

March 14, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Katina Gifford

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 make the sun rise on the evil and on the good, send rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. Give us grace to follow your example and show kindness toward friend and enemy, that we may live as your children who testify to your all-inclusive love. Amen.

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of God.

Brothers and sisters, praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Confession

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way.

We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly.

We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves.

We have sinned against you and done violence to others.

Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling, slander and malice consume us.

Evil runs rampant in our hearts.

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Anthem	Wondrous Love Jane Leathem, soprano	John Jacob Niles
First Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:25–32	New Testament page 194
Second Scripture Reading	Mark 3:1–6	New Testament page 37
The Sermon	We Wish to See Jesus: How Do We Respond to Wrongs?	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

In My Beloved God

Georg Böhm



Sermon Notes

We Wish to See Jesus: How Do We Respond to Wrongs?

Ephesians 4:25–32; Mark 3:1–6

Three Characteristics of Righteous Anger

1. Righteous anger is directed toward things that anger God.
2. Righteous anger mirrors the way God is angry.
3. Righteous anger submits to God's role as ultimate judge.

Six Characteristics of Outrage

1. Disproportionate
2. Selfish
3. Divisive
4. Visceral
5. Domineering
6. Dishonest

Biblical Practices to Prevent Outrage

1. Be quick to listen and slow to anger (James 1:19–20)
2. Reject the impulse to right every wrong (Proverbs 26)
3. Think through what you are trying to accomplish (2 Corinthians 5:18–20)

“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Healthy anger drives us to do something to change what makes us angry; anger can energize us to make things better. Hate does not want to change things for the better; it wants to make things worse.”

– Lewis B. Smedes

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.



Time to Order Easter Lilies!

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out a form and place it in the offering plate during Sunday worship or mail or bring it to the church office. Forms are located in the Narthex, outside the Chapel and in the church office. Cost is \$10.00 per Lily (per dedication). The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 28.

Spring Festival

The Spring Festival will be Saturday, April 3 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Children will be able to hunt for eggs as they arrive. Visit with people outdoors from a distance and enjoy some other activities as well.



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.

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IN THE WORD

—
A Tool for Studying Your Bible



COME ZOOM WITH US!

A 5-WEEK STUDY FOR WOMEN

BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Women's Ministry Team

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

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.

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.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is now live on our website Give button through April 7th.