

February 28, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

The Second 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: Larry Stephenson

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

Almighty God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together through their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your name, for the kingdom and the power and the glory are your forever. Amen.

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

By the Holy Spirit, all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to love and serve those with whom they live and work.

We are ambassadors for Christ, who reconciles and makes whole.

We are the salt of the earth;

We are the light of the world.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Anthem	How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them Cassandra Kirby, soprano	G. F. Handel
First Scripture Reading	Matthew 9:35–38	New Testament page 9
Second Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 5:18–20	New Testament page 181
The Sermon	We Wish to See Jesus: What Is Our Purpose?	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

ABERYSTWYTH

Ashley Grote



Sermon Notes

We Wish to See Jesus: What Is Our Purpose?

Matthew 9:35–38; 2 Corinthians 5:18–20

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.



Children's Ministry Zoom Get Together

Children's Ministry Zoom is today at 4:00 p.m. Talk with friends, play games, and have a Bible lesson. The link to join and the passcode are below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85320866536?pwd=ZExtamwxWTR5Y3NSenh1TFJraDMzd09>

Meeting ID: 853 2086 6536

Passcode: 0000

Children's Ministry Picnic/Drive-in/Takeout Luncheon

Children's Ministry picnic/drive-in/takeout luncheon is Sunday, March 7 at noon. We will have cheese pizzas and pepperoni pizzas for families. Come to the FPCA parking lot on the Chapel side to pick-up a pizza and say hello.

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.

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!

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 at firstprestexas.org. 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.

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