

February 16, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

8:30 Lay Leader: David Peden

11:00 Lay Leader: Jonathan Terwilliger

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

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

God calls us to be at one with him and his creation in love, faithfulness, and truth.

With God's help, we can adore him with our whole heart,

live in mutual support of one another, and love as if his reign has fully come.

Voluntary

The Old Rugged Cross

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

People of God, sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,

For God has done wondrous deeds, and is great beyond compare!

Let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Jacques Berthier

§ Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;

we have turned our hearts away from you.

Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other.

Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. 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 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading

Mark 15: 16–20

New Testament page 53

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)

Open Thou Mine Eyes

Michael Cox

*Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire:
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways, of thy commandments.*

*O Lord my God, be thou to me a God,
And beside thee, let there be none else, no other, naught else with thee.
Vouch-safe to me to worship thee and serve thee, according to thy commandments,
In truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public.*

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Second Scripture Reading

Mark 15: 25–39

New Testament page 54

The Sermon

Facing the Cross

Rev. Campbell

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.**

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Adagio from Sonata No. 1

Joahnn Sebastian Bach

§ 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.**

§ Responsive Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Questions 40 and 43

Why did Christ have to suffer “death”?

**Because the righteousness and truth of God are such that nothing else could make reparation for
our sins except the death of the Son of God.**

What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

**That by his power our old self is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil
passions of our mortal bodies may reign in us no more, but that we may offer ourselves to him
as a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Allegro Assai Vivace from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn



Sermon Notes

Facing the Cross Mark 15: 16–20; Mark 15: 25–39

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/16

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m. Larry Thomas
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Transform Vision Summary
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 2/17

Preschool Closed-President's Day Holiday

1:30 p.m. FPCA Book Club
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 2/18

9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 2/19

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 2/20

11:30 a.m. Saints Alive
6:00 p.m. The Well
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Friday 2/21

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

Saturday 2/22

10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University

Information for the March 1 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, Elaine Bahn, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Vannah Caylor, Frank and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Michael Deardorff, The Farnell Family, Don Farrell, The Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Olivia Gottmann, Andrew Hydock, James Irons, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Barbara Mooers, Betsy Pense, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Allen Ray, Jillian Reynolds, Joan and Homer Reynolds, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Karl Winter

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, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Esther Albright, Suzette Armstrong, Shirley Bragg, Bobbie and Tom Fowler, Jack Gray, Marge Harrand, Barbara Hughes, Barbara Kraemer, Jeanne Malone, Allen and Charlene Miller, Cary and Ruth Moore, Carrie and Cosme Pacot, Ann Pitstick, Al Smithson, Betty and Jack Snowden, Lorraine Swanson, Brooks and Connie Taylor, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright.

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at 817-274-8286.

HOPE Tutoring - NIGHT OF HOPE Fundraiser

HOPE Tutoring is having its annual NIGHT OF HOPE fundraiser Saturday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$45 each for dinner, AHS Jazz Band, speaker Dr. Bill Coppola-TCC SE and silent auction and raffles.

Online reservations at www.hopetutoring.org/noh or contact Dawsons, Le Blancs or Peñas if you have questions.



TRANSFORM

Join us for a TRANSFORM Vision Summary

If you missed coming to one of our three Round Table Discussions for our TRANSFORM Capital Campaign, then please join us for one of two chances to hear a summary of the Vision (but without the tour and the meal and the longer discussions).

Dates and times for a TRANSFORM Vision Summary: (especially for those who missed the Round Table gatherings)

Today at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall (During Sunday School hour)

Sunday, February 23, 12:10 PM in the Fellowship Hall (After 11:00 Worship)

Offering Envelopes

Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes outside the Chapel (8:30) and the Red Hall (11:00).

Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, February 17 at 6 p.m. in the church parlor. A light meal will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the lesson, Chapter 5. The video will be viewed first and then discussion. All women are invited to join at anytime. Contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com) if you have questions. Please note, this group meets the 3rd Monday of each month except December, June, July and August.

Rev. Larry Thomas in Room 204

Reverend Dr. Larry Thomas will continue speaking during the Sunday school hour through February. His topics will be:

February 16: "Celtic Christianity"

February 23: "The Shroud of Turin"

Larry's talk will begin at 9:30AM in Room 204. Everyone is invited.

Saints Alive

SAINTS ALIVE to meet Thursday, February 20 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Our entertainment will be "Sorta Sisters" with Bill Flynt at the piano. We have enjoyed their 40's music several times, so be sure not to miss it. Don't forget to bring a dish to share and we will all have a delicious lunch. Any questions, call Bev Koch at 817-261-3202.

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out is Friday, February 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Children can come and enjoy games/activities, pizza, a Bible lesson and spending time with friends. Parents can enjoy a couple of hours for their own Parents Night Out.

Fixin' to Join: An Adventure in Christian Community

Come be a part of the 4-week New Members class starting Sunday, February 23, at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship 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.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for children 4 years old to 6th grade. The theme is Focus: Take a Closer Look. The theme verse is Hebrews 12:2a *"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And He is the one who completes the journey of faith."*