

March 21, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life. Teach us your way of grace – to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive.

Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. 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 Deep the Father's Love for Us AJ Baker, tenor	Stuart Townend
First Scripture Reading	Luke 6:32–36	New Testament page 64
Second Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:1–2, 8–14	New Testament page 201
The Sermon	We Wish to See Jesus: How Do We Engage the World?	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

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Sending

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Lenten Recessional	Franklin Ashdown
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Sermon Notes

We Wish to See Jesus: How Do We Engage the World?

Luke 6:32–36; Colossians 3:1–2, 8–14

Six Destructive Online Habits:

1. Hollow Advocacy
2. Anonymous Trolling
3. Never Negative
4. Insta-rage
5. Attention Seeking
6. Political Obsessive

Six Principles of Digital Discipleship:

1. Remember that everyone is watching
2. Choose investment over consumption
3. See people, not avatars
4. Make grace the default mode
5. Resist the urge to fight every battle
6. Value authority over freedom

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.



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!

ROOTED IN THE WORD

A Tool for Studying Your Bible



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

STARTS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, AT 7:00 p.m.

This 5-week course will teach us a process to use for studying the Bible, using the book of Philippians to practice this method. The Zoom link and study guide will be emailed to all registered participants before our April 7 launch. There is no cost to join, so we can't wait to see you! To register:

- FPCA Website → Get Connected → Adult
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and fill out the registration form

Spring Festival

Spring Festival 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.



Lenten Services

- * Palm Sunday - March 28, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 2:00 p.m. Drive-in service in the South parking lot
- * Maundy Thursday Service - April 1, 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary
- * Good Friday Service - April 2, 12:00 noon Drive-in service in the south parking lot
- * Easter Sunday - April 4, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 2:00 p.m. Drive-in service in the South parking lot

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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.

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.

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.

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