

March 24, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Lent



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: Tina Hanson

11:00 Lay Leader: Larry Stephenson

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

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world but reach out in love to rescue the wayward, by the mercy of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Call to Worship

God said, "This is my Son, with whom I am pleased."

But this one has no splendor, no beauty we would fancy.

"This is my child, in whom I take delight."

But this one carries the load of a servant, not the scepter of a king.

"This is my child, whose hand I hold."

But this one is a man of sorrows; he is no stranger to grief.

"This is my child; I give him to you."

Surely this child will bear our suffering on his shoulders and carry our rejection in his heart.

Wounded for our transgressions, he will be cut off from the land of the living.

Still God declares it: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

The Voice

G. F. Handel

§ Hymn 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. 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 482 Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

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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) He Comes To Us Jane M. Marshall

*He comes to us as One unknown, without a name;
as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not.
He speaks to us the same words: “Follow thou me!”
and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.
He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,
He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts,
the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship,
and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.
Albert Schweitzer*

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The Sermon Jesus Begins His Ministry 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) Prelude J. S. Bach

(11:00) Minuets I and II from Suite No. 1 in G Major J. S. Bach
Sundoo Ibarra, viola

§ 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.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGTON

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Ere Yet The Dawn Hath Filled The Skies

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



Comments for Contemplation

Jesus Begins His Ministry

Matthew 3:1–17; Mark 1:9–20

1. What I want us to grasp from these passages today is this: In Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God has come near and is near to us right now. This day is an opportunity for us to _____ ourselves, to answer Jesus' call, and to join with Jesus in God's kingdom work wherever we find it.
2. The problem with sin management is that it can neglect faith in the One who wants a relationship with us right now, in order to transform us, as well as society, right now. One of the ways of recovering a right understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ is to _____ Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God.
3. Willard suggests that we need to re-capture what Jesus saw in his public ministry and what he sees today, and that is that we live in a God-bathed and God-permeated world. He writes, "It is a world filled with a glorious reality, where every component is within the range of God's direct knowledge and control--though he obviously _____ some of it, for good reasons, to be for a while otherwise than he wishes.
4. But John now was preaching that even Jews needed to repent of their sins and be baptized because they were not bearing fruit for God's kingdom, and God's axe was ready to swing at the base of the tree that was not bearing fruit. John then tells of a powerful one who will come after him whose sandals he is not worthy to carry. This one _____ with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
5. The word for "torn apart" is the same word used in Mark 15:38, when, as Jesus dies on the cross, the curtain of the temple is "torn apart." Both tearings describe the dramatic thing that is happening in Jesus. Heaven is _____ and God is doing a totally new thing.
6. Mark's gospel then says that it is after John was arrested, that Jesus started in Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." So in our God-bathed and God-permeated world, the heavens have now been _____ open and God's Son is revealed to be in our midst. The kingdom of God is at hand, present with us.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/24

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m. PCHAS Gathering
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
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 3/25

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

Tuesday 3/26

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 3/27

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 3/28

2:45 p.m. Mentoring Program
3:30 p.m. Wyldlife
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Friday 3/29

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the April 7 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, 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, 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'sSM Homes and Services of Texas and Louisiana

Today, Kathy Dodson, Senior Development Officer from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, 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) Kathy will answer questions and provide brochures about services provided and volunteer assistance opportunities. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, Kathy will be available in the narthex.

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.



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 Marge & Bob Dawson, Manuel Le Blanc, Gary Lindley or George Morey for reservations.

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

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.

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.

First Presbyterian Preschool

Summer Camp



Ages 6 weeks through 3rd Grade

June 10, 2019 – August 2, 2019