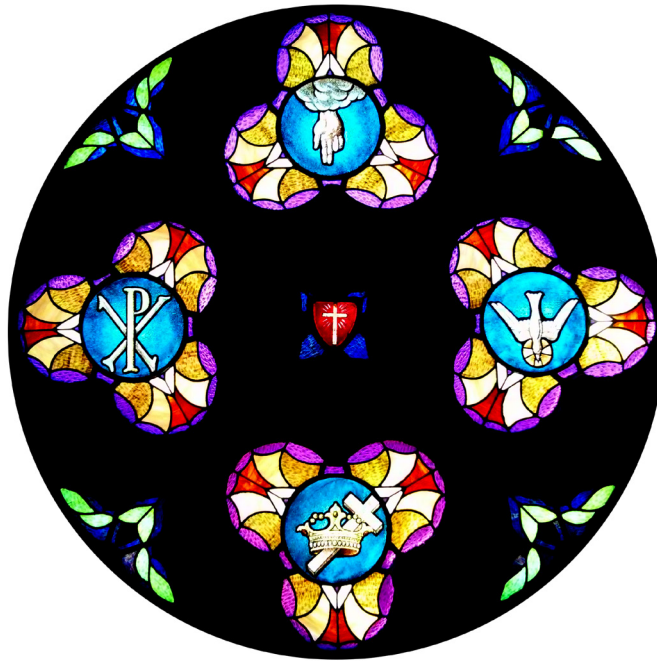


March 9, 2025  
First Presbyterian Church  
The First Sunday in Lent



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

*Mission Statement:*

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

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell  
Lay Leader: Kathy McCoy  
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

Oh, How Blest Are Ye

Healey Willan

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Loving God, thank you for sings of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Gather the People

Stan Pethel

*Gather the people, let the trumpet sound, call out the congregations where they may be found.  
A voice is calling and we must obey; Assemble the elders for what the Lord will say.  
Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice: The Lord will do great things!  
He will send the sun; He will send the rain, He is the God of everything.  
His power is great, He is the Lord, Our hopes and dreams shall be restored;  
We call on Him and we are saved. What a great and mighty day!  
Gather the people; Let the trumpet sound; Gather the children, come on and gather 'round.  
It's a mighty day!*

Call to Worship

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**Glory to God! Amen.**

§ Hymn 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession

**O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you.**

**We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own.**

**We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.**

**In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Do not let us be put to shame, O God.**

**Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**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.**

Gather Campaign Moment



## *Responding*

§ Hymn 404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Youth Music Ministries Singers

Heather Sorenson

§ 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

from The Second Helvetic Confession

What is the Church?

**The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion, I say, of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ. Amen.**

§ Hymn 401

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell


Postlude

Magnificat


Johann Pachelbel




## 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.

## What Is This Place

1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in  
 3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win-dows for  
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won-ders sent from the  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each

light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that  
 past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
 oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -

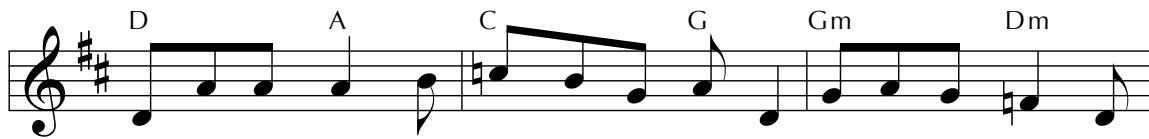
lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
 ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

This text by a 20th-century Jesuit beautifully captures the fundamental truth that “church” is not primarily the building but the people who come together in order to be nourished by Word and Table so that they may show forth Christ’s redeeming presence in the world.

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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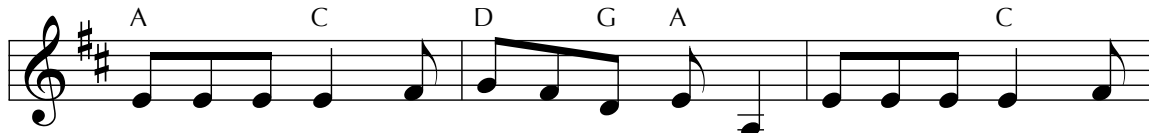
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



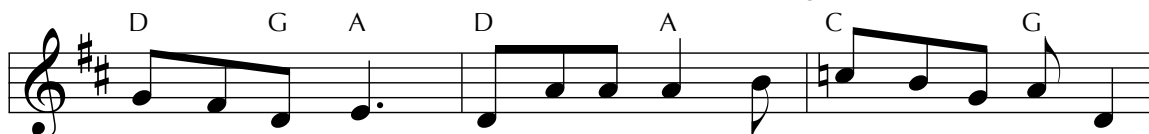
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## Benefit Concert

Saturday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Mission and Evangelism and Music Ministries present of benefit concert on Saturday, March 22nd, at 5:00 p.m. by local pianist Vivian Siao. Donations will benefit the Arlington Life Shelter and HOPE Tutoring.

Please come enjoy an evening of wonderful piano music, and help raise funds for charities that the church supports!

## 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](http://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](mailto:bob@firstprestexas.org) or Jim Shroyer [jim@firstprestexas.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net).

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/9

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|---|----------|
| Sunday School                           | 9:45 am  |
| Worship Service                         | 11:00 am |
| 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 3/10

Tuesday 3/11

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

Wednesday 3/12

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| Men's Bible Study        | 8:00 am  |
| Quilting                 | 10:30 am |
| Women's Bible Study      | 1:00 pm  |
| Ring of Praise Handbells | 6:00 pm  |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal  | 7:00 pm  |
| CWF Bible Study          | 7:00 pm  |

Thursday 3/13

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| Fellowship Team Meeting | 4:30 pm |
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Friday 3/14

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| Senior Flexibility Class | 9:30 am |
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Saturday 3/15

## Prayer Ministry

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

The family of Bob Hanson, Lisa Scrabeck, the family of Carol Boone, Charles Arnold, Nancy Brown, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Joe and Lila Glenn, Marie George, Jack and Dottie Liwai, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Mia Navarro and her family, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jo Ann Nichols, Tina Paulk, Judy Reck, 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](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org)

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