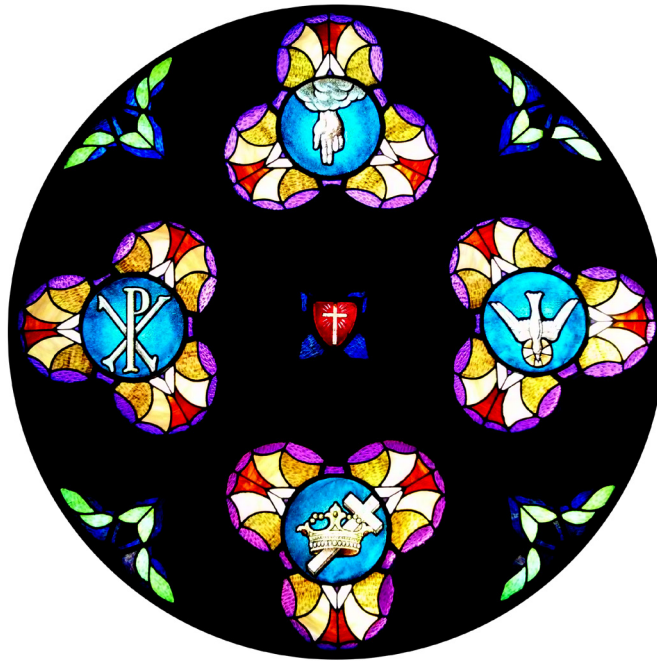


April 14, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Third Sunday of Easter



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: Lona Watkins

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 The Strife Is O'er Robert Lau

The Light of Christ Emily Abam, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers bring peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The Word of life opens our ears.

The risen One shows us God's own brokenness,

And by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Introit Earth and All Stars! EARTH AND ALL STARS

§ Hymn 14 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

§ Prayer of Confession

**Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation,
misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness.**

We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us.

We beg your mercy for our fallen world.

We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always.

We ask this as your children, holy and incomplete.

Forgive us and lead us. 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 4

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Lord, hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; **the Lord hears when I call to him.**

When you are disturbed, do not sin; **ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

Refrain

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart **more than when their grain and wine abound.**

I will both lie down and sleep in peace, **for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

Refrain

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:1-7

New Testament page 240

Children's Time

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

Anthem

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Robert J. Powell

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

He speaks; and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:40-52

New Testament page 59

Sermon

The Family Business

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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1 Choir

2-3 Congregation

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

We give praises, glory, and thanks to the Lord. He reigns.
Only Jesus can save. Hallelujah, amen!

Winner, O Jesus you do win. Jesus you go win forever, winner.
Loser, O Satan you do lose. Satan you go lose forever, loser.

§ Doxology

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**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 Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

§ Hymn 26

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

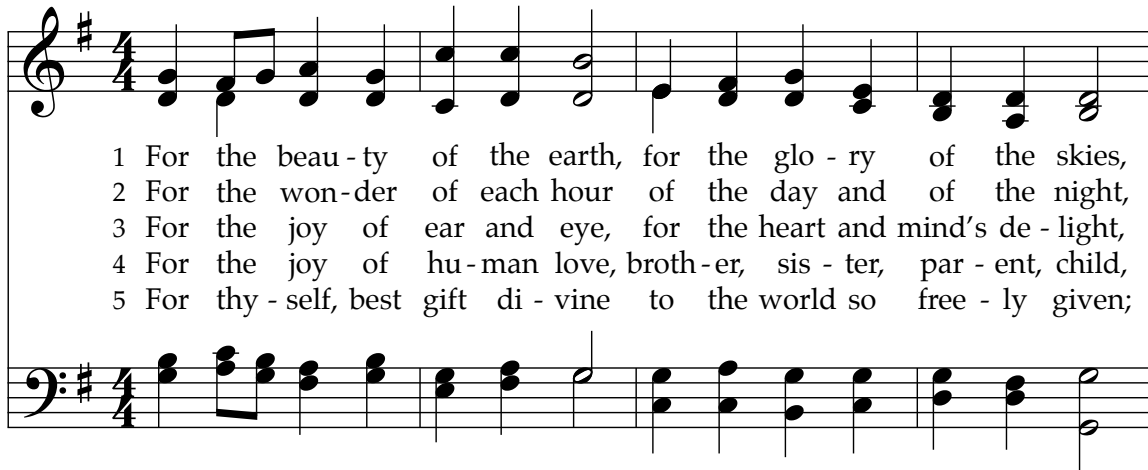
Christ Is Alive

Jason Payne

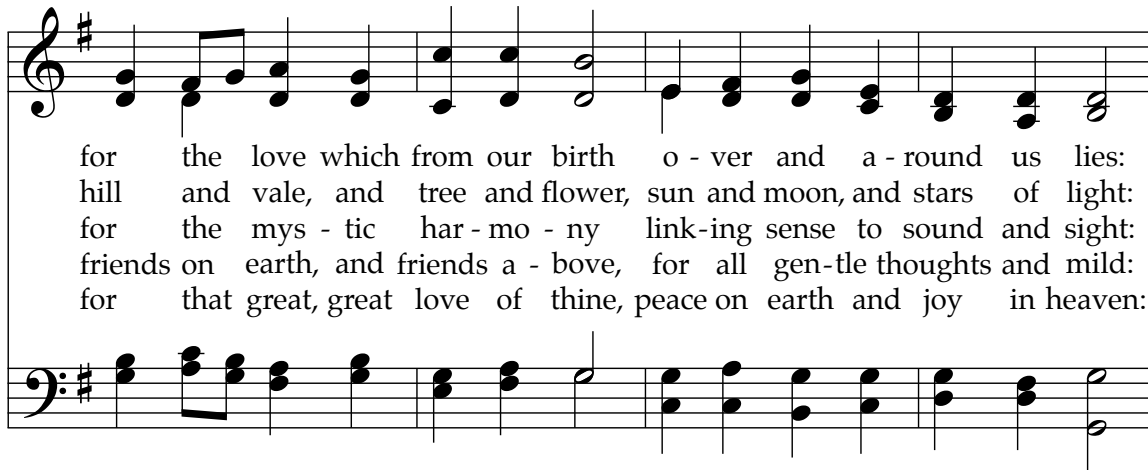


For the Beauty of the Earth

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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;

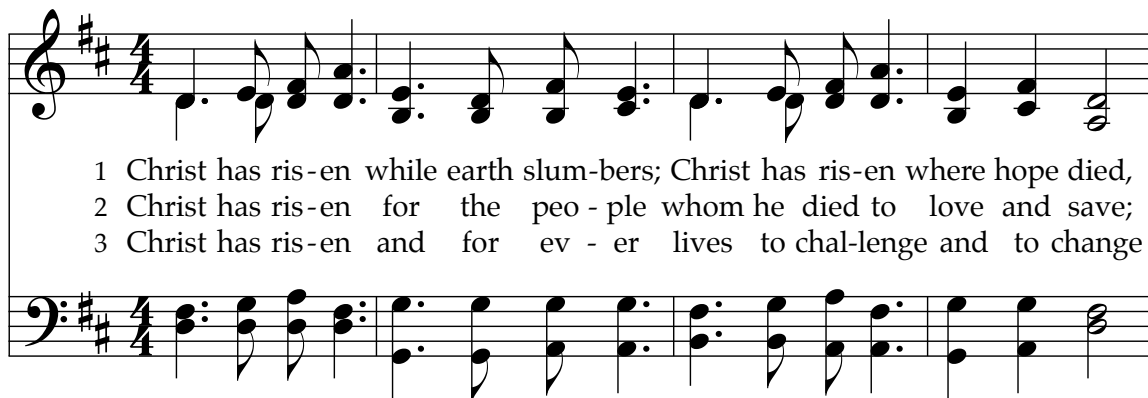


for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great,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

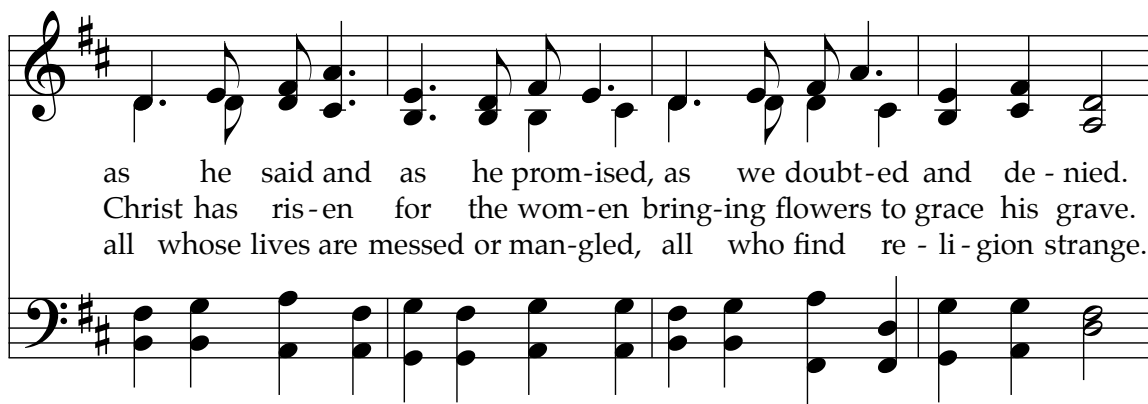
Refrain


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

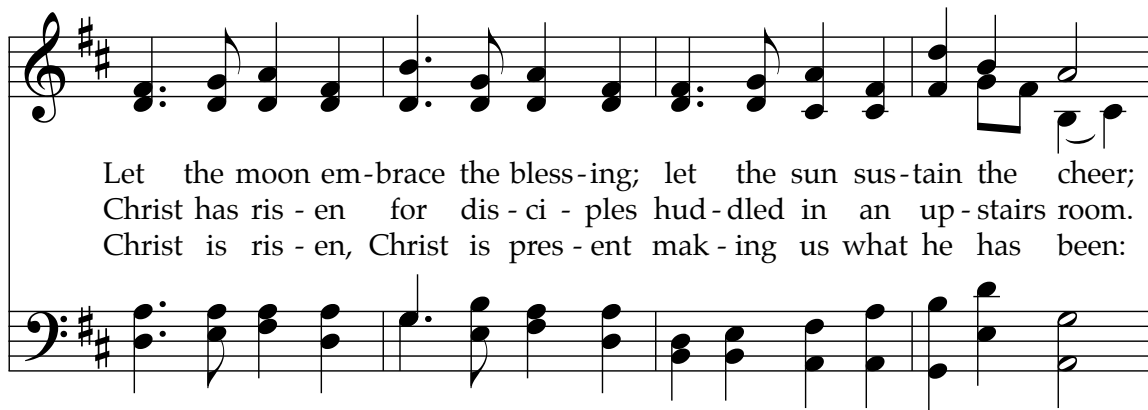
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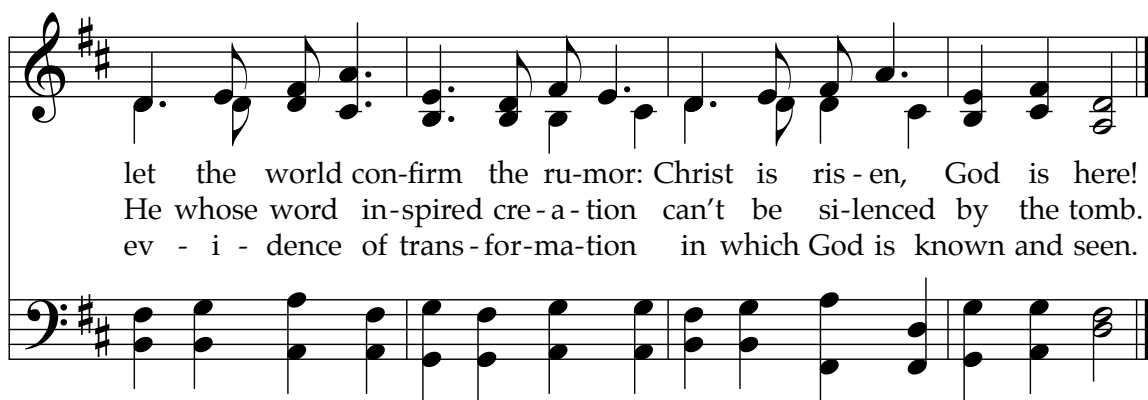
1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

26 Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Lord a new song!
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

snow - storm!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 work - ers!
 mem - bers!

mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

This lively text was written for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Echoing Psalm 98, it is a prime example of a 20th-century hymn style based on phrases rather than complete sentences. The exuberant tune was created expressly for these words.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 3-7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for children 4 years old to 6th grade. The theme is Start the Party. We will be celebrating the Good News of Jesus. Our memory verse for the week is Acts 2:28, "You always show me the path that leads to life. You fill me with joy when I am with you."

Please use the QR code to register.



Children's Musical "Rescue in the Night"

This summer, FPCA will once again produce a youth and children's musical, "Rescue in the Night" depicting the story of Daniel and the lion's den. Music week will be the afternoons of June 3-7 (following VBS). We hope our church family will plan to attend the performance(s) on June 8th. Performers entering 1st through 12th grades are eligible to participate. FPCA members, as well as guests and friends are welcome.

Feel free to contact Laura Farnell at Laura.Farnell@gmail.com, Sonia Ellis at SoniaJustl@gmail.com, or call the church office for more information or if you know someone who would be interested in participating.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 4/14	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Musical Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Monday 4/15	
Tuesday 4/16	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday 4/17	
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 Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 4/18	
Fellowship Team Meeting	4:30 pm
Friday 4/19	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Kids Night Out	6:00 pm
Saturday 4/20	
Workday	10:00 am

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Betty Burdette, 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:

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

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