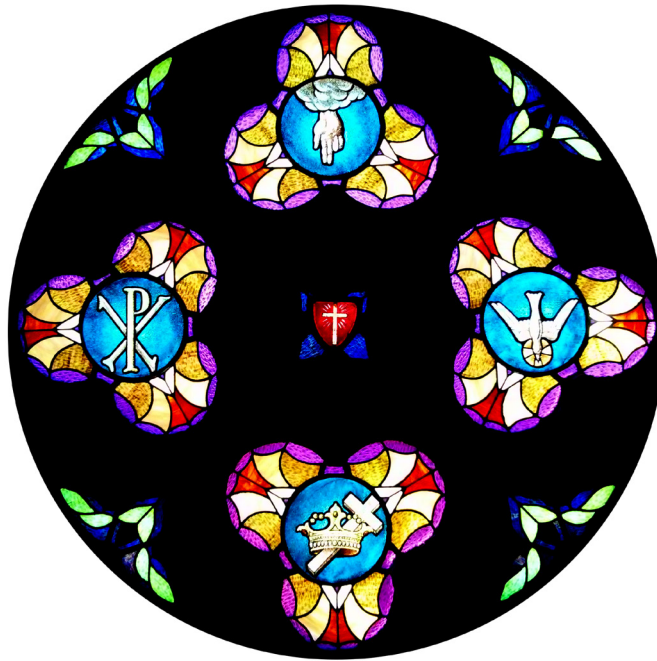


March 23, 2025

# First Presbyterian Church

## The Third 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: Beckie Briggs  
Organist: Shina Heo



## ***Proclaiming***

Anthem Feed My Lambs Natalie Sleeth  
Children's Music Ministries Singers Matthew Stringer, violin Danielle Haury, flute  
Emily Ledesma, director

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 4:8-9 New Testament page 235

Voluntary Seek Ye First arr. Laura Farnell  
Children's Music Ministries Chimes Matthew Stringer, violin  
Shannon Annen, director

### Children's Time

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

Anthem Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell  
*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together,  
Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.  
As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.  
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 New Testament page 174

Sermon We Gather to Connect Rev. Campbell

## ***Responding***

§ Hymn 318 In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

### 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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross David Schelat

§ 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 Westminster Confession of Faith

**The catholic or universal church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. Amen.**

§ Hymn 404

What Is This Place

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§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Toccata on “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

arr. Robert Lau



## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

## In Christ There Is No East or West 318

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

## 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.



## FPCA Prayer Ministry introduces the Prayer Room!

*“When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Matthew 6:6*

Our Prayer Ministry team has delicately been planning for a new prayer room within the walls of FPCA. We are so grateful to announce the prayer room is now ready and waiting for you!

This is a private, safe, and sacred space... for you to quiet your mind as you kneel, stand, or sit with the Lord in prayer. The prayer room is an adjacent room in the chapel. Once you enter the chapel, walk to the front and the prayer room is located through the door on the left.

Silence yourself, take a moment for a few deep breaths, relax, sit and enjoy the quiet, and know that your Heavenly Father is there with you. Lift up your prayers to Him in the prayer room.

## 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.

## 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).

## Virtual In Home Gathering

Monday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

We have enjoyed a great turnout for our Gather events both in the Fellowship Hall and in members' homes. Thank you to everyone who helped and hosted! We know that there are still some people who could not attend any of those events. Pastor Chris and Susan Malone will host a virtual event on Monday March 24th from 6:30-8:30pm. This is only for people who did not attend any of the previous events. To RSVP, please email [info@firstprestexas.org](mailto:info@firstprestexas.org) so you receive the link. We want as many people as possible to be informed and inspired as we approach commitment Sunday.

## Saints Alive Luncheon

Thursday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our monthly Saints Alive covered dish luncheon will be Thursday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This time of food and fellowship is open to all church members. We will be blessed with a performance by the Performing Arts Department of the Arlington Women's Club as a special treat, Bring your favorite dish to share and join us. We look forward to seeing you there,

## Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Easter Morning breakfast (April 20th) from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be serving home-cooked breakfast casseroles, fruit, etc. Everyone is invited.

## FPCA Surplus Office Furniture Is Yours For The Taking and It's Free!

If you are in need of any office type furniture we have a surplus of various items left over from the Administration Offices being relocated. We are offering these items to our congregation free of charge. All you have to do is load the items and transport them. Items not taken will either be donated or we will explore finding a used office furniture dealer to buy them. The furniture is currently stored behind the blue curtains in the Fellowship Hall. Example pieces are: file cabinets, chairs, desks, bookcases, tables, etc. if you would like to make a cash donation for the furniture, those funds will go toward the FPCA Mission Trip this summer to Hendersonville N.C. to help in the recovery from Hurricane Helene.

The dates these items will be available are:

- View the stored furniture: Sunday 4/6 thru Saturday 4/12 (please be mindful of any activities being held in the Fellowship Hall while you are shopping).
- Select and collect your chosen pieces: Saturday 4/12 at 10:00 a.m.~12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions contact Larry Stephenson or Ross Dill.

## 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

Monday 3/24

Tuesday 3/25

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

Wednesday 3/26

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

Thursday 3/27

Saints Alive Luncheon	11:30 am
Session Meeting	7:00 pm

Friday 3/28

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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Saturday 3/29

Advance Commitment Event	5:00 pm
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## Prayer Ministry

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

Judy Crowell, the family of Bob Hanson, 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, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jo Ann Nichols, Tina Paulk, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, 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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