

March 8, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

The Second 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. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

8:30 Lay Leader: Jonathan Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

The Worship of God

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The greenery is 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

from Isaiah 43:18-19

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

Voluntary

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Call to Worship

from Mark chapter 1

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears.

Call us into your way of life, O God.

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision.

Lead us into your vision of life, O God.

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts.

Guide us in your example of living for others, O God.

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with your love, O God.

Let us be your hands and feet in the world, O God.

Let us worship you together.

Introit (11:00)

Teach Me to Pray

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksand, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are our anchor. We plead for your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness; his sinlessness for our transgressions; his fullness for our emptiness; his glory for our shame; his righteousness for our dead works; his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ Prayer Response



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, re-new a right spir-it in me.

§ 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 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Fugue in B Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach



Sermon Notes

Changing Our Direction/Navigating a New Path

Isaiah 43:18–21; Mark 1:14–15; 2:14–17

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/8

8:30 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. New Member Class
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 3/9

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
6:00 p.m. Youth - Love Invasion

Tuesday 3/10

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Youth - Love Invasion

Wednesday 3/11

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbells
6:00 p.m. Youth - Love Invasion
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 3/12

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
6:00 p.m. Youth - Love Invasion
6:45 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 3/13

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
9:00 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 3/14

10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for
 Allen Ray

Information for the March 22 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, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Barbara Mooers, J.D. Paulk, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, 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, 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.

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Time 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 Sunday, March 29.



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.

Lenten Services

- * Palm Sunday - April 5, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- * Maundy Thursday Service - April 9, 7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel
- * Good Friday Service - April 10, 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary
- * Easter Sunday - April 12, 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

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Monday Night Bible will meet Monday, March 16, 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. Chapter 6 & 7 will be discussed led by Kathy Moore. A light meal will be provided by Sheri Quick and Alice Schroeder. All women are welcome to attend. Join anytime! Questions, contact Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com) or Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com).

Saints Alive

Saints Alive will be Thursday, March 19,
at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?
Join the Chancel Choir,
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,
Youth Music Ministries, or Children's Music
Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:
russell@firstprestexas.org

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."*

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.