

April 11, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
The Second Sunday of Easter



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: Stephen Baker
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

Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

We worship in the Easter light,
for the shadow of death is no match for God's love.

Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

"My Lord and my God!"

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, forgive us, and give us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Anthem	The Lord's My Shepherd Cassandra Kirby, soprano	Bob Chilcott
First Scripture Reading	1 John 1:1–2:2	New Testament pages 238-239
Second Scripture Reading	John 20:19–31	New Testament page 115
The Sermon	My Lord and My God	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

God is My Strong Salvation

Gordon Young



Sermon Notes

My Lord and My God

1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31

“Do not seek to understand in order that you may believe, but believe so that you may understand.”

-Augustine

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 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!

Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

- Children's Ministry Luncheon: Today at 12:00 noon. We will be in the FPCA parking lot on the chapel and playground side of the church. We will have pepperoni pizzas and cheese pizzas. Come get a pizza or two for your family.
- Children's Ministry Zoom: Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual VBS: July 26-30

FPCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is available in the Narthex and outside the Chapel. 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.

Urgent! 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



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.