

April 10, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday of Easter



Glorify. Grow.

Mission Statement:

We, as the Church, are the Body of Christ equipped through prayer by the Holy Spirit to glorify God; through passionate worship, nurturing fellowship, sacrificial service, respectful evangelism, and active discipleship, we encourage and challenge all ages of our congregation and community to grow in relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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
8:30 Lay Leader: Sue Lavender
11:00 Lay Leader: Nesha Morey
Organist: Susan Fuchs

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Romans 7:4–5

My brethren, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God.

Prelude

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Thomas Gieschen

Call to Worship

Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God's deeds among the nations!
Sing to God with joyful songs;
Tell of his wonderful deeds.
Let us worship God together.

Introit

Let All Creation's Praises Ring

TRURO

§ Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious heavenly Father, the giver and author of life, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone astray by rejecting your will for our lives. Instead of seeking the inner peace of your presence, we have given in to our fears and temptations.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and create in us the desire to live every moment for you.

We ask these things in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, 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 598

Amen, We Praise Your Name

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:1–10

Old Testament page 585

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) When In Our Music God Is Glorified arr. Harriet Aiengenhal

*When, in our music, God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride
it is as though the whole creation cried, "Alleluia!"*

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound alleluia!*

*So has the church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!*

*And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always, Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading John 15:1-11 New Testament page 109

The Sermon Fruitful Branch, Faithful Vine Rev. McDermott

Responding

§ Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.**

Sending

§ Hymn 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

the congregation joins hands



Comments for Contemplation

Fruitful Branch, Faithful Vine Proverbs 3:1–10, John 15:1–11

1. The great tragedy of the 21st century is that millions of people here in our country really have been _____ against a true Christian faith and a life of missional discipleship in Christ.
2. And the way we come to bear fruit for God's kingdom is by connecting with and living in the source of our life, the true _____, and that is our Lord Jesus Christ
3. If you think about it, nearly all of us make time for the things we love. If we love to _____ about how busy we are, we will keep ourselves busy in order to do that.
4. Through some excellent counseling, the support of their small group, and a thousand small _____ to put their hearts back on the table, they were able to rediscover and experience the love of God together.
5. When you love and value your kids, you make time for them. When you love and value your spouse, you make time for him or her. When you love and value your _____, here and in Belize and around the world, you make time for them. And when you love and value the Lord above all, you make time for Him.
6. When I try to do it all by myself, when I try to usher in God's kingdom on my own strength, I am no longer abiding in the vine, and I bear no fruit, which puts me in danger of being cast off as a branch that is of no use. But if I abide in the vine, that is, in Jesus, then I can bear much fruit, and a _____ is having the joy of Jesus in us.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/10

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| 8:30 a.m. | Worship in Chapel |
| 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 9:45 a.m. | New Members Class |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship in Sanctuary |
| 1:15 p.m. | Children's Music Ministries |
| 4:30 p.m. | APNC Meeting |
| 6:00 p.m. | The Well |

Monday 4/11

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| 3:30 p.m. | Blanton Kids Beach Club |
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Tuesday 4/12

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| 6:30 p.m. | HOPE Tutoring |
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Wednesday 4/13

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| 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| 10:00 a.m. | Quilting Group |
| 3:30 p.m. | Wyldlife in FH |
| 6:15 p.m. | Ring of Praise Handbells |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

Thursday 4/14

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| 6:00 p.m. | Deacons Meeting |
| 6:30 p.m. | HOPE Tutoring |
| 6:45 p.m. | Team Meeting Night |

Friday 4/15

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Saturday 4/16

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| 8:00 a.m. | MPAC Candidate Breakfast |
| 8:30 a.m. | All Church Workday |

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Rev. Fred Babb, our Parish Associate for Congregational Care, at the church office 817-274-8286 or his cell phone: 817-995-9717. For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at juanicey@gmail.com or 817-794-5626.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for the families of those who have passed:

Nita Whitenight

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Esther Albright, Chona Pacot Anwar, David Boice, Louis and Shirley Bragg, Andrew Bridges, Crystal Castaneda, Jerry Colleps, Lee Carol Copeland, Mike Deardorff, Laura Farnell, Bunny Floyd, Bonnie Forte, Bobbie Fowler, David Goff, Susan Graham, Margery Harrand, Edna and Ken Harris, Bill Hayden, Norman Hull, Deva Kellam, Doyle Malone, Garrett Mastin, J. Fred Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Judy Northup, Bill Olsen, Ann Pitstick, Albert Ross, Carolyn Savko, Tonya Scrabeck, Eulabel Sheldon, Linda Smith, Brooks Taylor, Jerry Thomas, Brendan Tibbetts, Allen Underwood, Donna Vickers, Audrey Wallace, Charlene Watson and Mary Jane Wright

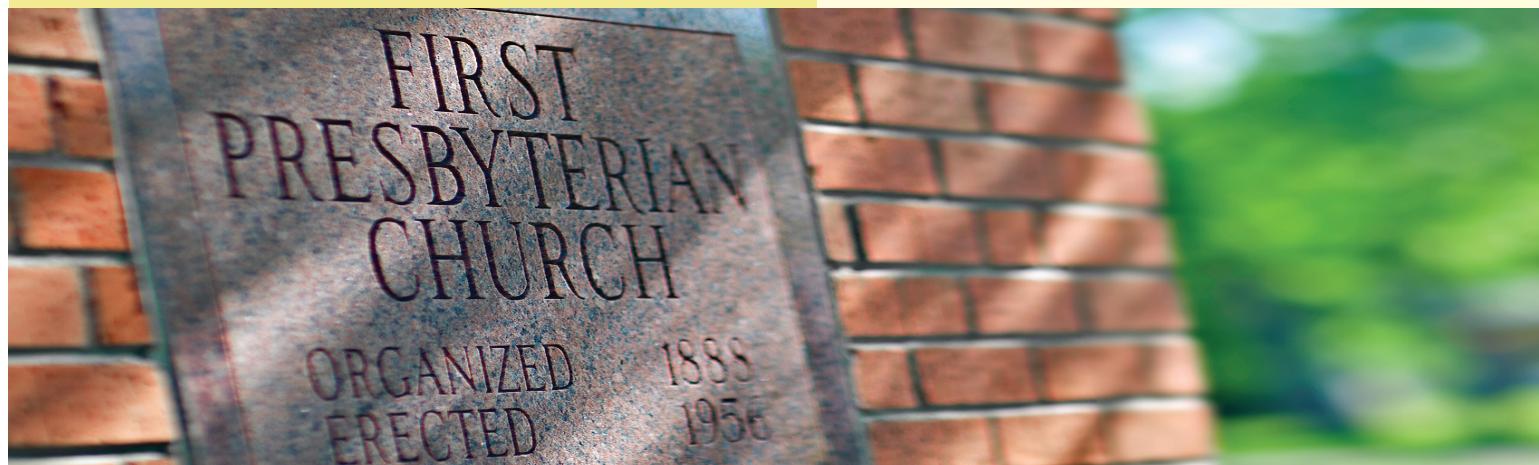
Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Aaron Alonso, Ben Boughton, David Caldwell, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Matthew Lopez, Mike Manci, Jack Murtha, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young and Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

Information for the April 24th bulletin should be turned in to the church office today, or emailed to kim@firstprestexas.org by this Monday.



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Theatre Arlington Group to Entertain at Saints Alive

On Thursday, April 21st at 11:30 a.m., Saints Alive will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. Following the meal, the TAG Players will perform with a variety show called, "To Life." It should be a fun afternoon, so fix a dish to share and join us.

Any questions, please call Bev Koch at: 817-261-3202.

Women's Bible Study

Come join us Monday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?

Join the Chancel Choir,
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,
Agape Youth choir, or
Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information: 817-274-8286 or
russell@firstprestexas.org

First Presbyterian Preschool Auction/Dinner Spring Fund-raiser

We are about three weeks away from our annual fund-raiser/dinner/silent and live auction. Save the date, **Sunday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m.** for a wonderful night of grown-up fun for a good cause, our Preschool! This year's event will be in the Fellowship Hall. There are many ways to get involved. You can buy a ticket and come to the dinner/auction, donate an item or service for our silent auction, sponsor a teacher, or volunteer to help prepare for the event. Childcare will be available during the event for those who reserve a spot.

We have many awesome items for our auction. Some of these include:

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science
Texas Rangers
Texas State Railroad
Front Row Seats to our Spring and Christmas programs
Hawaiian Falls
Disney Pass
Dallas Summer Musicals
Classroom projects
James Avery jewelry

These are just a few of the many items that will be available for you to bid on!

Tickets are \$25. Please contact Sandra or Dianne in the Preschool office at 817-274-4051 for more information or check out www.fppsarlington.com. We hope to see you there!

The 4-Week New Members Class
Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community
continues in Week Two at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall
Come join us. Walk-ins are welcome!

Week Two: "On Being a Christian in a Post-modern World"

—What it means to be a Christian and why it is so vitally important in today's world.

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

—This will help us understand the blessings and issues of our particular tradition in the family of faith.

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

—A chance to learn about gifts, equipping, ministry and mission.