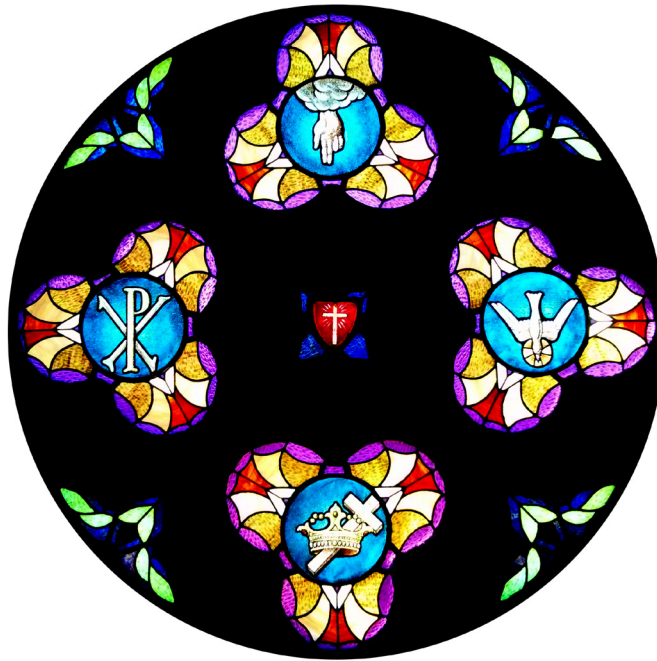


April 21, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourth 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: Chelsea Campbell
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 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! arr. Philip Moore

The Light of Christ Sterling Hunking, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also you hear calling us your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Introit This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made Timothy McKinney

§ Hymn 396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose 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 23

Responsive Reading

The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures; **he leads me beside still waters;**
he restores my soul. **He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Claude Bass

Cheryl Harris, piano

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts. Thou fount of life, Thou light of men,
from the blest bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou safest those that on Thee call;
To them who seek Thee Thou art good, to them who find Thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for wherever our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed over the world Thy holy light.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament page 3

Sermon

Do the Right Thing

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns
David Haury, trumpet

arr. George Elvey

§ Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

from Westminster Confession

God was pleased, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and human beings. As the mediator, he is the prophet, priest, and king, the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and the judge of the world. God gave to him, from all eternity, a people to be his seed and to be by him, in time, redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself – which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up to God – has fully satisfied the justice of his Father. He purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to him. Amen.

§ Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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§ Charge and Benediction

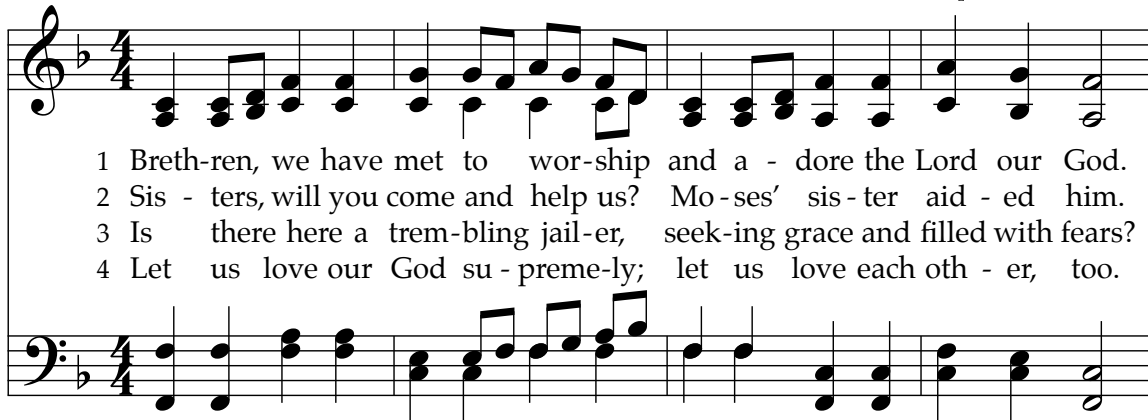
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Ere Yet the Dawn Hath Filled the Skies

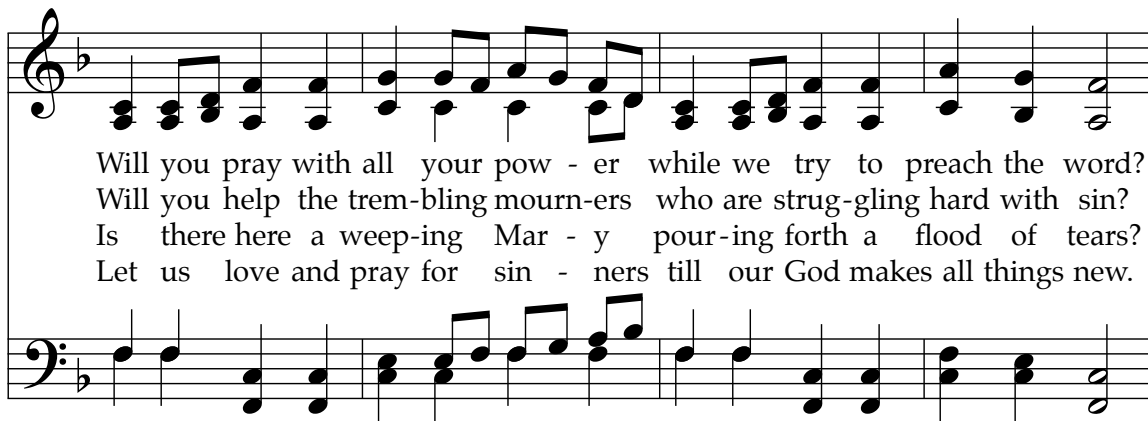
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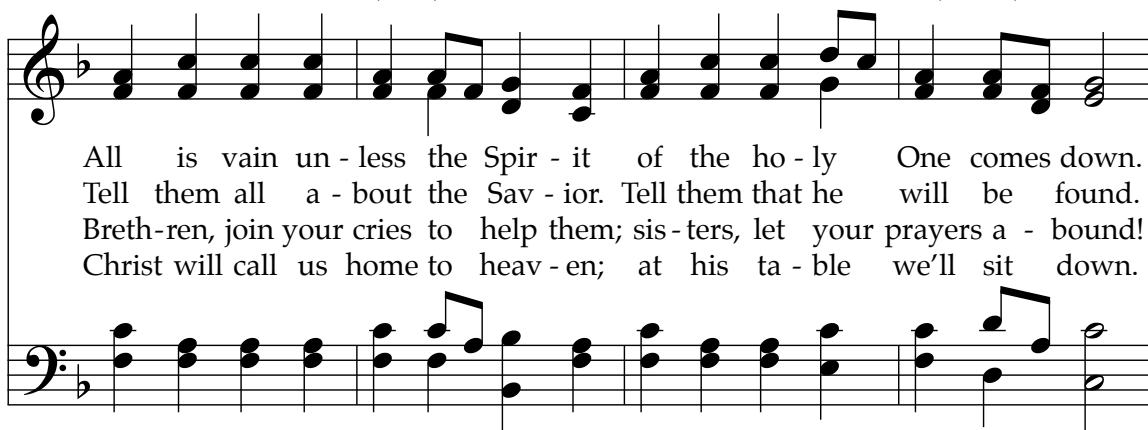
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

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

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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:

to Refrain

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.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Embrace Grace: Help Her Be Brave

We still need volunteers! One month left. No experience needed! Just your heart and willingness!
You do NOT have to commit to the entire duration of class. No help is too little!

Class starts on May 25th and lasts until August 10th, Saturdays at 11am to 12:30pm.

We need help with: Spanish translation during class, transportation as needed, gift/offering/baby shower planning and coordination, and any other ideas welcome!

Contact Katina Gifford at 817-565-3835

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, May 19, 2024. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

The Pentecost Offering unites us to support young people in Christ. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

Stay up to date on the Pentecost Offering on www.pcusa.org/pentecost, twitter.com/pcusa or facebook.com/spoecialofferings.

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary and in the church office, several weeks before and after the offering. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our church as well as our country and world. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start and a solid foundation of faith from childhood through young adult.

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 June 3-7, starting at 12:45 following VBS in the mornings. 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.

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.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 4/21

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| Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| Worship Service | 11:00 am |
| Musical Rehearsal | 12:45 pm |

Monday 4/22

Tuesday 4/23

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| 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 4/24

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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 |
| CWF Meeting | 7:00 pm |

Thursday 4/25

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| Session Meeting | 7:00 pm |
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Friday 4/26

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| Senior Flexibility Class | 9:30 am |
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Saturday 4/27

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

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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