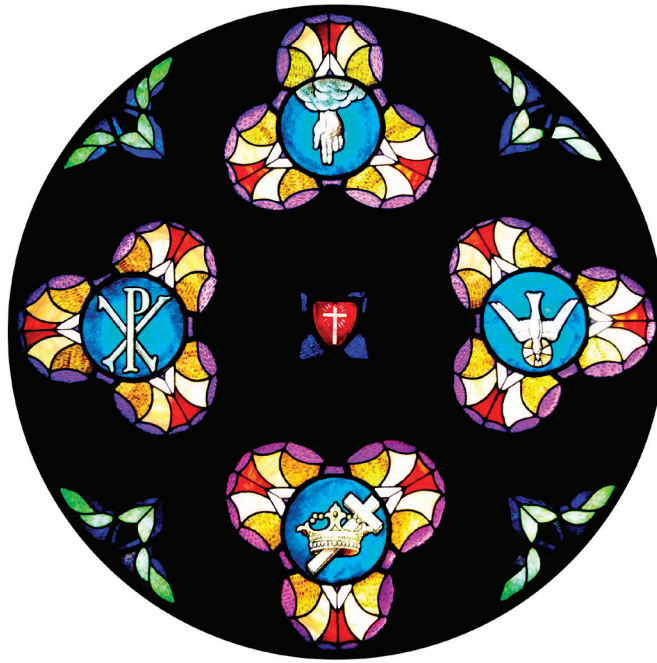


February 26, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The First Sunday in Lent



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: Sonia Ellis
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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Christina Becket

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, as we devote these forty days to you,
shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord,
so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death
with the promise of eternal life. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Create in Me a Faithful Heart

IRISH

Call to Worship

Come to the Lord, **who is rich in grace;**

Approach our God, **who is full of mercy.**

We will praise God with all our heart and glorify the name of the Most High forever.

§ Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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§ Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way,
yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness.**

We have hungered after that which does not satisfy.

We have compromised with evil.

We have doubted your power to protect us.

Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.

Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways, and delight in doing your will.

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.

Proclaiming

Epistles Reading

Galatians 5:13–17

New Testament page 190

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Create In Me (Psalm 51)

Dennis and Nan Allen

Shina Heo, director Cheryl Harris, piano

*Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit in me.
Lord, do not cast me away from your presence, or take Your Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of salvation and give me a spirit that's willing.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1, 16–18

New Testament page 5

Sermon

The Lent Experience: Fasting

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 421

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life

IRISH

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

Ah Holy Jesus

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ 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

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 89, 90

What is the dying of the old self?

Sincere sorrow over our sins, and more and more, to hate them, and to flee from them.

What is the birth of the new self?

**Complete joy in God through Christ,
and a strong desire to live according to the will of God in all good works. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

We Thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, That You Have Died for Us

J. S. Bach



Sermon Notes

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life 421

(Psalm 51)



1 Have mer - cy, God, up - on my life, and
 2 My guilt is heav - y on my mind; I
 3 Now teach me wis - dom in my soul; I
 4 Cre - ate in me a faith - ful heart, a
 5 Then I will praise you with my heart, my



make me clean with - in: pour out your ev - er -
 know what I have done: a - gainst your jus - tice
 long to see your face. Let bones, once bro - ken,
 spir - it right and new. Sus - tain me with your
 mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and



faith - ful love and wash a - way my sin.
 I have sinned, a - gainst you, God, a - lone.
 sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.
 sav - ing love and keep me close to you.
 seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

Psalm 51, paraphrased here, has traditionally been known as one of the seven penitential psalms, and it is used annually on Ash Wednesday. But this psalm is not just about human sinfulness; it is also about God's willingness to forgive and restore sinners. That is good news.

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

New Members



Emily Lynne Ledesma

Emily loves coming to church to sing in the choir and connect herself to generations of singers by singing traditional music. Emily is a sophomore at UTA studying music education and teaches private voice lessons at a studio in Mansfield. Emily is excited to be a part of the church family.



David and Jan Humphry

Dave and Jan have lived in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area since 1979, first in Lancaster, then from July 2000 to 2018 in Cedar Hill. In July 2018, Jan and Dave moved in Mansfield, TX, downsizing their living space. They are living at Ladera Mansfield now. They enjoy a little travel, eating out with friends, and have taken a number of enjoyable ocean and river cruises.

Dave enjoys playing pickleball on Ladera's outdoor court, and elsewhere. His other interests include following sports, reading, and family genealogy.

Jan very much enjoys knitting, and, at Ladera, is in the needles club, and reading club. She enjoys walking the paths at Ladera.



Dave and Jan were members of First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, TX, since 1979, and transferred to First Presbyterian Church of Dallas in 1998.

Both Jan and Dave are active in Bible study groups, and Dave enjoys leading a group.

Volunteers Needed!

We are thrilled to announce that FPCA will produce a youth and children's musical depicting the story of Noah and the flood, called A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE. The musical is June 10th, and we need people of all ages to bring this story to life! If you are crafty, handy, can sew, paint, or just want to be an extra set of hands, starting in March we are going to need help to begin building this show.

Please contact Sonia Ellis at SONIAJUSTL@GMAIL.COM or call the church office for more information or to volunteer.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the chapel and sanctuary or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls. The children will receive fish boxes and information about OGHS in Sunday School and KFC to collect donations. Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for over 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The offering gifts are divided between three programs—Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see www.pcusa.org/oghs.

Mentors and Prayer Partners Needed

Will you be a mentor or prayer partner for children? In partnership with Kids Hope USA and Blanton Elementary we are looking for adults who will mentor children for 1 hour a week at Blanton Elementary for the rest of the school year.

Each mentor will be partnered with 1 student and will meet with that student each week to talk, play games, read, and/or do schoolwork. Each mentor needs a prayer partner to pray for them and the student being mentored. Many students are struggling socially and/or emotionally and being a mentor can be a great help to these children.

Blanton Elementary reached out to Kids Hope asking for a church to provide mentors. We have said that we will. We will have a group training session with Kids Hope material in the near future.

Please contact Kyle Terwilliger by email at kyle@firstprestexas.org if you are interested in being a mentor or prayer partner.

Lenten Study

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



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 2/26

New Members Class	9:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am
Children's Ministry Luncheon	12:00 pm

Tuesday 2/28

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm

Wednesday 3/1

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:00 am
Ring of Praise Handbells	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm

Thursday 3/2

HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
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Friday 3/3

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Frank Coburn, the family of Bob Bohlmann, Bobbie Fowler and family, 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

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