinner

HOPE Tutoring, which provides free tutoring to elementary students in Arlington, is having its 22nd annual fundraiser Saturday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. The event, "The Greatest Kids - The Greatest Future" includes dinner, a keynote speaker, a high school choral group and silent auction, concluding at 8:30 p.m. See Marge & Bob Dawson, Manuel Le Blanc or George Morey for reservations.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Friday,

June 10-14, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Down On The Farm petting zoo will be here

Monday & Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m.