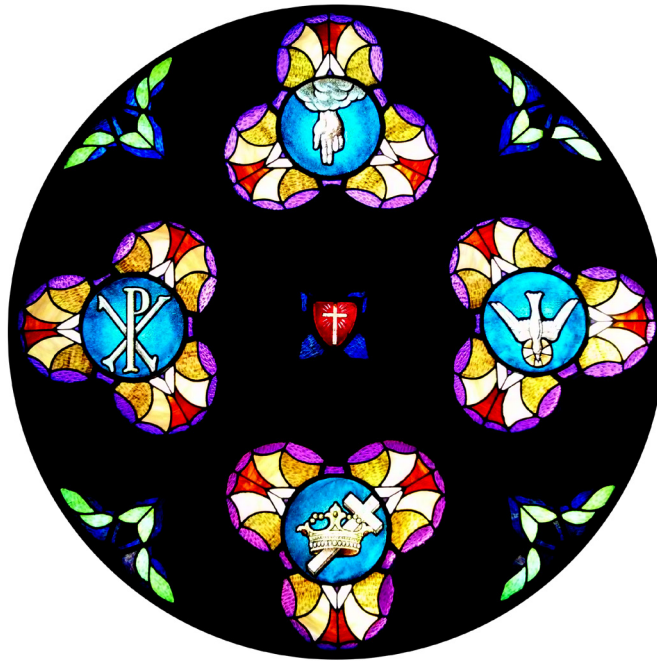


May 14, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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: Chelsea Campbell

Organist: Cheryl Harris

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

Prélude au Kyrie from 8 Pieces for Organ
Shina Heo, organ

Jean Langlais

Prayer for Preparation

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah!

CLEVELAND

Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

Let the sound of praise ring out.

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

The Lord who has made everything!

§ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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§ Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments;
we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear.**

**Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

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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

Psalm 66:8–20

Responsive Reading

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; **we went through fire and through water;**

yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22–28

New Testament page 137

Children's Time

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

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
even the spirit of truth.*

Gospel Reading

John 14:15–21

New Testament page 109

Sermon

Easter Close Up: Still Here

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 670

From the Rising of the Sun

RISING SUN

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

African Praise Choir

*I know the Lord right in my heart. He died for me on Calvary.
He rose again on a glorious morn. He came again to take me home.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, thank you Lord.*

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Sing alleluia, Jesus Christ saves me (us) (is Lord).*

§ Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Sending

§ Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

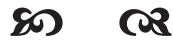
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§ Charge and Benediction

§ Postlude

Introduction from 60 Short Pieces

Flor Peeters



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,

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

From the Rising of the Sun 670

(Psalm 113)

From the ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down
of the same, the name of the Lord shall be
praised. From the ris - ing of the sun to the
go - ing down of the same, the name of the Lord shall be
praised. So praise ye the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord. From the
ris - ing of the sun to the go - ing down of the same,
the name of the Lord shall be praised.

This paraphrase of Psalm 113:3 concisely represents the psalm beginning the group called the Egyptian *Hallel* (113–118) used at all major Jewish festivals. One of these may have been what Jesus and his disciples sang at the conclusion of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30/Mark 14:26).

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Senior Sunday

Please join us Sunday, May 21st during the 11 a.m. worship service to celebrate our graduating seniors at First Pres. We are so proud of them for all the faithful work they have put in towards this joyous accomplishment. Not only their accomplishments in the classroom, but also the way they have been a representation of Jesus Christ to their peers and the world.

Please join us immediately after the 11 a.m. service for a reception in the parlor to celebrate and congratulate our high school seniors.

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

The Pentecost Offering unites us to support young people in Christ. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

Stay up to date on the Pentecost Offering on www.pcusa.org/pentecost, twitter.com/pcusa or facebook.com/spoecialofferings.

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary several weeks before the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our church as well as our country and world. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start and a solid foundation of faith from childhood through young adult. The theme this year is Building a Life of Faith. The Bible verse is from Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, to give you a future with Hope".

VBS 2023 Registration Link

Vacation Bible School is June 5-9, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children 4 years old to 6th grade will enjoy games, arts and crafts, a Bible lesson, snacks, and spending time with friends. The theme this year is Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere. Vacation Bible School is free. Please use the QR code to register.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 5/14		
New Members Class		9:45 am
Sunday School		9:45 am
Worship in Sanctuary		11:00 am
Monday 5/15		
Women's Bible Study		6:00 pm
Tuesday 5/16		
Senior Flexibility Class		9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study		10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring		6:30 pm
Spring Women's Bible Study		6:30 pm
Wednesday 5/17		
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 5/18		
HOPE Tutoring		6:30 pm
Friday 5/19		
Arlington Choral Festival		9:00 am
Senior Flexibility Class		9:30 am
Saturday 5/20		
Children's Musical Set Preparation		1:00 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Jo Ann Quick and her family, Susie Thurston, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, the family of Elizabeth Harris, Gary Lindley, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Bill and Helen Moulton, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Michael Njei and his family, Tonya Scrabeck, Jim and Jamee Shroyer, Lorna Snyder, 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, Ryan Powell, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Peyton Steeno, Robbie Wallace, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

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

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