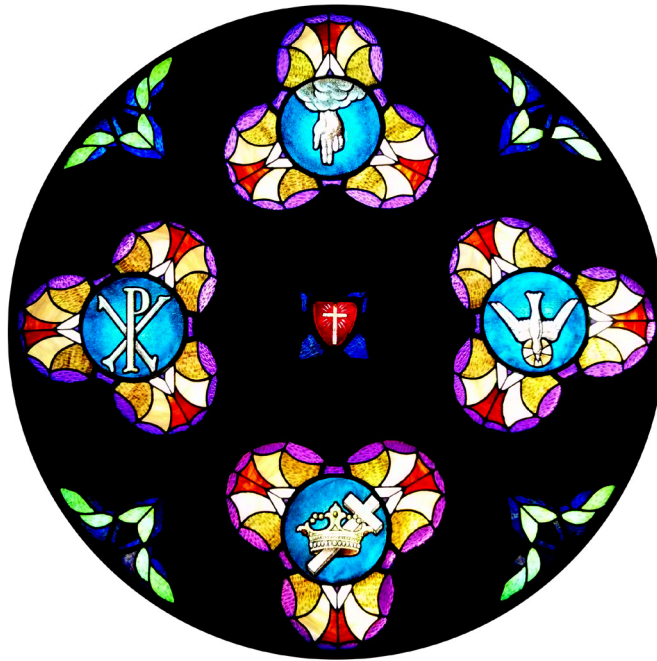


February 25, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Second 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: Ross Dill
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

Oh, How Blest Are They

Healey Willan

The Light of Christ

Colton Campbell, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

God, our Strength and Redeemer, in this gathered community, there are some who are struggling in the wilderness at this moment. Give them peace and strength to sustain them through this difficult time and the assurance that you are present even in the most desolate wilderness. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is no stranger to our wilderness times, Amen.

Welcome, Recognition of New Members, and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

Introit

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

ELLACOMBE

§ Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

§ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.

We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.

We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.

We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

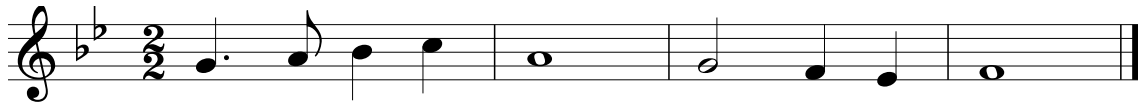
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 22:23–31

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.

Refrain

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; **my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Refrain

For dominion belongs to the Lord, **and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Refrain

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:12–15

New Testament page 35

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Lead Gently, Lord

Clif Cason

Shina Heo, conductor Cheryl Harris, organ

*Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,
and ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak;*

*That I may turn my face through doubts obscurity towards thine abiding place,
even though I cannot see.*

*For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,
save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.*

*Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall,
I know not where to go, unless I hear Thy call.*

*My fainting soul doth yearn, for Thy green hills afar
so let Thy mercy burn, my greater guiding star!*

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

New Testament page 180

Sermon

Challenges in the Wilderness

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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

Christ, You Lamb of God

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ 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

Heidelberg Catechism Q.86

Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences through Christ without any merit of our own, why must we do good works?

Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood, he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness, and that he may be glorified through us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ. Amen.

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Chorale Prelude

Healey Willan



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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.

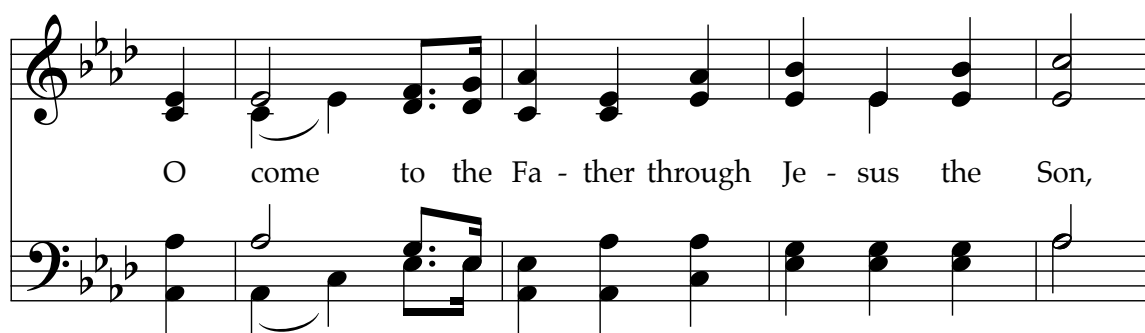
This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

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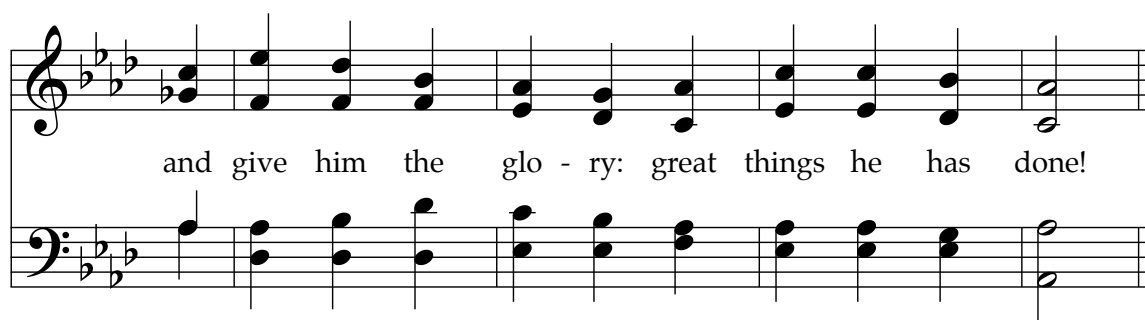
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



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!

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The musical score is written for a vocal part and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords, and the vocal line has a melodic line with some grace notes and a final cadence.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

New Members



David and Danielle Haury

David and Danielle Haury grew up in Oklahoma, met at Oklahoma State University in engineering class, became good friends, and ultimately got married in 2011.

After getting his Master's, David worked in Tulsa for several years before they moved to the Philly area in 2018 where he worked for Boeing as a Material and Process Engineer.

Danielle's second career is nursing; she has been an RN since 2019 and has worked in both primary care and hospital settings.

While at Wallingford Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania, they were active in church and participated in multiple committees, choir & bell choir, small instrumental groups, volunteered, and served as a trustee (David) and deacon (Danielle).

They moved to north Arlington with their pets in January 2024 for a job opportunity for David at Bell Flight in Hurst, where he currently works.

Danielle has a wide variety of hobbies including knitting, fiber spinning, weaving, playing the flute, (learning the cello), singing, gardening and canning, cooking, watching TV, and reading. She also loves animals and wildlife.

David enjoys learning about native plants and wildlife, singing, playing the trumpet (and other brass instruments), arranging music for small wind ensembles, staying up-to-date on geopolitics, playing doubles tennis, and all things Star Wars.

New Members



Brenda Chifu Muring

My name is Muring Brenda, and I'm originally from Cameroon. I'm a proud member of the Presbyterian community, having been baptized and confirmed in the faith. In 2019, I relocated to the United States and began attending First Presbyterian Church in Garland. After moving to Arlington in 2021, I joined the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington family. I'm grateful to be married and pursuing my academic goals as a Biology major at UTA. I'm excited to be part of this community and look forward to growing and serving alongside you all.



Kerry and Karen Wiggs

Kerry and I have been married for 46 years. Kerry came from a Baptist background and I was raised in Church of Christ. After we got married we joined the United Methodist church. We came to FPCA last year in search of a loving and friendly church home.

We have 2 kids. Ashley is married to BJ and they have a 9 year old daughter, Kaitlyn. Tyler is married to Ryan and they have 3 children, Wade 13, Charlie 9, and Maggie 6. We spend our time enjoying watching our grandkids playing baseball, softball, soccer and basketball, and picking them up from school twice a week.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March 31

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Easter morning breakfast (March 31st) from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving home-cooked breakfast casseroles.

Everyone is invited.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 2/25

New Members Class	9:45 pm
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Luncheon for Families with Children and Youth	12:00 pm

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Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
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Monday 2/26

Tuesday 2/27

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

Wednesday 2/28

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 2/29

Friday 3/1

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 3/2

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Alicia Street, the family of Bud Smith, 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, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Tina Paulk, Aileigh Rodriguez, Tonya Scrobeck, 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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