

April 4, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday



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: Ron MacLeod

Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

11:00 a.m.

The Easter lilies are dedicated to the glory of God.

See dedications on page 5.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices

Gathering

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Preparation for Worship

Holy God, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Responsive Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life, but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Anthem	Hear the Bells Ringing Russell Farnell, tenor	Anne Herring
First Scripture Reading	Isaiah 25:6–9	Old Testament page 652
Second Scripture Reading	Mark 16:1–8	New Testament page 54
The Sermon	I Did Not See That Coming	Rev. Campbell

The Table

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.**

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor



Sermon Notes

I Did Not See That Coming

Isaiah 25:6-9; Mark 16:1-8

Easter Lily Dedications

in honor of:

Kellsie Beran and Abby Mastin - new nurses in the time of Covid19
Our Lord Jesus Christ
Gale Sutton Davis
Russell Farnell Family
Jane Leathem
Our children Greg Ray and Tammy Ray
Our families
Our Family

given by:

Harold and Sandy Thomlinson
Mary Spencer
Anne Richardson
Joan Reynolds
Helen Schrickel
Carole Ray
Sheri and Jim Quick
Roger and Diana Young

in loving memory of:

Emily Berry
Ken W. Burt III
Restituto J. Carampatan
Mitchell Dailey
Milton and Kathryn Edwards
Brenda Grant
My parents: Martha and Bill Hughes
Claudia Johnson
My sister Kay
Pearl Gaines Levingston
Jacqueline Marzano
Jay & Mary Ellen Miller
Harry and Kathleen Moore
Orlando Morales
My Parents
Roger and Mary Glynne Northup
Our family members
Nita Price
Nita Price
Allen Ray
Robert Reagan
Shannon Reagan
Charles Reck
Homer Reynolds
Morris and Jo Ann Stephenson
Mr. and Mrs. Olin D. Thompson
Judy Weurdig
George and Nita Whitenight

given by:

Ronald Berry
Jennifer and Angelina Burt
Marietta P. Carampatan
Kathi, Mike and James Dailey
Larry and Joyce Stephenson
Chris and Chelsea Campbell
Helen Schrickel
Harold and Sandy Thomlinson
Isobel Peden
Anne Richardson
Ron Forte
The Price Family
Kathy Moore
Minda Morales
Adeline Anyambod
Judy and Mike Northup
Sheri and Jim Quick
Richard Price
Her children, Suzanne, Scott and Steve Price
Carole Ray
Darlene Reagan
Darlene Reagan
Judy Reck
Joan Reynolds
Larry and Joyce Stephenson
Tonya Scrabeck
Tonya Scrabeck
Judy and Mike Northup

**“He is not here;
He has risen!”
Luke 24:6**

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 basket 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!

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.



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



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.

Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

- Children's Ministry Luncheon: Sun., April 11 at 12:00 noon
- Children's Ministry Zoom: Sun., April 25 at 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual VBS: July 26-30

Bless Arlington

FPCA is partnering with the City of Arlington and other area churches to provide food boxes to Arlington citizens. The Bless Arlington boxes will include food staples for those dealing with food insecurity.

There are a couple of ways you can participate. You can purchase the items listed below for a complete box of food for about \$20. We are asking that all the items for a box be purchased. (You do not need to provide a box.)

FPCA will serve as one of the collection points for the city so you can bring your items to church on one of the days and times listed below. You can also volunteer to work a shift during the times below to accept food donations. The City will be advertising via their website and social media the locations where citizens can drop off food.

Food Items

(please provide all the items listed below)



1 lb bag rice
1 lb bag pinto beans
1 lb bag black beans
Oatmeal variety pack
Peanut butter 16 oz/Nutella 13 oz
Box of crackers
Box/bag of cereal
Box of fruit snacks
6 pk box microwave popcorn



Drop Off Times

Sunday, April 11 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Monday, April 12 9 am-1 pm
Tuesday, April 13 3 pm-7pm
Wednesday, April 14 9 am-1 pm
Thursday, April 15 3 pm-7pm
(Sunday will be for our congregation only)

Drop off will be done safely in the north parking lot. If you are able to work any or part of the drop off shifts please email Marla Thomas at marla_t@hotmail.com with the days and times you are available.

Please join in this effort as we work to serve those in our community.