

February 21, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday in Lent

We Wish to See Jesus



## 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: Tina Hanson

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 God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness.  
Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children  
that your goodness may shine through us,  
to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you. Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

**We are the light of the world. Let us worship God.**

Prayer of Confession

**Righteous God, in Christ you became sin for us. You took what we are so that we might become  
what you are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. We confess that too often we do not  
confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for  
us.**

**Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity. You are our stronghold, our hiding place. May we  
confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in you and in the righteousness that  
flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Christ, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

Community Joys and Events

## *Proclaiming*

Anthem	Lord, Make Me an Instrument Russell Farnell, tenor	R. Farnell
First Scripture Reading	1 Peter 1:13–16	New Testament page 232
Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:13–16	New Testament page 4
The Sermon	We Wish to See Jesus: What Do We Believe?	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

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something  
to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human  
likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the  
point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him  
the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in  
heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of  
God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen**

## *Sending*

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Declamation	Craig Phillips
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## ***Sermon Notes***

We Wish to See Jesus: What Do We Believe?

1 Peter 1:13–16; Matthew 5:13–16

## 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.



## 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!

## 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. One Great Hour of Sharing serves individuals and communities in need and provides us with a way to share God's love in over 100 countries.

For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).

## Vaccination Registration

These past nine months have been challenging for us all, and our church is no exception. You have been patient as we have had to navigate the issues of re-opening in-person worship and other in-person activities at FPCA.

We are thrilled that vaccines are available now for those ages 65 and over and/or with underlying conditions, a development that helps us get to our goal of resuming in-person worship for all sooner than we had hoped. Several members of our congregation have gotten vaccinated once, and some are close to receiving their second shot.

We are sending this letter to you in case you haven't had a chance to sign up for your vaccination yet. Sign up is easy! We encourage you to check with your doctor if there is any question about you receiving the vaccine.

**However, if you need assistance in any way registering online or transportation to the vaccination site, please call Kim Lewis at 817-274-8286, and a church volunteer will be assigned to help you.**

Here is how to sign up:

- Go to <https://bit.ly/CovidShot>
- Follow the instructions on your screen

Again, if you need help in any way, please call Kim Lewis at 817-274-8286, and a church volunteer will be assigned to help you. Please check with your doctor if there is any question about you receiving the vaccine.

We look forward to us **ALL** gathering together as a church family as soon as it is safe to do so.