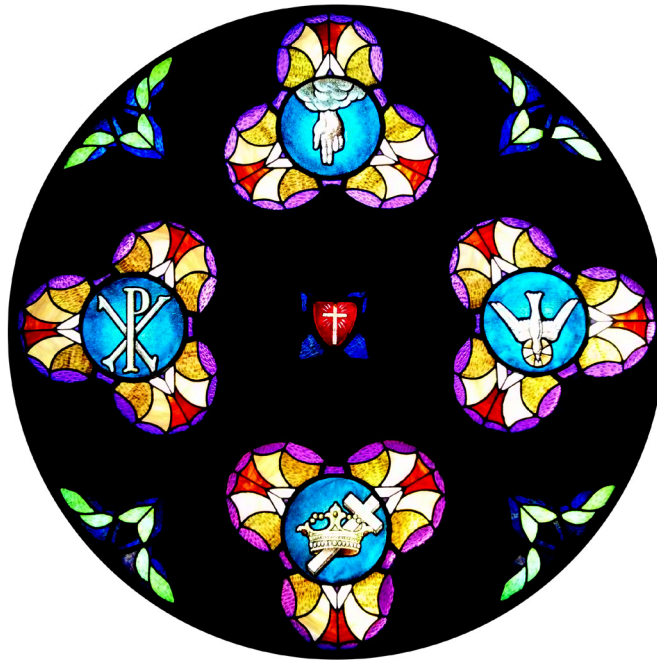


March 26, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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: Adeline Abam

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

Fuga

Felix Mendelssohn

Prayer for Preparation

*O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us.
You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us.
Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold.
We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

God Now Proclaims

Jane Parker Huber

Call to Worship

People of God, bless the Lord,

Bless God's holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

So great is God's steadfast love for us.

§ Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you.

You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.

You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

Take pity on us and forgive us, God.

Help us to forgive.

Help us to live for you.

Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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 130:1–8

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Lord, from the depths to you I cry; Lord, hear my prayer.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, **so that you may be revered.**

Refrain

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, **and in his word I hope;**
my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Refrain

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord, there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Refrain

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

Old Testament page 48

Children's Time

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

Anthem

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg

*Light after darkness, gain after loss, strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears, home after wandering, praise after tears.*

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end, He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear. He is making all things new.*

*Sight after mystery, sun after rain, joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom, love after loneliness, life after tomb.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21–35

New Testament page 20

Sermon

The Lent Experience: Forgiveness

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

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

Rondo

Stan Pethel

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

§ 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. 56

What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

**That, for the sake of Christ's reconciling work, God will no more remember my sins
or the sinfulness with which I have to struggle all my life long;
but that he graciously imparts to me the righteousness of Christ
so that I may never come into condemnation. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 772

Live into Hope

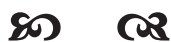
TRURO

§ Charge and Benediction

§ Postlude

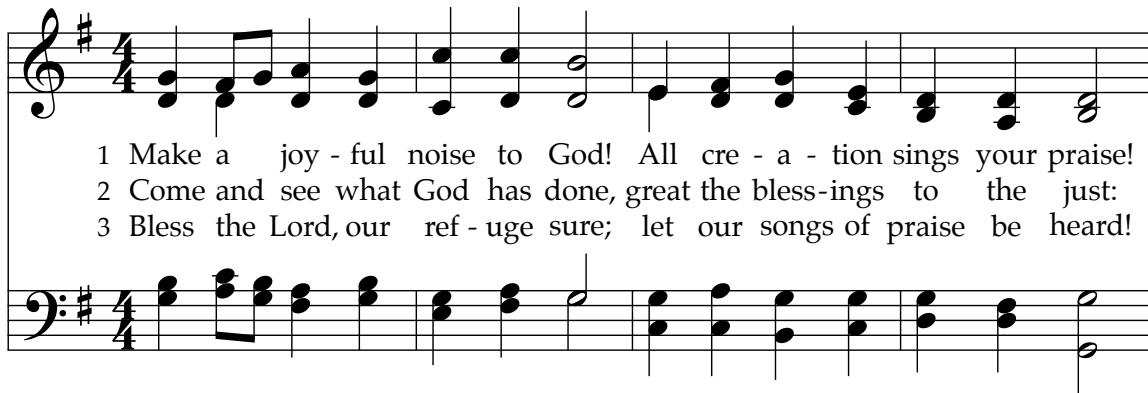
Toccata

Louis Vierne

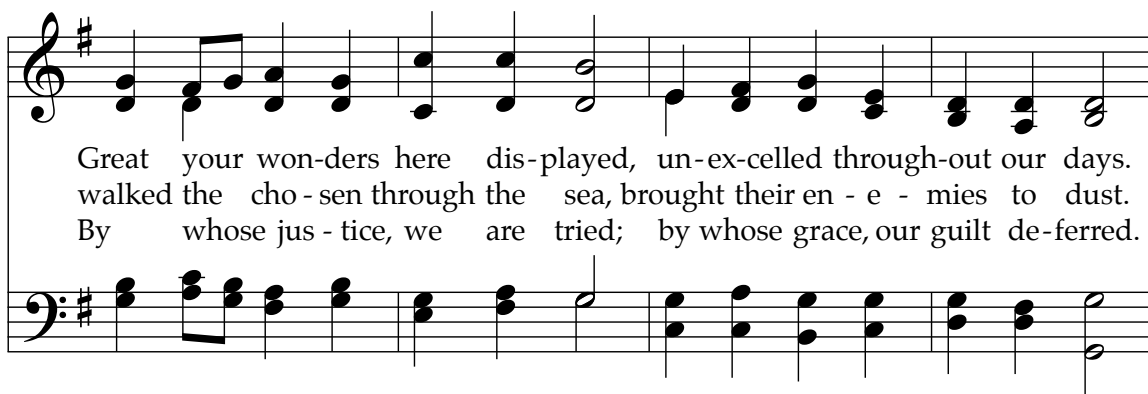


Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

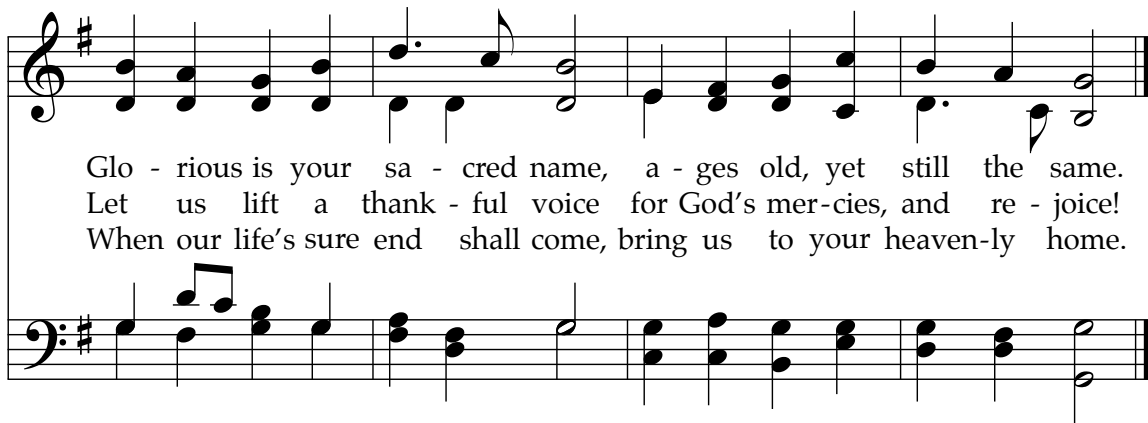
(Psalm 66)



1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless-ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!



Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de-ferred.



Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer-cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven-ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous-ness.
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Sermon Notes

Time to order Easter Lilies!

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, fill out the form at the Narthex. You may place it in the offering basket on Sunday or mail or bring it to the church office.

There is also a digital form on the website Give button.

Cost is \$14.00 per lily dedication. The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 2.



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
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. There will be no Sunday School classes offered on Easter Sunday so that everyone can enjoy the food and fellowship. Home-cooked breakfast casseroles will be served.

Everyone is invited!

Spring Festival

Saturday, April 1 at 3:00 p.m.

The Spring Festival will be Saturday, April 1 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. for families with children in 6th grade and younger.

Come have some fun as a family and invite other families to join you.

We will have an Easter egg hunt, giant bubbles, the playground, and a bounce house with a small slide.

The egg hunt will start at 3:50 p.m.

“The Well” Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

May 7 – UTA Baseball Game

May 21 – Senior Sunday

Spring 2023 Bible Study for Women

Tuesday, April 18, to Tuesday, May 23

6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Understanding God's character is foundational to worship, the spiritual discipline we are highlighting this year. This Tuesday evening study will explore the richness of God's character and teach us how best to reflect those attributes in our own lives. The study guide is \$10, and if you register and pay by April 1, we will order yours for you. You can register later if you wish to order your own study guide.

Online registration:

- FPCA Website (firstprestexas.org) - Our Ministries - Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

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Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

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 to Maria Shupe
303.718.9619 maria.shupe@pchas.org
or Marge and Bob Dawson
817.980.6825 mdawsonarltx@gmail.com

As your FPCA table hosts, we'd like to invite everyone to attend the luncheon that is both a "development event" and a chance to learn what services PCHAS provides. We view development in the broader sense that you might respond by supporting their services as a volunteer or a foster or adoptive parent - you might also be someone who doesn't know about, but needs, PCHAS services.

The luncheon menu is Chicken Francese, as an alternate let us know if you prefer a vegetarian or gluten-free plate.

Hope you can attend - Marge and Bob Dawson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/26

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am
Children's Ministry Luncheon	12:15 pm
Youth and Children's Music Ministry	12:45 pm

Tuesday 3/28

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

Wednesday 3/29

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 Meeting	7:00 pm

Thursday 3/30

HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
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Friday 3/31

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 4/1

Spring Festival	3:00 pm
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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

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

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