

April 14, 2019
First Presbyterian Church
Palm Sunday



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: Samuel 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.

Please silence all phones and devices.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in the week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare us for service in your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

§ Processional Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Introit (11:00)

Sing Hosanna

Mark Patterson

Children's Music Ministries

*Sing hosanna! Blessed is he who comes this day, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna!
Wave your palm branches high. Lift your praise to the sky. Hosanna, hosanna to the King!
Blessing and honor, glory forever, Hosanna, hosanna to the King!*

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O Lord, we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure. Forgive our unreliable discipleship and keep our faith constant, O Lord. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Invigorate us by the familiar, but always new, story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this week reveals.

Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. In the name of Christ, 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.

Voluntary (11:00)

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

arr. L. Farnell

Children's Music Ministries Chimes

§ Passing the Peace

Greet those around you with, **"The peace of Christ be with you."**

§ Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Community Joys and Events

Comments for Contemplation

The Hour of Darkness Matthew 26:30–46; Matthew 26:47–56

1. In fact, the grim realism of the account we have read this morning is really a guarantee of its historicity. We can scarcely imagine early Christians, especially the author of Matthew's gospel, who emphasizes Jesus' divine kingship, inventing a story of such torment. The very torment provides a moving _____ to Jesus' understanding of his impending death.
2. If Matthew was indicating that Jesus and his friends were singing the traditional Passover songs, then we know their last hymn was Psalm 118. As we imagine this small band trudging anxiously toward the Garden of Gethsemane, the verses of this psalm take on a whole new _____: "*The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere people do to me?*" (v. 6) "*The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.*" (v. 14)
3. Jesus tells them that they will all become deserters and he quotes Zechariah 13:7, "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." Peter is the first to protest loudly: "Though all become deserters because of you, I will _____ desert you." Jesus says that before morning, Peter will deny him three times. But Peter insists that even if he must die with Jesus he will not deny him. And we read, "So said all the disciples."
4. So here is the profound lesson for today. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus, and we tend to shake our finger at Judas. But then something more disturbing confronts us. Jesus' best friend Peter says he will never desert him and never deny him. But he does, not just once but three times. And we like to shake our finger at Peter. But wait, all the disciples said they would never desert him and they would die with him. But they ALL deserted him and _____. Do we think we are any different?
5. Will we rationalize why we shouldn't be the ones to suffer, and let someone else do it? Or will we pray, "...nevertheless not my will but thine be done." Will we take time to grasp the penalty that Jesus paid on our behalf, so that we might live? Or will we cave in to the temptations of the moment, to the politically correct pressures that assault us every day, telling us to give up our _____, give up our commitments, and give up our Savior?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/14

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 4/15

3:30 p.m. Kids Beach Club-Blanton
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 4/16

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 4/17

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 4/18

11:30 a.m. Saints Alive
2:45 p.m. Mentoring Program
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 4/19

Preschool Closed
9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday 4/20

10:00 a.m. Set-up for Easter Breakfast

Information for the April 28 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, 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, 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.

The 4-Week New Members Class *Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community*

Begins Sunday, April 28, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 214, in the brown hall

Week One: "Your Story: A Journey with the Living Christ"

—This is a chance to share our journeys of faith with one another, and learn about one another.

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.

Holy Week Worship Services
April 18, Maundy Thursday, 7pm, Chapel
April 19, Good Friday, 7pm, Sanctuary



Easter Sunday
April 21
8:30 a.m. Chapel
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45
in Fellowship Hall

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the chapel and sanctuary or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls. Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for over 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. The offering gifts are divided between three programs- Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see www.pcusa.org/oghs.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Monday Night Womens Bible Study will meet Monday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the church Parlor. Helen Moulton will lead us in Chapter 8. The meal will be ordered from Subway. If you have not submitted your order to Debbie (der817@gmail.com), please do so asap.

Saints Alive

On Thursday, April 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the seniors of the church will meet for a potluck lunch and entertaining program. Dace Sultanov, a beautiful Russian cellist, will thrill us with her dramatic musical interpretations on the cello. So, prepare a casserole, salad or dessert to share and join us for a delightful afternoon. Any questions, call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

Youth Parent Gathering

If you are a parent of any youth from 6th grade to 12th grade, please join Adrian Rodriguez and youth leaders for an afternoon of fun, food, and discussion about our youth ministry here at FPCA. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 p.m-2 p.m. on April 28th. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and we hope to see you there!

Please go to <http://firstprestexas.org/get-connected/youth/> and click on link titled "Youth Parent Gathering" to sign up. This will help us know how much food to order for our time together.

You can reach out to Adrian Rodriguez at thewellfpc@gmail.com or 817-274-8286 if you have any questions.

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.

Preschool Spring Program and Fundraiser

The Preschool Spring Program and Fundraiser will be Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Preschool.