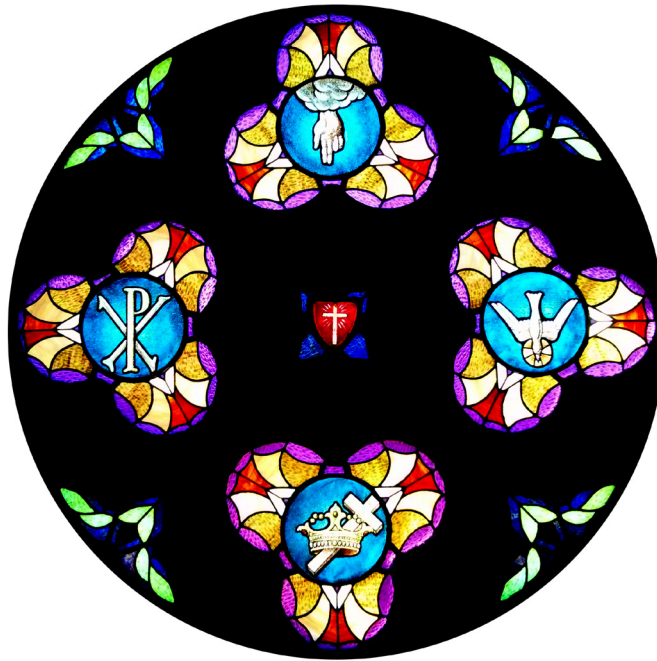


May 21, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Seventh 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: Stephen Baker

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

Easter Rejoicing

Linda Lamb

Ring of Praise Handbells Shina Heo, guest director

Prayer for Preparation

O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah!

CLEVELAND

Call to Worship

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

For God reigns over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout!

Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

§ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

§ Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,

our love for others can be faint,

our prayers are often timid,

and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.

When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you,

you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power,

through the grace 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.

Proclaiming

Psalm 68:1-4; 32-35

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Sing praise to your Mak - er, O sing ev - er - more.

Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; **let those who hate him flee before him.**

As smoke is driven away, **so drive them away;**

as wax melts before the fire, **let the wicked perish before God.**

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; **let them be jubilant with joy.**

Refrain

Sing to God; **sing praises to his name;**

lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—**his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; **sing praises to the Lord,**

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens, listen; **he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

Refrain

Ascribe power to God, **whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.**

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, **the God of Israel;**

he gives power and strength to his people. **Blessed be God!**

Refrain

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

New Testament page 111

Children's Time

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

Anthem

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. Michael Cox

*I know that my Redeemer lives; Glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah!
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive, and the lost is found. Glory, hallelujah!
He lives, he lives who once was dead. Glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting head. Glory, hallelujah!
He lives, all glory to his name! Glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus still the same. Glory, hallelujah!*

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:6-14

New Testament page 118

Sermon

Easter Close Up: What Do We Do Now?

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

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

Tocatta for Bells

Wayne Bisbee

Ring of Praise Handbells Shina Heo, guest director

§ Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 53

How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

Christ's exaltation in his ascension began after his resurrection when he appeared to the apostles a number of times, talked to them about the kingdom of God, and commissioned them to preach the gospel to all nations. Forty days after his resurrection, in our human nature and as our head, he visibly went up into the highest heavens, triumphing over enemies. There he receives gifts for men, raises our minds, and prepares a place for us, where he himself is and shall continue to be until his second coming at the end of the world. Amen.

§ Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

§ Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Laura Farnell

Zora Anyambod and Edrea Akosu, graduating seniors

§ Postlude

Allegretto Ben Ritmo

Robert Casadesus



667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

630

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

Senior Sunday

This morning during the 11 a.m. worship service we are happy 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 5/21

New Members Class	9:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am
Children's Lunch	12:00 pm
Children's Musical Rehearsal	12:45 pm

Tuesday 5/23

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Spring Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm

Wednesday 5/24

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 5/25

Session Meeting	7:00 pm
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Friday 5/26

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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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, Gary Lindley, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Bill and Helen Moulton, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, 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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