

May 9, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

The Sixth 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: Chelsea Campbell
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

*Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world.
Amen.*

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

We gather to worship as people of Easter,
people who know life is stronger than death.

We gather to worship as children of God,
children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.

We gather to worship as the body of Christ,
the church called out for service in the world.

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' 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 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Richard Walters
Cassandra Kirby, soprano

Children's Time

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

First Scripture Reading 1 John 5:1–6 New Testament page 241

Second Scripture Reading John 15:9–17 New Testament page 109

The Sermon You're My Best Friend 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.**

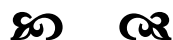
§ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all
things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's
purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Gordon Young



Sermon Notes

You're My Best Friend

1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17

Aristotle's three kinds of friendships:

- 1) Useful
- 2) Pleasurable
- 3) Virtue, or of the good

We are chosen for:

- 1) Joy
- 2) Love
- 3) Friends of Jesus
- 4) God's partners; Kingdom ambassadors

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 Zoom Meeting, Sunday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS): July 26-30

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!

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.