

March 17, 2019

# First Presbyterian Church

Second 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. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Diane Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Katina Gifford

# *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

*Almighty and everlasting God, who of your tender love toward humankind sent forth your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prelude

Prelude on KINGSFOLD

John Behnke

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always.

**I will say it again: Rejoice!**

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**The Lord is near.**

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

**Let us worship God.**

Introit (11:00)

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Traditional

§ Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the ways and desires of our own hearts. We have offended your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**Have mercy upon us. Spare us who confess our faults and restore us who are penitent, according to your promise through Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Community Joys and Events

## Proclaiming

Scripture Reading                                  John 1:1–5, 9–14, 16–18                                  New Testament page 91

Children's Time (11:00)

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 216.

Anthem    Where Shepherds Lately Knelt    Craig Courtney  
    Donna Vickers, soprano (8:30)

*Where shepherds lately knelt, and kept the angel's word, I come in half belief,  
a pilgrim strangely stirred; but there is room and welcome there for me.*

*In that unlikely place I find him as they said: sweet newborn babe, how frail!  
And in a manger bed: a still small voice to cry one day for me.*

*How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, his prophecies fulfilled?  
With pounding heart I stare: a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me.*

*Can I, will I forget how love was born and burned its way into my heart  
unasked, unforced, unearned, to die, to live, and not alone for me, for me?*

Scripture Reading                                  Luke 2:39–52    New Testament page 59

The Sermon    The Birth of the King    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)    Chorale in E Major    César Franck  
    (11:00)    Siciliano from Sonata in E Major    J. S. Bach  
    Oni Melendez, flute      Cheryl Harris, piano

§ 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 36

How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

**He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my  
sin - mine since I was conceived.**

## *Sending*

§ Hymn 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

I. Allegro Vivace from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor



## *Comments for Contemplation*

The Birth of the King      John 1:1–5, 9–14, 16–18; Luke 2:39–52

1. Of all the lessons that their children could learn from their parents or from school, this one will stick with them the longest: lying and cheating and bribing is okay. May I suggest that these people need Jesus in their lives? When it comes to a moral compass, Jesus is our “true north.” That doesn’t mean Christians are without sin...far from it. But it does mean we know to whom we look for truth, meaning, \_\_\_\_\_ and direction.
2. In fact it is the Old Testament that really prepares us to understand the New, and you should be glad that we have now gone through it to deepen our comprehension of the New Testament. It is the exact same God and Lord who is revealed in both places, and both testaments mutually enrich each other. Jesus was a Jew. His Hebrew Bible was our Old Testament and that is what he learned as a young man. He and his family were \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish law, written therein.
3. Today we have read from what I call the “Cosmic Christmas” passage from John’s gospel, and from the end of Luke chapter two, a passage that gives us our only glimpse of Jesus as he grows up, a scene when he is twelve years old. These passages also give us a remarkable message of good news in very few verses, and they help us better to understand just what is going on in the miracle of the coming of our \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. It goes on: “What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” Jesus’ arrival as God incarnate, and his subsequent teaching, life, death and resurrection, is shown to be true life, and that life is the light that enlightens the whole world. It shines in the midst of a corrupt and perverse generation of people that is portrayed as darkness, and even though they crucified the Word upon a cross, we know from the \_\_\_\_\_ that the darkness has not overcome it.
5. The task is before us who claim to be followers of Jesus: can we create the means by which people can respond to Jesus in faith? Because, “...to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.” Can we help the world to know the true Jesus who is revealed in God’s Word and to receive this \_\_\_\_\_ to become his children?
6. Friends: to whom does your ultimate allegiance belong? To your family, to your work, to your political party, or to the God made known to us in Jesus Christ? Many people will not respond to an invitation to attend worship at church. But have we given them an opportunity to respond to Jesus, God’s ultimate Word, full of grace and truth? Have we shown them that what has come into being in him was \_\_\_\_\_?

## This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/17	8:30 a.m.	<b>Belize Mission Trip</b> Worship in Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	The Story
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	CMM Lunch
	12:45 p.m.	Children's Music Ministries
	2:00 p.m.	PCGRC
Monday 3/18	3:30 p.m.	Kids Beach Club-Blanton
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 3/19	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 3/20	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 3/21	11:30 a.m.	Saints Alive
	2:45 p.m.	Mentoring Program
	6:00 p.m.	The Well
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Friday 3/22	9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out

Information for the March 31 bulletin should be turned into Kim at the church office by this Monday.

## Prayer Ministry

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

Esther Albright, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Vannah Caylor, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Mike Copeland, Michael Dearnorff, Laura, Moses and Abe Duffney, Wasim Abusaef, 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, Nita Price, Jim L. and Jo Ann Quick, Sarah Rabb, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Al Smithson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Kyle Terwilliger, Sara Van Lieshout, 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.



Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services<sup>SM</sup>  
of Texas and Louisiana

Sunday, March 24, Kathy Dodson will be with us to share information about the various programs PCHAS provides to support children and families and specifically what's offered in the DFW area.

After the 8:30 a.m. service and during the Sunday School hour, stay for coffee and doughnuts in Room 209 (Brown Hall) when she'll answer questions and provide brochures about services provided and volunteer assistance opportunities. After the 11:00 a.m. service Kathy will meet with you in the narthex.

### Pray for Belize Mission Team!

The Belize Mission Team left 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://fpcmissions.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.

## 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 Sunday, April 7.



## Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor. Rev. Betsy Pense is scheduled to teach Chapter 6.

## Kids Night Out

Friday, March 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Children in 6th grade and younger. Pizza, games and a Bible lesson

## 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.

## HOPE Tutoring- Night of Hope

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, keynote speaker - Dan Dipert, entertainment and silent auction, concluding at 8:30 p.m. See Gary Lindley, Marge & Bob Dawson, Manuel Le Blanc or George Morey for reservations.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

June 10, 2019 – August 2, 2019

## 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

## 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.