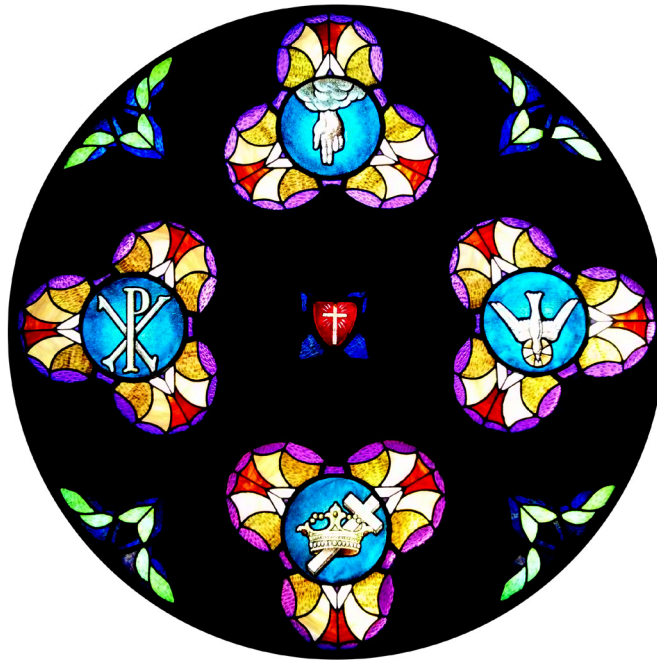


March 12, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Third 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: Colton Campbell

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

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

Prayer for Preparation

Loving God, remind us that we are here because you invite us, seek us, come to us, and embrace us.

We are here because as a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, you seek us when we are lost.

As a woman searches for a lost coin, you rejoice when we are found.

Teach us to give thanks. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Call to Worship

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.

O come, let us worship the Lord!

§ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

§ Prayer of Confession

Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace.

You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.

We hide our eyes from your presence.

We do not listen to your word.

We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing.

Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands,

and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. 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.

Sacrament of Baptism

§ 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.**

Proclaiming

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 9:28–31

Old Testament page 439

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

Richard Farrant

Blessing Akosu, soprano Edrea Akosu, alto Ryan Farnell, tenor Russell Farnell, bass

*Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and ever more. Amen.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1–10

New Testament page 78

Sermon

The Lent Experience: Repentance

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 63

The Lord Is God

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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

*Come and join us in the morning train, for the evening train will be too late.
My Lord, who rendered his life for us, what have I (you, we) done for him.*

*He died on the cross for you and me. He gave his life for all of us.
Move on don't be frightened; The savior understands no turning back again.*

§ 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.**

Sending

§ Hymn 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Our Father in Heaven

Felix Mendelssohn



Sermon Notes

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the piece.

The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28–29/Luke 10:26–28).

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

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.



Holy Week

April 2 – 9

Palm Sunday Service	11:00 AM
Maundy Thursday (next door at First Christian Church)	7:00 PM
Good Friday Choral Service (FPCA Sanctuary)	7:00 PM

Save the Date: “The Well” Youth Ministry Events

March 18 – Group Dynamix
May 7 – UTA Baseball Game
May 21 – Senior Sunday

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 Presbyterian Children's
Homes and Services™

SAVE THE DATE!

May 2, 2023

12:00 pm

Ridglea Country Club
3700 Bernie Anderson Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76116

*A luncheon event
benefiting the
children of PCHAS*

RSVP
Maria Shupe
254.230.4517
maria.shupe@pchas.org

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.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/12

Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary

9:45 am
11:00 am

Tuesday 3/14

Senior Flexibility Class
Women's Bible Study

9:30 am
10:30 am

Wednesday 3/15

Men's Bible Study
Quilting
Ring of Praise Handbells
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
CWF Bible Study

8:00 am
10:00 am
6:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

Friday 3/17

Senior Flexibility Class

9:30 am

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Graciela Lopez Montero, Jim and Jamee Shroyer, 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

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, 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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