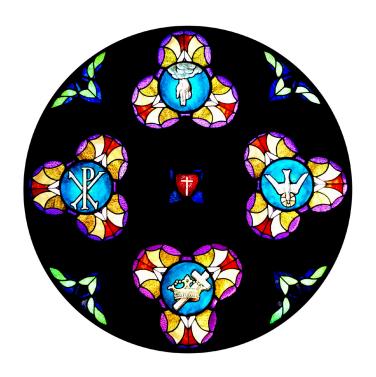
March 24, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday



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 Preaching: Adrian Rodriguez Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod 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 Keep Us, Lord, Faithful to Your Word

James Biery

The Light of Christ

Sterling Hunking, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we, too, might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit Hosanna Processional

Joanne LeDoux

Children's Music Ministries Singers Emily Ledesma, director

Call to Worship

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior and give thanks for this daythat leads to the cross! **Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!**

Fill the air with the welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

§ Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Voluntary

Were You There

arr. Shannon Annen

Children's Music Ministries Chimes Shannon Annen, director Wyatt Annen, violin

Children's Time

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

§ Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity.

Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation.

We pray in Jesus' name. 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 118:24–29 Responsive Reading



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Refrain

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, **up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Refrain

Gospel Reading Mark 1:12–15 New Testament page 35

Anthem Sanctus Dave and Jean Perry

Gloria! Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Sing we, "Holy, holy, holy," to our Lord forevermore, To the God of our salvation, in our hearts we all adore. Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory, holy is the Lord of Hosts. Unto thy name, hosannas we sing, "Hosanna in excelsis Deo!"

Holy, holy be thy name; blessed now and evermore.

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14–21 New Testament page 181

Sermon New Beginnings Out of the Wilderness Adrian Rodriguez

Responding

§ Hymn 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

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 Cantilena David Blackwell

§ 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

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

§ Hymn 212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed Martyrdom

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude The King's Majesty Matthew Corl

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197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196



These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed





Spring 2024 Bible Study for Women

Tuesday, April 9, to Tuesday, May 21 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

The spiritual discipline we are highlighting this year is rest. This Tuesday evening study will trace the theme of rest from Genesis to Revelation, show us how to truly find rest in Jesus Christ, and help us discover how God brings His people everlasting rest.

The study guide is \$10, and if you register and pay by April 1, we will order yours for you. You can register later if you wish to order your own study guide.

Online registration:

- FPCA Website (firstprestexas.org) → Our Ministries → Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

Women's Ministry Team

Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth

Sunday, March 24

We will have a luncheon for families with children or youth along with everyone in CMM/YMM Sunday, March 24, after the worship service in the Parlor. Come visit with other families and find out what is going on in the children's and youth ministries.

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.

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.

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.

Spring Festival

Saturday, March 30

The Spring Festival is Saturday, March 30, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Families can enjoy a bounce house, inflatable slide, giant bubbles, and an egg hunt. The egg hunt will start at 3:50 p.m. It will be a great time for families with children in 6th grade and younger.

Weekly Calendar **Prayer Ministry** Sunday 3/24 *Prayers for those with health and other concerns:* Sunday School 9:45 am Eleanor Schernbeck, Ken Floyd, Jerry Tees, Harold Worship Service 11:00 am Thomlinson, Sherry Wolfe, Sheri Quick, Charlie Luncheon for Families with Children 12:00 pm Nieman, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Youth and Children's Music Ministries 12:45 pm Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Pat May and Monday 3/25 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, Tuesday 3/26 Senior Flexibility Class 9:30 am Danny Womble, Carlos and Jennyfer Zamora Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:30 am **HOPE Tutoring** 6:30 pm *Prayers for family in the armed forces:* Amie Murtha, Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young Wednesday 3/27 *Prayers for our home-bound members:* Men's Bible Study 8:00 am 10:30 am Quilting, etc. Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Barbara Hughes, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight Ring of Praise Handbells 6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm *Prayers for those who do not know Christ* **CWF** Meeting 7:00 pm Thursday 3/28 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm Friday 3/29 Senior Flexibility Class 9:30 am If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

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Saturday 3/30

Spring Festival

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