

January 24, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday After the Epiphany



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. Chris Campbell

Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod

Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

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

Holy and gracious God, you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

God, who rules the universe, calls us;

Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;

Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.

Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God.

Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach us wisdom in the inmost place.

Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Anthem

God Is Our Refuge
Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Allen Pote

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:22–26	New Testament page 191
Second Scripture Reading	Psalm 51:10–12	Old Testament page 520
The Sermon	Be Renewed with a Steadfast Spirit	Rev. Campbell

Responding

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

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

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

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian arr. Joel Raney



Sermon Notes

Be Renewed with a Steadfast Spirit
Galatians 5:22–26; Psalm 51:10–12

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m. (virtual)

The session has called our Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted virtually using Zoom. Annual reports will also be distributed digitally for most of our church family. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact Kim in the church office. The Zoom link and agenda will be sent out the week of the meeting.

Worship Registration

Please register for next Sunday's service starting tomorrow at www.firstprestexas.org/home/worship-attendance or scan this QR code with your device.



Current Sermon Series

January Sermons:

January 3rd: Epiphany Sunday – “Morning Glory” Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6

January 10th: “Be Renewed and Take Heart” 2 Corinthians 4:1, 7-12, 16-18

January 17th: “Be Renewed in My Thinking” Ephesians 4:17-24

January 24th: “Be Renewed with a Steadfast Spirit” Psalm 51:10-12

January 31st: “Be Renewed in My Strength Powered by Hope” Isaiah 40:31

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our “Game Day” is almost here! This year we will partner again with the Souper Bowl of Caring organization to “tackle” hunger in our city. We have selected Arlington Charities as our “touchdown” support organization of choice. Here is our “playbook”:

1. Please drop off any soup can donations before Sunday, February 7 in the wooden bins located by the church front office.
2. On Sunday, February 7, you can drop off any soup can donations before or after worship in the wooden bins located in the Narthex.
3. Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office, placed in offering plates between now and game day, or mailed to the church. Our very own youth ministry will be taking all donations collected to Arlington Charities.

On behalf of the youth ministry we thank you so much for your donations! Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at thewellfpc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

High School Girls – It's Time for There{4} Teen Conference 2021!

This year's event will be live-streamed February 19-20 and we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at FPCA to worship. We will be making the necessary preparations to keep everyone as safe as possible.

There{4} connects high school girls with great speakers. The mission of There{4} is to inspire the next generation of girls to boldly live out their identity in Christ. This year's theme is Abide based on John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” We hope each attendee will grow to understand in applicable ways what it means to Abide in Christ.

Schedule of events will be Friday night, February 19 6:30pm-8:00pm and Saturday 8:30am – 2:45pm. Snacks will be provided as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. There is no cost for attendees. Our High School Girls Group sponsors Talita Gottmann and Kristi Carlisle will be hosting this event. To sign up, please email thewellfpc@gmail.com by February 15. Visit www.there4gathering.com for more information.



ATTENTION, LADIES!

February 6, 2021 (10:00 to 11:00 a.m.)

On Your Computer, Tablet, or Cell Phone

Join us virtually as we start this year with the next installment of our “New Year, New Beginnings” series! This year, Martita Lynch, from Gateway Church in Grand Prairie, will return to teach us how to best approach the discipline of studying God’s Word.

\$5 Registration Online

To register, visit the FPCA website (firstprestexas.org)

Get Connected → Adult → Scroll to Women’s Ministry

Registered attendees may pay online, on the FPCA app, or by check (A link to attend will be emailed closer to the event date)

Questions? Call Bev Koch at 817.261.3202
or email womensministry@firstprestexas.org

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!

Preschool Teachers Needed

We are currently looking for qualified teachers to fill part-time positions for our Infant, Toddler, and Pre-K classes. If you are passionate about working with children and want to provide them a safe environment that they may grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and are given opportunities to learn about God’s love, then First Presbyterian Preschool Arlington is just the place for you.

We are accepting applications Monday through Friday from 7:30am -5:30pm. You may apply online at www.fppsarlington.com, call us at 817-274-4051, or simply stop by the office. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, Preschool Staff

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.