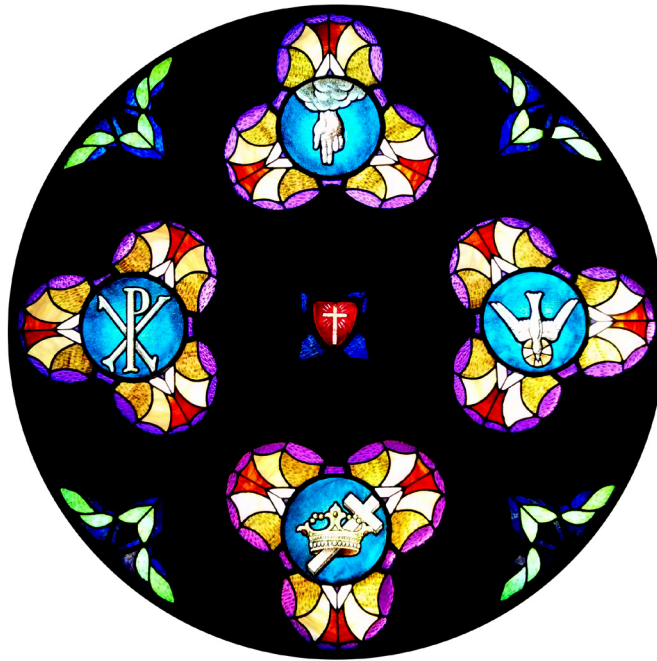


April 27, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

The Second 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.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Anna Njei
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 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Franklin Ritter

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

He is risen! Thanks be to God.

Introit It's a Mighty Day Stan Pethel

§ Hymn 245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! LLANFAIR

§ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.

We claim to follow Jesus, but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.

We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.

We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 118:14–29

Responsive Reading

The Lord is my strength and my might; **he has become my salvation.**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted; **the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”**

I shall not die, but I shall live **and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me severely, **but he did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; **the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! **O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; **you are my God; I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:9–21

New Testament page 162

Children’s Time

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

Anthem

Beautiful Savior

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I’d love thee, truly I’d serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine!

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:23–26

New Testament page 69

Sermon

Sacrificing for Jesus

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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

Alleluias

Robert Lau

§ 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 the Heidelberg Catechism

Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why must we do good works?

Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood, he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that he may be glorified through us; and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ. Amen.

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

The Holy Christ Is Risen

Johann Sebastian Bach



245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

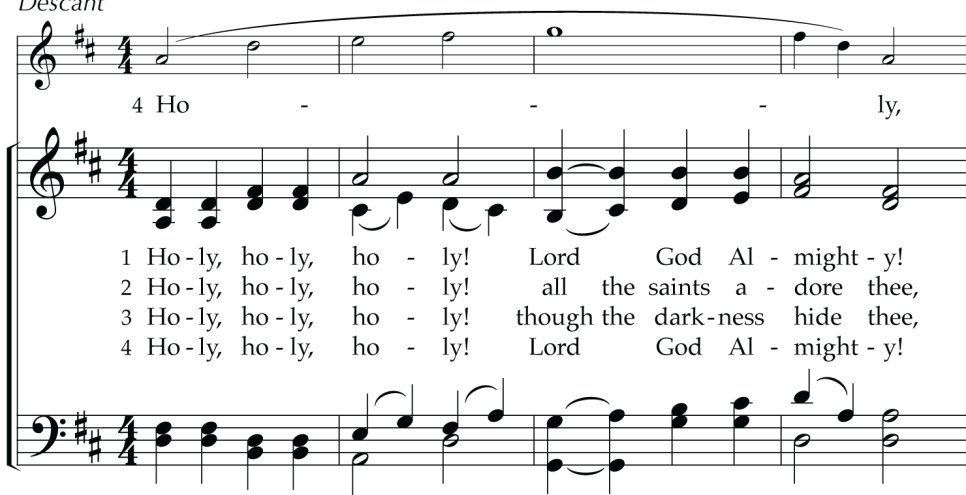
JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

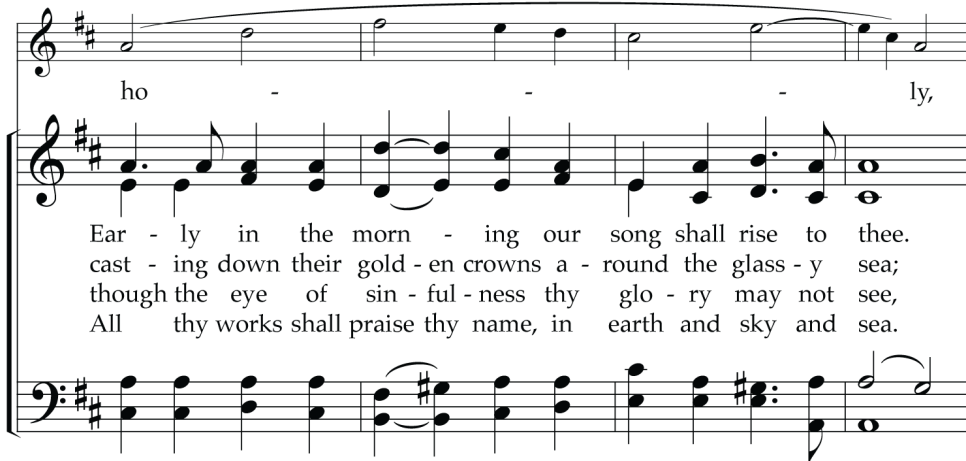
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Descant



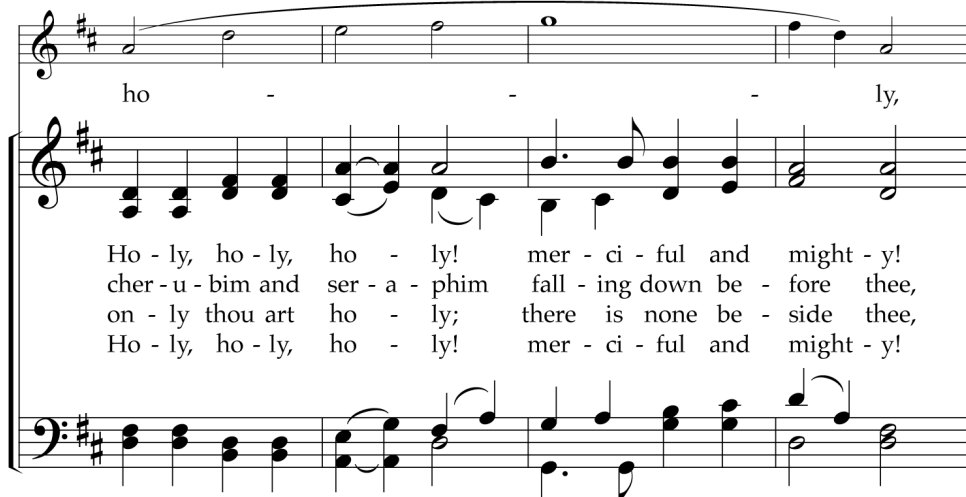
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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



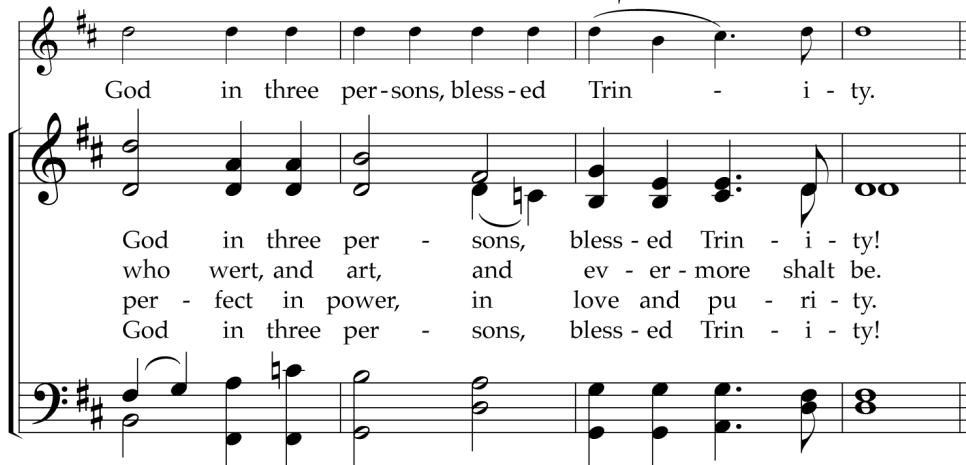
ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Choir Concert on April 30th

You are invited to a free choir concert Wednesday, April 30th at 8 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert features the Martin High School Chamber Singers directed by Jocelyn Epley and will last about 45 minutes. Also, one of our church youth, Ryan Farnell, will perform in this concert.

Come hear some outstanding choral music and help give a warm welcome to the family and community members visiting our church for this concert!

BBQ Dinner & FUNDRAISER

**\$20 per
Ticket**



Purchase your tickets on the Church website under "GIVE" and select Hendersonville Fundraiser Dinner

MAY 17, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:30PM

All funds raised will go towards Hendersonville, N.C. Mission Trip!

Includes Brisket Dinner and yummy sides

Silent Auction

Live Dessert Auction

Live Entertainment from our own FPCA Youth!

↓ **WANT TO DO MORE THAN JUST ATTEND THE EVENT?** ↓

Brisket Smoke-Off!

Think you have what it takes to have FPCA's BEST brisket? Smoke a brisket (or two)--we'll vote on the best tasting brisket at the event! Win FPCA bragging rights!

Live Dessert Auction!

Bring your best tasting dessert to be auctioned off LIVE during the event! One of our youth will be our live auctioneer for the night!

Silent Auction Items!

We are looking for items for our silent auction! New Gift cards, gift baskets, quilts, homemade keepsakes or goods--please donate!

PLEASE EMAIL STEPHANIE@FIRSTPRETEXAS.ORG IF YOU PLAN TO BRING A BRISKET OR DESSERT, OR HAVE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO DONATE

Celebrate Resurrection and Journey Forward Together

We are at the conclusion of the 40 days of Lent as we approach Good Friday and Easter. After the resurrection, Christ was on earth forty days before His ascension. He spent that time demonstrating His resurrection; establishing His Lordship with His disciples; instructing them and preparing them for the coming of the Holy Spirit to occur 10 days after His ascension. This pivotal period laid the foundation of the church, destined to serve as His body on earth until His return.

The Prayer Ministry invites you to move forward toward "Ascension Thursday" (5/29) with 40 days of meditation, encouragement, self-examination and praise, inspired by the Psalms beginning on Easter Sunday. Copies of 40 scriptures from Psalms with meditative emphasis can be found beginning Easter Sunday, April 20, in the narthex, at the Prayer Room or requested online by looking under Ministries → Prayer Ministry. Let's embark on this 40-day journey individually with the Lord and united together in His Spirit.

Spring 2025 Bible Study for Women

Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

This year, the Women's Ministry Team has been led to focus on the spiritual discipline of building community and fellowship. God delights to be in relationship with His creation, and we were designed to not only be in relationship with Him, but with one another. With this in mind, starting on Tuesday, April 29, we will begin a study called "Living Life Together" by Shauna Niequist. Each week, we will walk through Scripture and be challenged to explore what it looks like to step out of isolation and fear, to pursue authentic relationships rooted in rest, grace, and reconciliation. There is no study guide to purchase to attend. This will be an in-person study, so we look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend!

Free online registration:

- FPCA Website (firstprestexas.org) → Our Ministries → Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

PCHAS Lunch

Saturday, May 3 at Noon

We are hoping you'll join us in hosting youth in PCHAS and FPCA programs by cooking and serving lunch at Westminster PC at Noon. You'll have a chance to show them how much we care about them. You may get to feel the excitement of 3 siblings who are nearing adoption and were thinking they had to make a choice between going to the game/on this outing or spending the weekend with their parents-to-be, We said let's have the parents join us! If you can join us at 11 a.m. to setup and cook and then join in the lunch at Noon. That would be perfect! Then it's your choice if want to go to the game or pickup homerun balls hit over the right field fence like we did after last year's game.

Reply to Marge & Bob Dawson, PCHAS Ambassadors
817-980-6825 or 214-415-5396.

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, 2025. 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. Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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 or twitter.com/pcusa.

Offering envelopes are available outside the sanctuary 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.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 4/27

New Members Class	9:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth	12:00 pm
Musical Rehearsal	12:45 pm
Spring Children and Well Youth Ministry	4:30 pm

Monday 4/28

Tuesday 4/29

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

Wednesday 4/30

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Meeting	7:00 pm
Chamber Singers Choir Concert	8:00 pm

Thursday 5/1

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
National Day of Prayer	12:00 pm

Friday 5/2

Saturday 5/3

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Three expectant moms, Charles Arnold, Nancy Brown, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Joe and Lila Glenn, Joanne Kirven, Margaret Landolt, Charlie Laney, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Kathy Moore, Jo Ann Nichols, Tina Paulk, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, Lorna Snyder, David 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:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Mary Lou Garrison, 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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