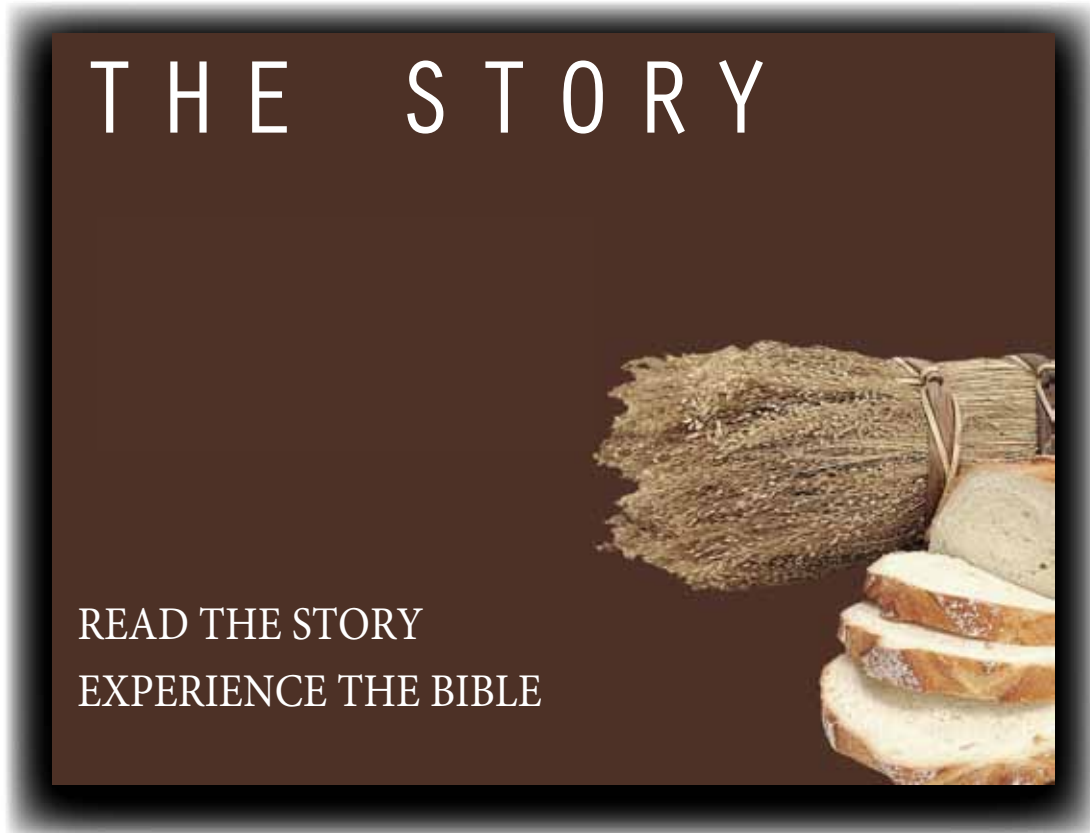


March 31, 2019

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday in 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

Organist: Shina Heo

8:30 Lay Leader: Jonathan Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod

# *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

Matthew 7:12

*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.*

Prelude

Were You There

Call to Worship

With friends and strangers, we gather:

**Come among us, healing God, with that love which never ends.**

With faith reaching out to touch, we hope:

**Come among us, friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

**Come among us, Lord Jesus, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Lenten Introit

R. Farnell

§ Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 175

Seek Ye First

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Community Joys and Events



## *Comments for Contemplation*

No Ordinary Man      Mark 5:21–43; Matthew 7:7–20

1. Chapter five of Mark's gospel, from which we read this morning, might be called the "St. Jude chapter," because each of the characters mentioned in this chapter have found all of their human hopes to be exhausted, but nevertheless, they are able to find \_\_\_\_\_ hope in Jesus. Maybe that relates to something you are going through.
2. And the disciples who were afraid of drowning are now more afraid still of the power and authority wielded by this rabbi. They say to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" And that is a question that \_\_\_\_\_ all that happens in this section of Mark's gospel, a question that we may ask as well. Who, then, is this?
3. Jesus urges the man to go tell his friends how much *the Lord* had done for him, and the man went and told his friends how much *Jesus* had done for him. So first Jesus shows his Lordship over the external forces of the wind and the sea, quieting them for the boat ride. Then he shows his Lordship over the internal \_\_\_\_\_ powers, quieting the spirit of this man possessed by demons. Who, then, is this?
4. She believed that, even though she was ritually unclean because of her condition, and made everyone she touched unclean, that touching just the garment of Jesus could heal her. And it did. Twelve years of shame and frustration are resolved in a momentary touch of Jesus. And Jesus' response is remarkable. Her being in public and touching him were both violations of the Torah, and Jairus would now be aware of this as well. But Jesus says, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in \_\_\_\_\_, and be healed of your disease."
5. Craig Barnes reminds us that "It is impossible to follow Jesus and not be led away from something. That journey away from the former places and toward the new place is what converts us.... The purpose of conversion in the Bible is not our spiritual self-actualization but Christ's mission.... it always involves the extraordinary process of creating visionary \_\_\_\_\_ out of fearful disciples."

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 3/31

8:30 a.m.                   Worship in Chapel  
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 4/1

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

Tuesday 4/2

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

Wednesday 4/3

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 4/4

2:45 p.m.                 Mentoring Program  
6:00 p.m.                             The Well  
6:30 p.m.                 HOPE Tutoring

Friday 4/5

9:00 a.m.                 Senior Flexibility Class  
6:00 p.m.                 Kids Night Out

Saturday 4/6

8:00 a.m.   MPAC Candidate Breakfast

Information for the April 14 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, Marge Dawson, 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, Graciela Lopez Montero, 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.





## One more week 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 next Sunday, April 7.

### Kids Night Out

Coming up on Friday, April 5, will be Kids Night Out at 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Children in 6th grade and younger  
Pizza, games and a Bible lesson

### Spring Festival

The Spring Festival will be Saturday, April 13 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

There will be the petting zoo from Down On the Farm.

We will also have a big inflatable slide and a combo bounce house/small slide.

### 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
- The Story Class will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall during the Easter breakfast.

### FPPS Teacher Appreciation

The Mission and Evangelism Team and FPPS Committee are planning a teacher and staff appreciation on Wednesday, May 1, from 2:00- 3:30 p.m. in our church Parlor.

We want to invite church members or friends to come also to help celebrate our great weekday Preschool. If you would like more information or would like to help, please contact Sheri Quick at 817-451-8586 or sheriq@aol.com.

### 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.

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June 10, 2019 – August 2, 2019