

January 31, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourth 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: Jane Leathem

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

*Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people. Help us to become all things to all people that we might reach many with your good news. Amen.*

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**They shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

They shall run and not be weary;

**They shall walk and not faint.**

Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Russell Farnell, tenor

John Rutter

Community Joys and Events

## *Proclaiming*

First Scripture Reading	Psalm 18:30–36	Old Testament page 498
Second Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:21–31	Old Testament page 668
The Sermon	Be Renewed in my Strength Powered by Hope	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 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

God Is My Strong Salvation

Gordon Young



***Sermon Notes***

Be Renewed in my Strength Powered by Hope

Psalm 18:30–36; Isaiah 40:21–31

## Annual Congregational Meeting Today at 2:00 p.m. (virtual)

Today is the Annual Congregational Meeting at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted virtually using Zoom.

### Worship Registration

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



### 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 bin 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](mailto:thewellfpc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**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](http://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](mailto:womensministry@firstprestexas.org)

### Current Sermon Series

- 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 40:21-31

## Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers and Signups

Feel the need to help Arlington area families? During the last year the need for food in our community has increased dramatically. For the last three years, The Mobile Food Pantry has served a growing number Arlington citizens by providing much needed food to families. FPCA has been one of the area churches who have helped distribute food the second Saturday of each month. Your help is needed to ensure there are enough volunteers each month! Click on the link below to let the Mobile Food Pantry know you'll be there on Feb. 13. You can register as an individual or as a group. You're not required to register but it helps to know how many volunteers will be there.

Then just show up at St Andrews United Methodist Church, 2045 SE Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington, TX 76018, between 7:30 and 8 am to put together boxes of food for citizens to drive through and pick up.

Sign up at the link below and help us help those in need!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544a8a829a5f58-mobile>

## 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](mailto:thewellfpc@gmail.com) by February 15. Visit [www.there4gathering.com](http://www.there4gathering.com) for more information.

## 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.