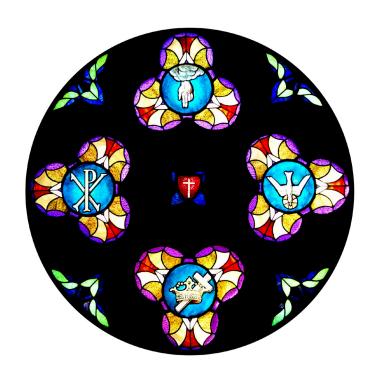
February 12, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany



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 Liturgist: Adrian Rodriguez Lay Leader: Clara Formusoh Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation. § Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices. Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your pew.

Gathering

Prelude He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! David Cherwien

Prayer for Preparation

Gracious and loving God, our lives are defined in many ways.

We may be parents or children, responsible for others or to others, members or non-members.

Who we are is often a result of our choices.

Help us to use this gift of decision wisely and to enhance our relationships with you. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit Alleluia Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Call to Worship

Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,

Who seek God with their whole hearts. Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God Lasst Uns Erfreuen

§ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods;

we have turned our hearts away from you.

Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other.

Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:15–20 Old Testament page 186

Children's Time

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

Anthem Shout with Joy to God John Purifoy

Shout with joy to God all the earth! Come and sing the glory of His name. Offer Him glory and praise to His name.

Come and see what God has done, how wondrous are His mighty works. He turned the sea into dry land. Come, let us sing and rejoice, sing to His name.

Let the sound of praise be heard, he has preserved our lives. He keeps our feet from stumbling or falling. He has refined us like a silver, and brings us to a place of rest.

I will come to Your temple and offer my vows to You, vows my lips and mouth have spoken in times of fear.

Come, listen, all you who fear God, let me tell what He has done for me. He heard the voice of my prayer and His praise shall forever be my song!

> Shout with joy to God all the earth! Come and sing the glory of His name. Offer Him glory and praise!

Gospel Reading Luke 23:1–3 New Testament page 88

Sermon DTR: Choices Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 518 Your Only Son LAMB OF GOD

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.

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory Songs of Praise African Praise Choir

\$ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

§ Affirmation of Faith from Colossians 1:15–20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 756 O God of Every Nation Llangloffan

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude The Church's One Foundation David Cherwien

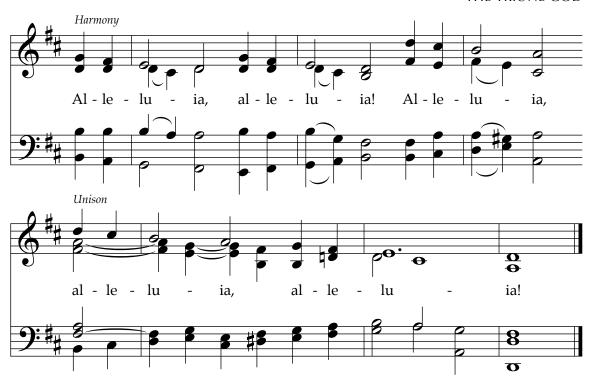
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Sermon Notes

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God



This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.



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Your Only Son

Lamb of God



John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.



If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

Souper Bowl of Caring Canned Food Drive

You can drop off any canned soup donations before or after worship in the wooden bins located in the Narthex, and near the Fellowship Hall.

Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office, placed in offering plates between now and game day, or mailed to the church. Our very own youth ministry will be taking all donations collected to Arlington Charities.

On behalf of the youth ministry we thank you so much for your donations!

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at thewellfpca@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Ash Wednesday Services

Imposition of Ashes—February 22, at noon and 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel



Lenten Study Coming Soon

Be sure to order your copy of The Lent Experience Journal by Eric Ferris—available from Amazon and other online booksellers. Need help optioning a copy? Just contact the church office.



Weekly Calendar Sunday 2/12 New Member Class in Library 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship in Sanctuary 11:00 am Tuesday 2/14 Senior Flexibility Class 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 10:30 am **HOPE Tutoring** 6:30 pm Wednesday 2/15 Men's Bible Study 8:00 am Quilting 10:00 am Memorial Service for Frank Coburn 11:00 am Ring of Praise Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm **CWF** Bible Study 7:00 pm Thursday 2/16 **HOPE Tutoring** 6:30 pm

Congregational Care Team Meeting

Senior Flexibility Class

Friday 2/17

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Frank Coburn, the family of Bob Bohlmann, Bobbie Fowler and family, Gala Dubois, Bettye Burdett, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Hydock Family, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Gary Lindley, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jim L. Quick, Tonya Scrabeck, Esther Teboh, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble, Beverly Johnson

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Ryan Powell, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Barbara Hughes, Charlene Miller, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright, Polly Baugh, Lucy Cleaver, Madge Casselman, Elizabeth Harris

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

Staff Directory

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9:30 am

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Syria-Turkey Earthquake



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in the aftermath of the 7.8- magnitude earthquake and its aftershocks in Syria and Turkey. Thousands are reported dead and injured, numbers that will rise as search and rescue continues. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. In some places, such as Aleppo, this destruction is compounding the damage of the now 11-year war in Syria.

PDA is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas. PDA will remain active throughout the recovery process, accompanying our partners as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by this catastrophic earthquake?

GIVE: PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/give-STearthquake, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR999999-ST earthquake" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



PRAY: God of mercy, we join in prayer for our siblings in Syria and Turkey, and all other regions affected. In the face of the terrible images that come to us, we ask that your Spirit, O God, once again move in the midst of chaos and destruction. May you provide protection, energy and strength through your presence.

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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.





PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

- God of mercy, we join in prayer for our siblings in Syria and Turkey, and all other regions affected. In the face of the terrible images that come to us, we ask that your Spirit, O God, once again move in the midst of chaos and destruction.
- May your Spirit be with the first-responders, neighbors putting their lives at risk to help those around them, and anyone assisting during this time of emergency. May you provide protection, energy and strength through your presence. Be with them as they search for loved ones, guide them during the long hours and allow them to find hope through your Spirit.
- Dear God, as the days go by, provide wisdom and discernment to the local government agencies. May they be instruments of your grace as they care for the people affected. That they may receive help and support from countries near and far, and that, as they provide assistance, may there be enough for everyone.

As the stories are shared, and the recovery process begins, may your Spirit be with those who will be called to listen and to be agents of peace and hope.

Dear God, be with those

who weep,

who are angry,

who have lost hope,

who mourn out loud and in silence,

who don't know what the future will bring.

May the prayers of your children rise to you.

May they feel your presence and comfort in the embrace of a stranger,

your love in the care of their neighbors and loved ones,

your grace in every word and every silence,

and may your Spirit mourn with them and bring healing.

We pray that you may guide us as we look for ways to share your compassion and hope with those who suffer. That we may be ambassadors of your peace, your mercy and your abundant love.

Through Jesus, who weeps with those who weep and heals every heart, amen.

-Rev. Edwin González-Castillo, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance