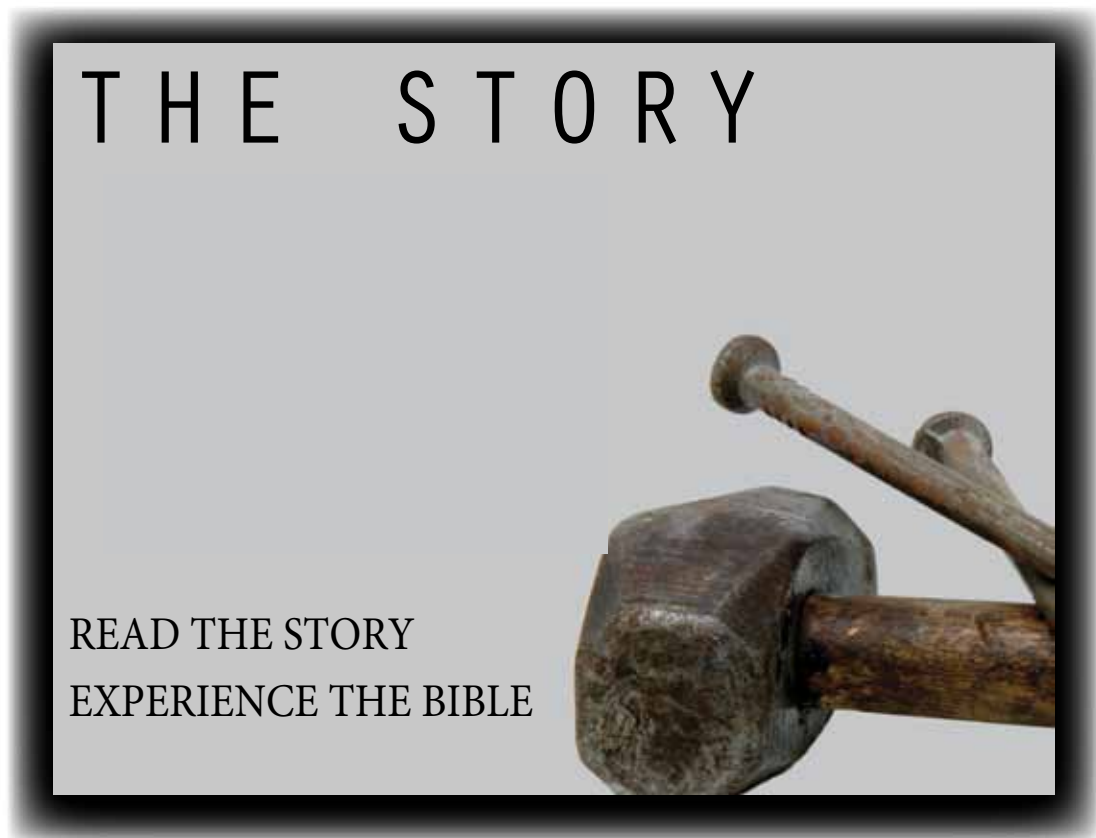


April 28, 2019
First Presbyterian Church
The First Sunday of Easter



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: Phil Austin

11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices.

The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Ed Ayers and Tina Hanson in celebration
of their 29th wedding anniversary.

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Elevation

§ Call to Worship

Brothers and sisters, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people,
no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

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§ Hymn 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others.

You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive.

Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:29–47

New Testament page 120

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)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Vicki Hancock

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.*

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
And gather all the saints to their eternal home.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 3:1–10

New Testament page 120

The Sermon

New Beginnings

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 No. 1

César Franck

(11:00)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

arr. Linda McKechnie

§ 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

The Apostles' Creed

**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 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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§ Charge and Benediction

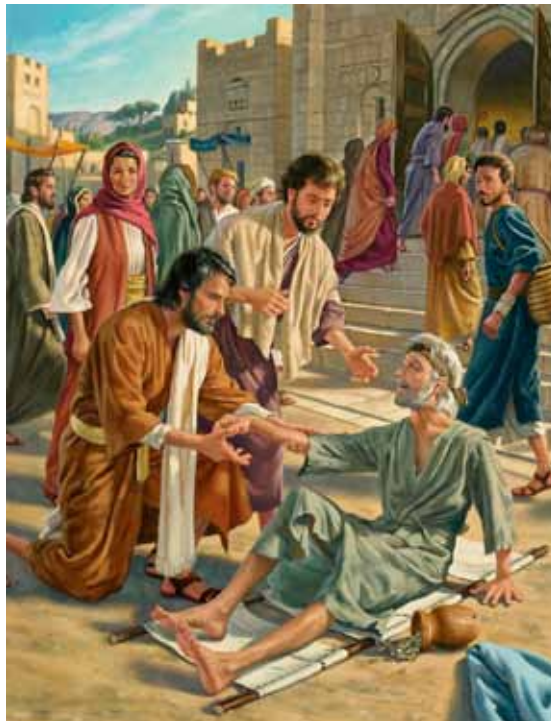
the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Chorale No. 1

César Franck





Comments for Contemplation

New Beginnings

Acts 2:29–47; Acts 3:1–10

1. It was charged that they were saying that there is another king named Jesus. This was the same charge that ultimately got Jesus crucified. Something about believing Jesus is the Messiah and making Jesus as your King begins to turn the _____ upside down.
2. Paul says that in Christ, God is reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. I could go on, but the point is that God has a plan for _____ the world, and his plan involves all of us who have a relationship with Jesus Christ, both personally and corporately through the church.
3. The choice of being conformed to this world, and following the culture's lead for lifestyle, or seeking spiritual transformation and living out a Jesus-led lifestyle, could not be clearer in our current context. The capacity of the church to live out its _____ from the Lord will be determined by our choices in this regard.
4. And on that Pentecost when all the believers in Jesus from the area were gathered in one place, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they were indeed given a new power to follow where the Lord was calling and leading them. Peter, now instead of hiding, is preaching a bold Pentecost sermon to explain that this is a _____ of the prophecy of Joel, who said that one day the Lord would pour out his Spirit upon "all flesh," including sons and daughters, slaves and free, manservants and maidservants.
5. He goes on to exhort them, "Save yourselves from this _____ generation." And his sermon was effective: about 3000 persons were added to the ranks of believers that day.
6. Are we ready to change the world, to lift up the poor, and to be salt and light in a bland and darkened world? Have we experienced the transforming _____ of the Holy Spirit that calls us to transformed relationships, religion and resources?

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 4/28

8:30 a.m.	Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	The Story
9:45 a.m.	New Member Class
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Youth Parent Gathering
2:00 p.m.	PCGRC

Tuesday 4/30

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 5/1

8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
2:00 p.m.	FPPS Teacher Appreciation
6:00 p.m.	Ring of Praise Handbells
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 5/2

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

Friday 5/3

9:00 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Information for the May 12 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, Carl Carpenter, 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, 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.

Kurz Scholarship 2019 Winner

My name is Christina Moore. I am currently in my second year of a three year Master's program at Austin Seminary. My degree focus is in youth ministry. I am discerning if I will pursue ordination after my Center for Youth Ministry Training program at the seminary.

I have been called to lead youth and young adults and help them grown in Christ. I did not grow up in church and didn't have youth group growing up. I sure wish I had that opportunity when I was younger. I want to be a role model for young people and I have a heart to serve Christ and minister in any way I can.

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

Begins today 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.

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 today from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. 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 thewellfpca@gmail.com or 817-274-8286 if you have any questions.

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.

Box Tops Update

Thanks to everyone who has collected Box Tops during the 2018-2019 school year. Since the start of the school year, we have collected about 500, or about \$50 worth of Box Tops for Carter Junior High and Blanton Elementary.

Please continue to look for and collect these labels, which can be found on the tops and sides of various General Mills packages. Each label is worth 10-cents for K-8 schools. You can turn them into the orange "Box Tops" shoeboxes located in the church office and also in the Fellowship Hall entrance hallway. A few tips for collecting: 1) Please check the expiration date since the program does not accept Box Tops that have expired. 2) If you have time to trim the Box Tops label before turning it in, that makes them easier to sort and process. Feel free to email Laura.Farnell@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to help benefit our local schools!

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.