

May 2, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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

11:00 Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod

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

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Preparation for Worship

Lord, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

We gather to praise and worship God,

the one who created us for love.

We gather to worship the true vine,

the one in whose love we abide.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.

Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, 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

Children's Time

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the Fellowship Hall.

Proclaiming

Anthem	The Wonder of It All Bob Watkins, bass	George Beverly Shea
First Scripture Reading	1 John 4:7–21	New Testament page 241
Second Scripture Reading	John 15:1–8	New Testament page 109
The Sermon	Abide in Me	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 spoken

**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

Christ is Alive

Jason Payne



Sermon Notes

Abide in Me

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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.

Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

KFC (Kids For Christ) is back. Children 3 years old to 4th grade will be dismissed part way through the worship service to go to the Fellowship Hall for a time of fun, fellowship, and teaching. Things will be slightly different than they were in the past. So here are some things to keep in mind:

1. We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall.
2. We ask that everyone wear a mask.
3. We will not be providing snacks.
4. We will ask the children to socially distance as a family like they do in the worship service.
5. We will not be singing.
6. We will have games, talk about our week, have a lesson, and have fun.
7. Children will be picked-up from the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

Children's Ministry Pizza Luncheon today after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will be outside by the doors leading to the Fellowship Hall with cheese pizzas and pepperoni pizzas for families with children. Please stop by, pick-up a pizza or two, and say hello to some other families too.

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 meet each week on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If interested, contact Mary Spencer at 817-689-0526.

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. Thank you for your generous support.

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, May 23, 2021. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

The Pentecost Offering unites us to support young people in Christ. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to our First Presbyterian Preschool as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

Stay up to date on the Pentecost Offering on www.pcusa.org/pentecost, twitter.com/pcusa or facebook.com/specialofferings.

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary several weeks before the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our church as well as our country and world. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start and a solid foundation of faith from childhood through young adult.

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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Arlington
Charities Presents

Help & Hope

Celebrity Chef Showcase

Featuring Arlington's Food Network Superstars

Thursday, May 6th, 2021: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

A CAN'T MISS LIVESTREAM EVENT



RANDY FORD

Owner of J. Gilligan's
Irish Nachos Featured On
Bar Food Paradise



AZIZ KOBTY

GM & Busboy
Prince's Lebanese Grill
Featured On *Diners, Drive
Ins, and Dives*

MODERATED BY



O.K. CARTER

Novelist, Columnist, &
Documentary Producer
Former Arlington Publisher
Fort Worth Star-Telegram



HOSTED BY

TONY RUTIGLIANO

CEO of Three Monkeys Co.
Featured On *Downtown
Arlington Roots Podcast*

For More Information, Go To www.arlingtoncharities.org

Arlington Charities - Help & Hope Celebrity Chef Showcase May 6

M&E and Bob Dawson, a board member, along with the FPCA congregation are supporters of Arlington Charities which serves the Arlington community with food and other support services for those in need. Arlington Charities is having their annual fundraiser Help and Hope Celebrity Chef Showcase via live-stream on May 6th starting at 7:00 p.m.

This year's event features Arlington's own Food Network Stars, so make plans to tune in and get a behind the scenes look at being a part of the Food Network! Also there is a drawing of fabulous restaurant events you don't want to miss out on. Please join me in supporting AC by going to www.arlingtoncharities.org to register for this free event. (Drawing tickets are also available for a chance to win some fabulous food packages!!)