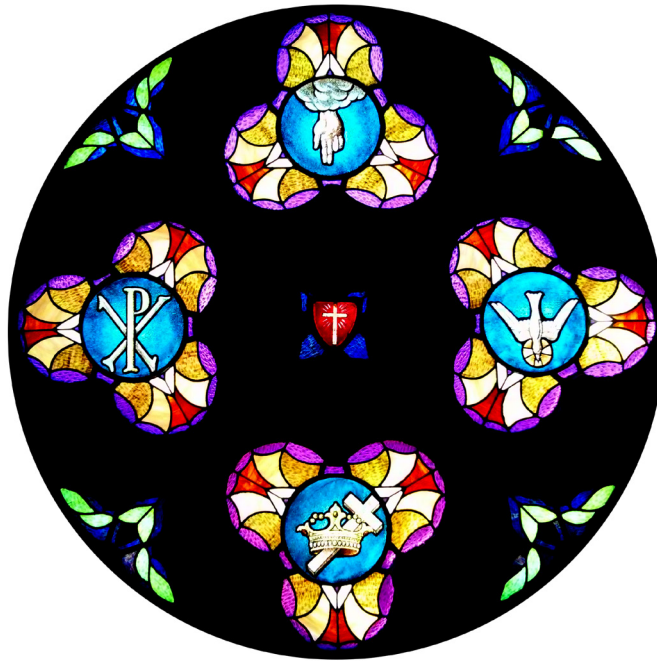


February 18, 2024  
First Presbyterian Church  
The First Sunday in Lent



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

***Mission Statement:***

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

Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell  
Lay Leader: Larry Stephenson  
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

Rock of Ages

Robert Powell

The Light of Christ

Will Farnell, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

*Lord God, we gather in this place not because we are deserving of your love and not because we have lived faithfully before your face. We gather here because you have called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, thanking you. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! You are great, and greatly to be praised. As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

**For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.**

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

**For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.**

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

**For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.**

**O come, let us worship the Lord!**

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

§ Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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§ Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

**We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.**

**We condone violence and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.**

**Teach us your commandments.**

**Help us to turn from evil in its many guises.**

**Turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In Christ's name we pray. 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 25:1–10

Responsive Reading

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;** do not let me be put to shame; **do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

**let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; **teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

**for they have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord; **therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right, **and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

## Children's Time

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

Anthem

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

arr. Tony Alonzo

Cheryl Harris, organ

*My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.*

*In pastures green you make me feed beside the living stream.*

*You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake your ways, and lead me,  
for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay.*

*One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.*

*Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread,*

*My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.*

*O may your house be my abode and all my work be praise!*

*There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;*

*No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:12–15

New Testament page 35

Sermon

Learning in the Wilderness

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 165

The Glory of These Forty Days

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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

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

§ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

The Larger Catechism Q. 48

How did Christ humble himself in life?

**Christ humbled himself in life by subjecting himself to the Law, which he perfectly fulfilled, and  
by struggling with the indignities of the world, the temptations of Satan, and the infirmities  
in his flesh, whether common to the nature of mankind or particularly accompanying his low  
condition. Amen.**

§ Hymn 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Age Past

Johann Sebastian Bach



## 49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

## 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the chapel and Fellowship Hall or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls. The children will be receiving Fish Boxes for their contributions which can be returned on Palm Sunday. Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for over 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The offering gifts are divided between three programs- Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).



## 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 2/18

New Members Class	9:45 pm
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm

Monday 2/19

Tuesday 2/20

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

Wednesday 2/21

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 Study	7:00 pm

Thursday 2/22

Session Meeting	7:00 pm
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Friday 2/23

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Kids Night Out	6:00 pm

Saturday 2/24

## Prayer Ministry

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

The family of Bud Smith, Alicia Street, the family of Edna Collins, Eleanor Schernbeck, Ken Floyd, Jerry Tees, Harold Thomlinson, Sherry Wolfe, Sheri Quick, Charlie Nieman, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, 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, 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*

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