March 19, 2023 First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Scott May 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

Our Father in Heaven

Felix Mendelssohn

Prayer for Preparation

Lord God, Great I Am, you are resurrection and life. As we worship you this day show us who we are: bearers of good news,messengers of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Prelude

Alleluia

Taizé Community

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack. God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name. God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over! Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

§ Prayer of Confession

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely.

Through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray. 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

Psalm 23 <i>Refrain</i>		Responsive Reading		
	me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my	fears, from death in-to life.		
he leads me beside sti <i>Refrain</i> He leads me in right pa Even though I walk th I fear no evil, for you <i>Refrain</i> You prepare a table befo	rd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in g ll waters; he restores my soul. ths for his name's sake. hrough the darkest valley, are with me; your rod and your staff, they com ore me in the presence of my enemies; vith oil; my cup overflows.	-		
Surely goodness and m	ercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ne house of the Lord my whole life long.			
Old Testment Reading	Leviticus 19:9–10	Old Testament page 106		
Children's Time Children (age 3 to fourtl	h grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (K	FC) in the Fellowship Hall.		
Anthem	Wondrous Love	Paul Christiansen		
	ve is this, O my soul! That caused the Lord of life t be is this, O my soul! That Christ should lay aside What wondrous love, O my soul!			
Gospel Reading	Matthew 6:1–6	New Testament page 5		
Sermon	The Lent Experience: Almsgiving	Rev. Campbell		
Responding				
§ Hymn 649	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	Amazing Grace		
on earth as it is in hea	rd's Prayer heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom co aven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forg tors: and lead us not into temptation, but delive	give 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 Were You There? Craig Phillips § 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 Westminster Confession of Faith (Modern English) Good works are only those works identified as good by God and commanded by him in his holy Word. They do not include other works, no matter how well intentioned in design or zealously promoted by men. These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance of salvation, edify their brothers in the Lord, and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel. Good works in believers silence the criticism of the enemies of the gospel. They also glorify God by showing that believers are the workmanship and creation of Jesus Christ, because their aim is that holiness of living which leads to eternal life. Amen. Sending

§ Hymn 757	Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples	Kingsfold	
§ Charge and Benediction			
Postlude	Lord, to You I Make Confession	Robert Powell	



Sermon Notes

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



THANKSGIVING



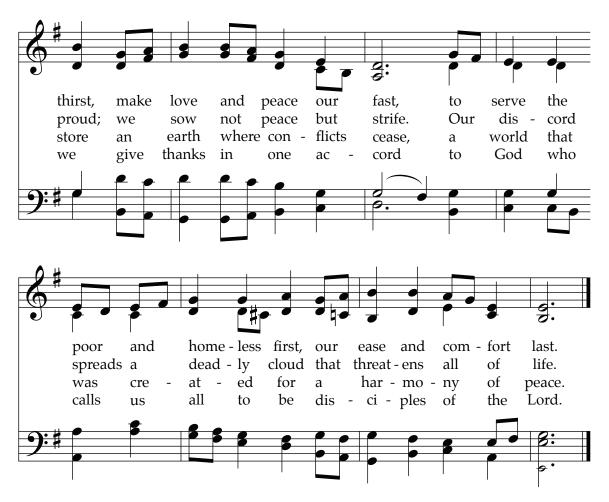
As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION





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
Easter Sunday Service	11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Easter morning breakfast at 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be serving homecooked breakfast casseroles.

Everyone is invited!



Save the Date: "The Well" Youth Ministry Events

May 7 – UTA Baseball Game May 21 – Senior Sunday

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.

Weekly Calendar		Prayer Ministry
Sunday 3/19		Duran for the second state and state and state
Sunday School	9:45 am	<i>Prayers for those with health and other concerns:</i>
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am	Graciela Lopez Montero, Jim and Jamee Shroyer, Bettye
Youth and Children's Music Ministry	12:45 pm	Burdett, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell,
	_	Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, the
Monday 3/20		Hydock Family, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Gary
Monday Night Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm	Lindley, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jim L. Quick, Tonya
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Tuesday 3/21		Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am	Prayers for family in the armed forces:
Women's Bible Study	10:30 am	
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm	Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil
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Wednesday 3/22	8:00 am	Robbie Wallace
Men's Bible Study Quilting		Duarrana fan arrin hanna harrin dua amhana
Ring of Praise Handbells	6:00 pm	Prayers for our home-bound members:
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Barbara Hughes, Charlene Miller, Betty Snowden, Dee
CWF Bible Study	=	Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright, Polly
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Thursday 3/23		
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm	Prayers for those who do not know Christ
Session Meeting	7:00 pm	
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Friday 3/24		
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am	If you have any congregational care needs, contact
Kids Night Out	6:00 pm	Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or
		jim@firstprestexas.org

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