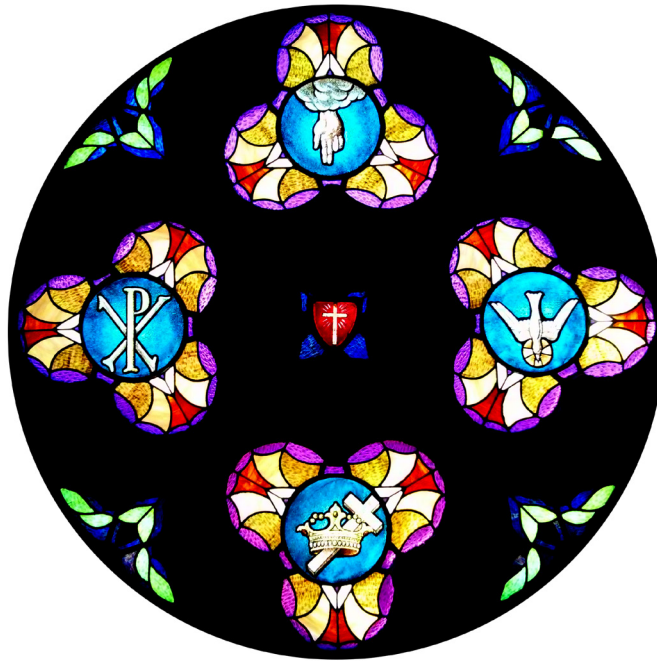


March 2, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration Sunday



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Preaching: Rev. Jim Shoryer
Lay Leader: Larry Stephenson
Organist: Shina Heo

Proclaiming

Psalm 99 1–5, 9

Responsive Reading

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

The Lord is great in Zion; **he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. **Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. **Holy is he!**

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, **for the Lord our God is holy.**

Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in room 108.

Anthem

Come to the Table

Allen Pote

Come to the table and bring your joy, bring all your gladness and come to the table.

Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain, bring all the heartaches you bear.

Bring who you are and hope to become, come to the table to share.

Come to the table, remember Christ, remember his love when you come to the table.

Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share in the bread, share in the wine, share in the risen Lord.

Share as a family, one in community, one in the name of the Lord.

Come to the table to follow Christ forgiven and free, you must come to the table.

Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice, rejoice in the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28–45

New Testament page 69

Sermon

Insight and Amazement

Rev. Shroyer

Responding

§ Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Johannes Brahms

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

COME SHARE THE LORD

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Peter Burkhardt



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Lift High the Cross

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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.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
B \flat F Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) (Asus)
F Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)
C7 F C F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A) (D)
B \flat F Gm C F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
C7 F B \flat C7 F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; γ ev - ery - one be - longs.
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
B \flat C7 F Dm Gm7 Csus C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

FPCA Summer Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, March 2 at 12 p.m. in the Parlor

Please join us today in the Parlor, immediately after worship services for an informational meeting regarding a FPCA Mission Trip this summer. This mission trip will be heading to Hendersonville N.C. to serve The Hendersonville Presbyterian Church where Pastor Rob McClelland is the Senior Pastor. We will be partnering with Reach Global Crisis Response and serving onsite at the church and in their local community in efforts to help rebuild from the damage caused from the Hurricane Helene flooding in 2024. The trip cap is at 16 attendees.

If you are interested, please attend this informational meeting and/or reach out to Stephanie Arredondo at stephanie@firstprestexas.org. We are looking to have some of the Youth attend as well. These efforts are on being organized by our FPCA M&E Team.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is that period of 40 days (which scripturally represents a period of trial and testing), excluding Sundays, culminating on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. We will experience this special occasion together at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel on that day.

Please come a few minutes early for a quick viewing of the small room in the side of the Chapel, which is being prepared as a Prayer Room for a quiet place of personal prayer for one or two people. You will see the initial stages of preparation as well as receive written information about the purpose and availability of this special area as well as additional information about the Chapel as a place of prayer during the week. Please come for this insightful preview between 6 and 6:25 when we will all gather for this preparatory time as we look to what we have in and through our Christ as we begin our journey into the Easter season.

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 sanctuary or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls.

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.

Prayer Ministries

Our Prayer Ministry has been steadily working behind the scenes on creating a strategy of how we can continue building prayer across our congregation. We are excited to announce that we have a mission statement: The Prayer Ministry follows God in transforming FPCA into a house of prayer!

As you may have seen, we have monthly prayer testimonies given in worship service. If you are interested in giving your prayer testimony, please reach out to Bob Watkins at bob@firstprestexas.org or Jim Shroyer jim@firstprestexas.org. More opportunities to get engaged in the Prayer Ministry to come in the following weeks.

Also, please join us as we pray for a safe and God-filled experience for our Youth as they journey to Austin next weekend for Youth Cue. Youth Cue's focus is to positively impact youth through the power of choral music, and our Youth will have an opportunity to join dozens of other attending churches to sing in front of the Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church. We all pray for safe travels, good health, and blessings upon our Youth during this special time!

GIVE a RIDE to those who NEED a RIDE to and from Church and/or Sunday School

The Deacons are compiling a list of drivers by zip code and phone number to provide to members (in the same or near zip code) who can no longer get to and from FPCA! The deacons will supply the member with the list from their geographical area. It will be up to the person who NEEDS a RIDE to contact the person who can GIVE a RIDE. Please call the church office or email Kathy McCoy at jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net with your information to GIVE a RIDE or NEED a RIDE.

Personally I need to be on both lists because you never know when the car won't start or has a flat. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McCoy at jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net.

Youth Cue 2025 was a success!



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/2

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Summer Mission Trip Informational Meeting	12:00 pm
CMM and YMM Lunch	12:00 pm
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
Spring Children and Well Youth Ministry	4:30 pm

Monday 3/3

Tuesday 3/4

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

Wednesday 3/5

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Ash Wednesday Service	6:30 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm

Thursday 3/6

Friday 3/7

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 3/8

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Joe Glenn, the family of Carol Boone, Marie George, Richard Whitenight, Judy Reck, Charles Arnold, Nancy Brown, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Joe and Lila Glenn, Bob Hanson and his family, Jack and Dottie Liwai, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Mia Navarro and her family, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jo Ann Nichols, Tina Paulk, Tonya Scrabeck, Lorna Snyder, David Spencer, Larry Spencer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Colin A. Peden, Christopher Young, Wolfgang Van Wie

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Ann Scarr, Betty Snowden, Leonard & Mary Jane Tibbetts, 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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