

March 15, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday of 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

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Campbell

8:30 Lay Leader: Diane Terwilliger

11:00 Lay Leader: Betsy McDermott

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

Ephesians 3:17b-18

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Voluntary

Lord, Who are the Night You Were Betrayed

Robert Farlee

Call to Worship

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets.

With love for God, ourselves, and our neighbor, let us worship God.

Introit (11:00)

Love So Amazing

HAMBURG

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O God, your holiness commands that we confess:

We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves, nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.

We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us.

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.

§ Passing the Peace

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

§ Hymn 188

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15–20

New Testament page 200

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)

Pilgrim Song

Ryan Murphy

*My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey;
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing hosanna.*

*My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior;
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.*

*Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.*

*My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour
When the messenger shall say, "Come quit this house of clay, and with bright angels tower."*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34–40

New Testament page 25

The Sermon

Deepening Divine Relationship/Growing Love for Jesus

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.**

The Offering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Adrian Rodriguez

Offertory

I Hear Thy Welcome Voice

Ju-Young Kang

§ 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

Psalm 90:1-2

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 697

Take My Life
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6

HENDON

§ Charge and Benediction

the congregation joins hands

Postlude

Allegro Moderato e serio

Felix Mendelssohn



Sermon Notes

Deepening Divine Relationship/ Growing Love for Jesus

Colossians 1:15–20; Matthew 22:34–40



This week @ FPCA

Sunday 3/15

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
12:15 p.m. CMM Lunch
12:45 p.m. Children's Music Ministries
2:00 p.m. PCGRC

Monday 3/16

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

Tuesday 3/17

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

Wednesday 3/18

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 3/19

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

Friday 3/20

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

Saturday 3/21

10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University
5:00 p.m. Advance Commitment Event

Information for the March 29 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, Carol Browning, 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, 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.



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.
There is NO Sunday School.

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 Entertainment to be Theatre Arlington TAG Players

Saints Alive will meet Thursday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert to share. Our entertainment will be provided by Theatre Arlington TAG Players. They always bring us a fun show, so please be sure to join us.

Important Hygiene Information to Remember

For now, in order to keep our church gatherings safe during the flu season and now in the era of the coronavirus, remember, please:

1. If you are sick, stay home.
2. If your health is compromised, stay home.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water (20 seconds) regularly throughout the day, and especially before gathering.
4. Minimize touches to your face.
5. Please, wave, elbow or merely fist-bump for the passing of the peace and the benediction, in worship.
6. Use hand sanitizer if hand washing is unavailable.

At this point in time, we believe these are the appropriate measures to take, and we urge you to continue to come to worship and praise the Lord as one Body in Christ. We realize these may need to change in the future. Thank you for your understanding.

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.