

April 18, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

## The Third 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: 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, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.*

### Gathering Music

### Call to Worship

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead  
**he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."**

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,  
**bursting in with new life and new hope.**

Easter people, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

### Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

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

### Community Joys and Events

## *Proclaiming*

Anthem	Arise, My Soul, Arise AJ Baker, tenor	Dan Forrest
First Scripture Reading	1 John 3:1–7	New Testament page 240
Second Scripture Reading	Luke 24:36b–48	New Testament page 91
The Sermon	What’s for Dinner?	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

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 45

What benefit do we receive from “the resurrection” of Christ?

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that he might make us share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are now raised by his power to a new life. Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection. Amen.**

## *Sending*

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

This Day in Triumph, God the Son

J. S. Bach



## ***Sermon Notes***

What's for Dinner?

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

1. "Look at me." (36b-40)
2. "He took it and ate in their presence." (31-43)
3. "He opened their minds to understand the scriptures." (44-47)
4. "You are witnesses." (48)

"In Luke's Gospel Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal." – Robert Karris

## Worship Registration

Please register for next Sunday's service starting tomorrow at

[www.firstprestexas.org/home/worship-attendance](http://www.firstprestexas.org/home/worship-attendance) or scan this QR code with your device.



### Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

- Children's Ministry Zoom Meeting, Sunday, April 25 at 4:00 p.m.
- Children's Ministry Luncheon, Sunday, May 2 at 12:00 p.m.
- Children's Ministry Zoom Meeting, Sunday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS): July 26-30

### Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class will start up again on Tuesday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. They will meet each week on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Mary Spencer at 817-689-0526.

### Preschool Teachers/Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for qualified teachers/volunteers to fill full-time/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](http://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

### 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!

