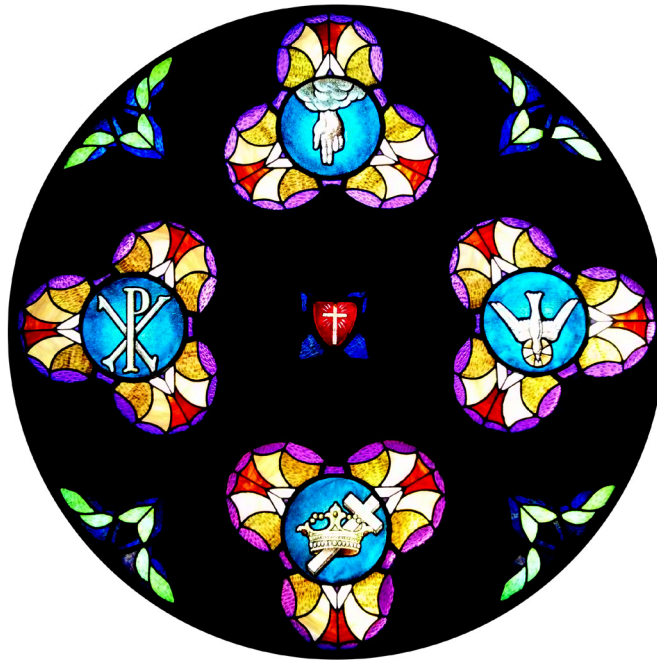


January 28, 2024

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany



## Following Jesus, Transforming Life

### ***Mission Statement:***

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell

Lay Leader: Sonia Ellis

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 row.*

## ***Gathering***

Prelude

My Faithful Heart Rejoices

Johannes Brahms

The Light of Christ

Colton Campbell, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

*Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of peace. Teach us now. Heal us so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

**Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

**The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.**

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**Come! Let us give thanks to God.**

Introit

Teach Me to Pray

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

§ Prayer of Confession

**Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will.**

**We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown.**

**We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.**

**We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible.**

**Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. 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 111

Responsive Reading

*Refrain*



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
**in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord, **studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honor and majesty is his work, **and his righteousness endures forever.**

*Refrain*

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; **the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him; **he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

He has shown his people the power of his works, **in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

*Refrain*

The works of his hands are faithful and just; **all his precepts are trustworthy.**

They are established forever and ever, **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;

**he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

**all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

*Refrain*

### Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the 200 hallway.

Anthem

Come and Follow Me

Robert Cohen

*Follow, come and follow me, leave all that you have behind.*

*Follow, come and follow me, all my blessings you will find.*

*Follow me, follow me, I'll show you the way to life.*

*Let your heart just believe that my peace will end your strife.*

*Follow, come and follow me, see the miracles I do.*

*Follow, come and follow me, greater things I'll do through you.*

*Follow me, follow me, let your praise my love proclaim.*

*Come, my true servants be. Spread through all the world my name.*

*Follow, come and follow me, let my Spirit lead the way.*

*Follow, come and follow me, to the Kingdom's brand new day!*

*Follow me, follow me, let my grace your soul renew.*

*Take my bread, and receive my abundant life in you.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:36-46

New Testament page 30

Sermon

Persistence

Rev. Campbell

## *Responding*

§ Hymn 710

We Are an Offering

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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

Naiades

Louis Vierne

§ Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

**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*

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 178

What is prayer?

**Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit;  
with the confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies. Amen.**

§ Hymn 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

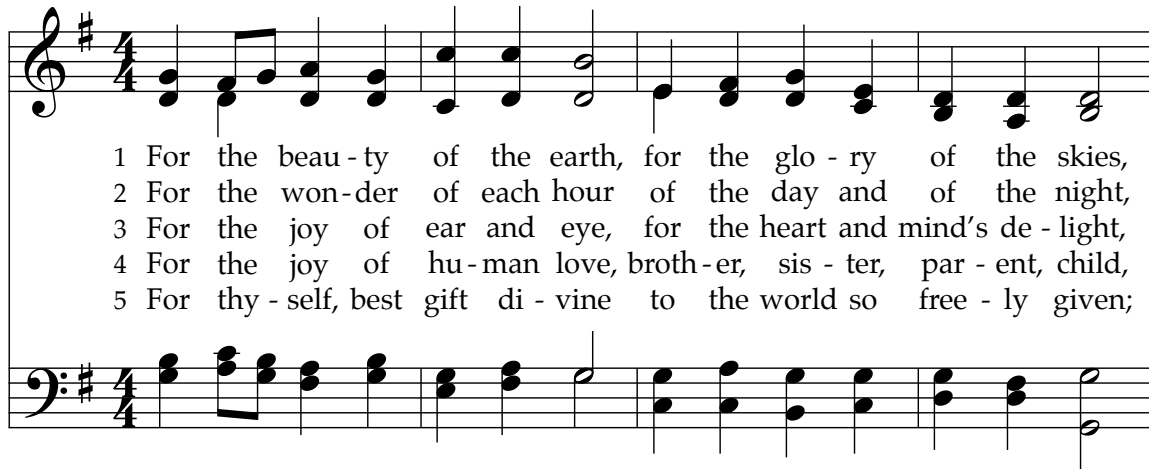
Toccata for a Joyful Day

Emma Lou Diemer

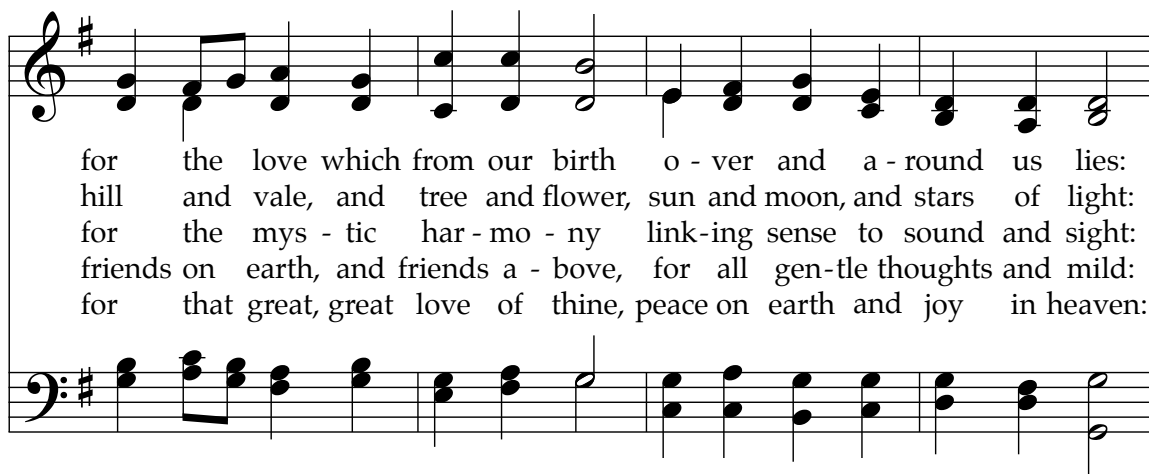


## For the Beauty of the Earth

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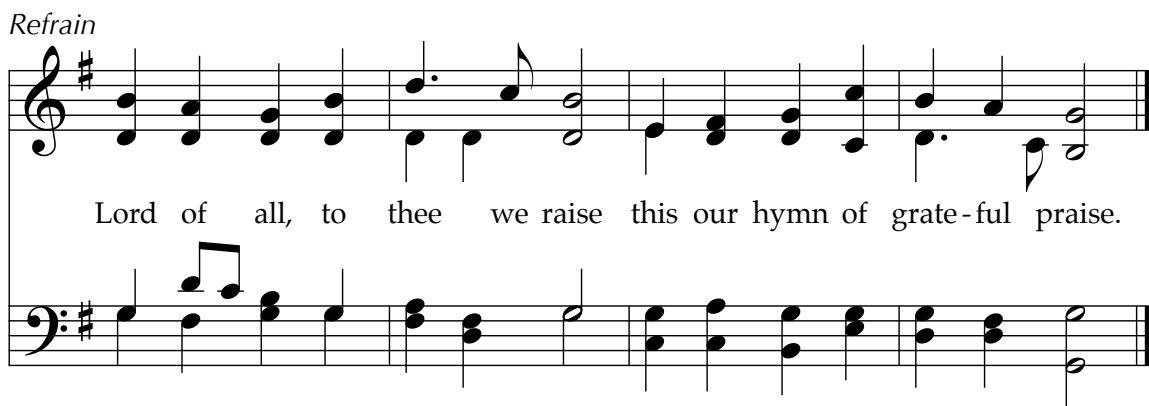


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

## We Lift Our Voices

710

## We Are an Offering

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

# 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

*Unison*

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -  
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing  
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -  
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

*Harmony* *Unison*

broad. En - throned a - bove the  
 light. The wil - der - ness can -  
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in  
 cease: Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.  
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:  
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:  
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

THE TRIUNE GOD

*Harmony*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

This musical system is for the 'Harmony' part. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties.

*Unison*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This musical system is for the 'Unison' part. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The system ends with a double bar line.



## Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth

Sunday, January 28

We will have our monthly luncheon for families with children or youth this Sunday, January 28th in the parlor after the worship service. With the Congregational Meeting happening immediately after worship, Kyle and leaders will walk all KFC kids to the parlor to begin eating. Parents, with this change in our regular schedule, please go directly to the parlor to pick up your kids, enjoy a meal with other families, and get some information

## SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 4

The Fellowship Team will be serving the “Souper Bowl of Caring” lunch immediately following the Church Service on February 4th in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy a delicious meal of taco soup, fruit, cookies, and drinks. Everyone is invited.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Our “Game Day” is almost here! It’s that time of year again, as we look to partner with the Souper Bowl of Caring organization to “tackle” hunger in our city. We have selected Arlington Charities as our “touchdown” support organization of choice again this year. Here is our “playbook”:

1. Please drop off any canned soup donations before Sunday, February 11 in the wooden bins located by the church front office.
2. On Sunday, February 4 (Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch day) you can drop off any canned soup donations in the wooden bins before or after worship or bring them to the fellowship hall during our lunch after service.
3. On Sunday, February 11 (the day of the actual Super Bowl) you can drop off any canned soup donations before or after worship in the wooden bins located by the front office.
4. Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office, placed in offering plates between now and game day, or mailed to the church. Our very own youth ministry will be taking all donations collected to Arlington Charities.

On behalf of the youth ministry we thank you so much for your donations!

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at [thewellfpca@gmail.com](mailto:thewellfpca@gmail.com) if you have any questions!



## MO Ranch Men’s Conference

FPCA has reserved a group of 9 spots for our men of the church to attend the 2024 Men’s Conference at MO Ranch. The dates this year are May 3-5. A group of us attended last year and on the drive back someone asked, “How do we get more guys to go next year?” I think that says it all! To reserve your spot, a deposit of \$75 is required. You can write that check out to FPCA. Please visit <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/mens-conference-2/> for more details and feel free to email Pastor Chris with any questions.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/28

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Luncheon for Families with Children	12:00 pm
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm

Monday 1/29

Tuesday 1/30

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm

Wednesday 1/31

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc.	10:30 am
Ring of Praise Handbells	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Meeting	7:00 pm

Thursday 2/1

Friday 2/2

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 2/3

## Prayer Ministry

### *Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

Eleanor Schernbeck, Ken Floyd, Jerry Tees, Harold Thomlinson, Sherry Wolfe, Sheri Quick, Charlie Nieman, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Tina Paulk, Aileigh Rodriguez, Tonya Scrabeck, David Spencer, Alecia Street, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble, Carlos and Jennyfer Zamora

### *Prayers for family in the armed forces:*

Amie Murtha, Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young

### *Prayers for our home-bound members:*

Polly Baugh, Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Barbara Hughes, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight

### *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](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org)

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