

April 25, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Larry Stephenson
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

We are your people, O God— the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

We gather to worship the Good Shepherd,
who lays down his life for his sheep.

We gather to worship Jesus Christ,
who calls us to lay down our lives for others.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Anthem	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Cassandra Kirby, soprano	arr. Richard Walters
First Scripture Reading	Psalm 23	Old Testament page 501
Second Scripture Reading	1 John 3:16–24	New Testament page 240
The Sermon	Sacrificial Service	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

The People Respond - Amen!

Dan Locklair



Sermon Notes

Sacrificial Service

Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16–24

The MARKS of FPCA:

Missional Discipleship

Authentic Worship

Relational Evangelism

Kingdom Focused

Sacrificial Service

When we believe what we say, then we will do what we believe.

“The good news here is that when we act lovingly, we can be assured that nothing less than the love of God in Jesus Christ is pulsing through our hearts and hands. Jesus Christ, who is the very love of God incarnate, is always present in our acts of love... When we keep the love commandment, we are one with Christ. We abide in Christ, John tells us, and Christ abides in us.” - Ronald Cole-Turner

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!

Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class 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.

Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

- Children's Ministry Zoom Meeting is Today at 4:00 p.m.
- KFC will resume May 2nd in the Fellowship Hall for children 3 years old to 4th grade.
- 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

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.

Join us for a virtual luncheon event
benefiting the children of PCHAS



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and Services™

Wednesday
May 5, 2021

Event Starts at:
12:00 pm (Central Time)

Zoom and additional log-in
information will be provided
through email when you RSVP.

Kindly RSVP
by contacting your table host or:

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