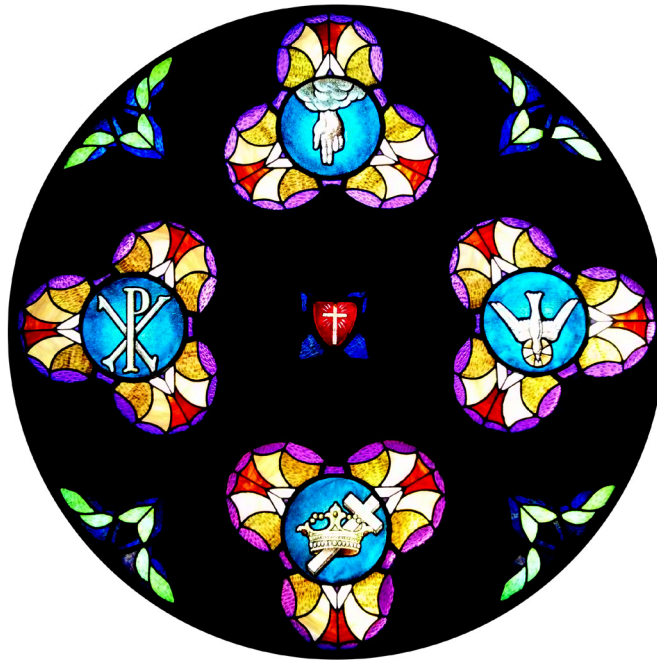


March 17, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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: Susan Malone

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

David Bednall

The Light of Christ

Will Farnell, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Gracious and loving God, there are those who are dwelling in a dry, desolate, and lonely wilderness. As they struggle, help them know that they do not struggle alone. Help them know your presence and find comfort and strength to endure. And help us, O God, remember that you call us to be present in another's wilderness as those called to minister in Jesus' name. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

His grace is sufficient for us.

Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing,

Not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God.

Introit

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

§ Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

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§ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.

You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.

You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us.

Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders that you work in the world every day.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

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 119:9–16

Responsive Reading

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; **do not let me stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your word in my heart, **so that I may not sin against you.**

Blessed are you, O Lord; **teach me your statutes.**

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts **and fix my eyes on your ways.**

I will delight in your statutes; **I will not forget your word.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Agnus Dei from Requiem

Maurice Duruflé

*Agnus Dei,
qui tolis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.*

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest.*

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7b–10

New Testament page 185

Sermon

Comfort in the Wilderness

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

JERNIGAN

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

Who has the final say? Jehovah has the final say.

Jehovah turns my life around.

He makes a way where there is same no way.

Jehovah has the final say.

My God is a good God. Yes, he is.

He lifts me up, and he turns me around.

He sets my feet upon a solid rock.

§ 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

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

§ Hymn 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed

Johann Sebastian Bach



Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519

You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (C)
F C Dm7 Am F

**F*

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea-sure that I

(Dm7) (C) (G7) (C) (G7) (C) (G)
Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) (Em) (C) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)
Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 B^b F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G) (C) (G7)
F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

**F*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!


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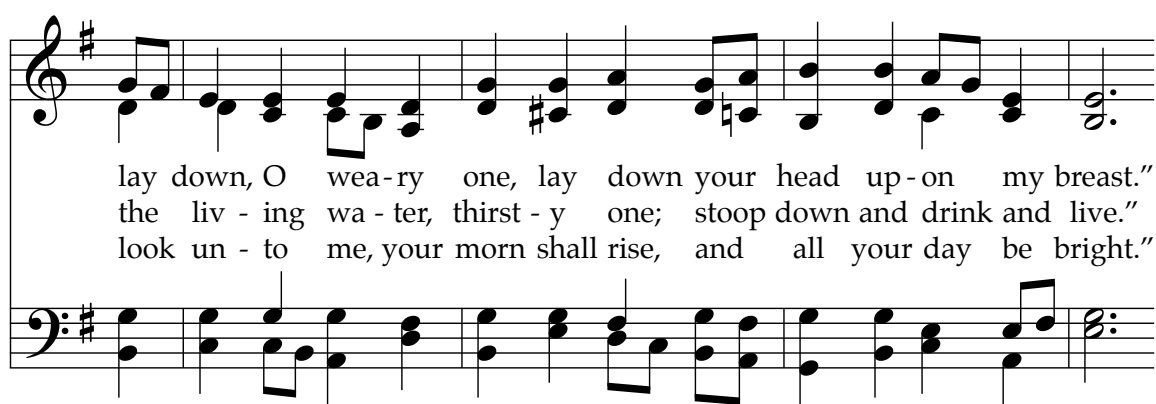
**May be sung as a canon.*

The expression "all in all," meaning "everything," owes much of its endurance in English usage to its appearance in 1 Corinthians 15:28, though many phrases leading up to it here have parallels in Hebrew Scripture. The second section echoes the song to the Lamb in Revelation 5:12.

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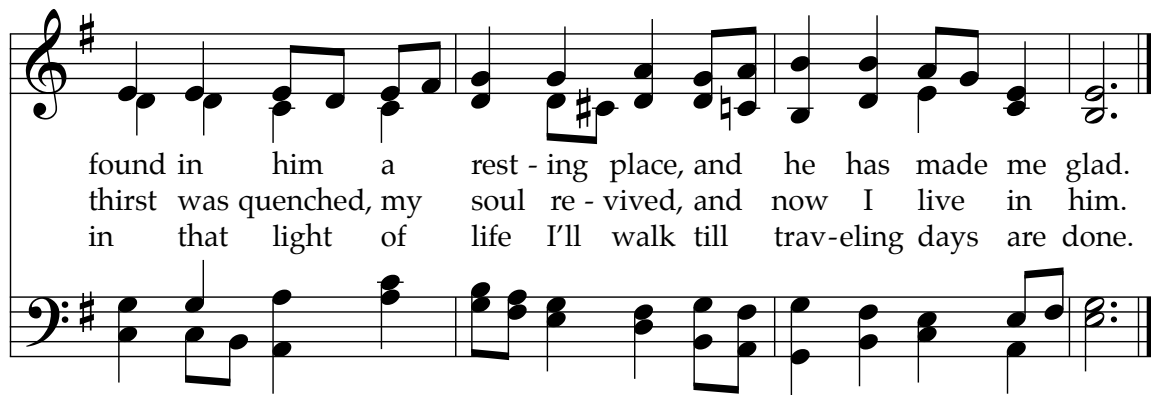


1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done."

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).



Time to order Easter Lilies!

Order by Sunday, March 24

If you would like to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday,
fill out the form provided outside the Fellowship Hall.

You may place it in the offering basket on Sunday or send a mail or bring it to the church office.

There is also a digital form on the website Give button.

Cost is \$14.00 per lily dedication. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 24.



Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, May 25 through August 10

FPCA is hosting an Embrace Grace group from May 25 through August 10 (12 weeks), each Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Embrace Grace is a support group for single, pregnant women and an opportunity for the church to show God's love, making it a place of love, not judgment. Areas we need volunteers (men and women) include: group participation (women only), hospitality (snack), childcare, baby shower planning, gift/donation gathering, Spanish translation, transportation, prayer intercession, volunteer management, and more.

If you are interested in demonstrating God's love in one or more of these roles, or even one we have not thought of, please stop by the volunteer table outside of Sunday service (before or after) and/or contact Katina Gifford. 817-565-3835 (call or text).

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

By Sunday, March 24

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 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.

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.

We will be serving home-cooked breakfast casseroles.

Everyone is invited.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/17

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

Monday 3/18

Tuesday 3/19

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

Wednesday 3/20

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| 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 |

Thursday 3/21

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| Session Meeting | 7:00 pm |
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Friday 3/22

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

Saturday 3/23

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Polly Baugh, 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 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:

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

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