

November 22, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Preaching: Rev. Rich McDermott

Liturgist: Adrian Rodriguez

Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

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

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth, and with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a great God;

A great ruler over heaven and earth!

Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others.

Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing
Cassandra Kirby, soprano

arr. Alan Bullard

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading	Ephesians 2:11–22, 4:1–6	New Testament page 192, 193
Second Scripture Reading	John 17:20–24	New Testament page 111
The Sermon	One New Humanity in Jesus	Rev. McDermott

Responding

Offering Moment

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.

§ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sending

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Shina Heo



Comments for Contemplation

One New Humanity in Jesus

Ephesians 2:11–22, 4:1–6; John 17:20–24

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you to all who participated in the Thanksgiving Basket program. We were able to donate a total of \$4,400 to Arlington Charities which will help fill 110 baskets.

Drive-in Christmas Carol Sing

Saturday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.

We will have a drive-in Christmas carol sing in the South parking lot on Saturday evening, Dec. 5, with the same format as our last September. You may be asking yourself, “**what is a drive-in carol sing?**” People designated spaces and remain in their cars. Our old 1990 Presbyterian hymnals will be able to keep the hymnal already have a hymnal, please live, and there will be a vocal group to help lead the



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The music will be amplified on speakers and broadcast so that you can listen on your car radio and sing along. This will be a participatory event, so we encourage you to sing along in your car with your windows open, so that you can hear others around you, or windows closed if it is too cold! This is a wonderful and safe way to be able to gather and worship together in song as we prepare for the Christmas season.

FPCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is available outside the Chapel and in the Narthex. The News continues to be in the church-wide email each month. The Newsletter is also on our church website. By using this digital method to send the Newsletter, the church is saving with both printing and mailing costs. If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

Offering

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings in person today, please use the envelope provided in the pews. You can drop the envelope off in the offering plate while departing the sanctuary when the service is completed. Please feel free to continue giving as you have during this time whether that is mailing checks or giving online. We are most thankful for your generous support!

Important Hygiene Information to Remember

For now, in order to keep our church gatherings safe during 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. Wear a face covering and maintain social distance from those outside your family.
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.