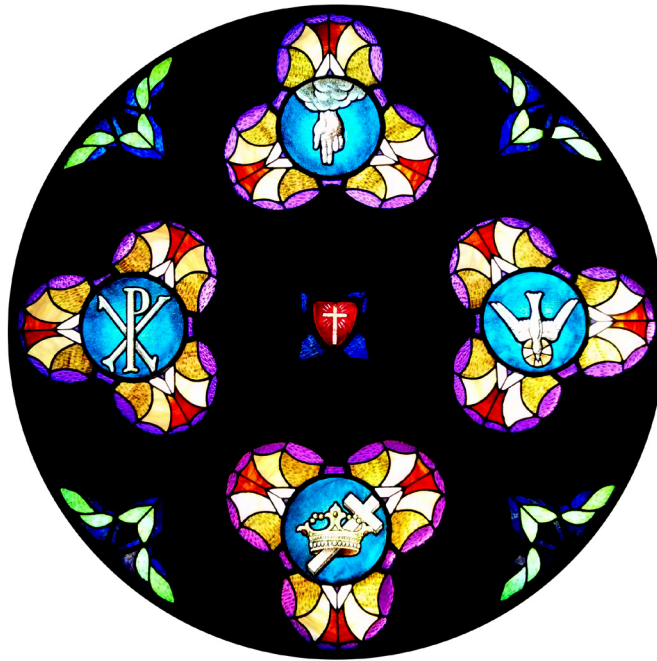


May 4, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

The Third 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. Jim Shroyer
Lay Leader: Jodie Schenck
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

Ave Virgo Virginum

Mary Beth Bennett

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Shroyer

Call to Worship

O Lord our God, we praise you.

We cried to you for help and you answered us.

You have restored our lives;

You have rescued us from the grave.

Let us worship God.

Introit

I Sing the Mighty Power

Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 236

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

§ Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied.

Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way, and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

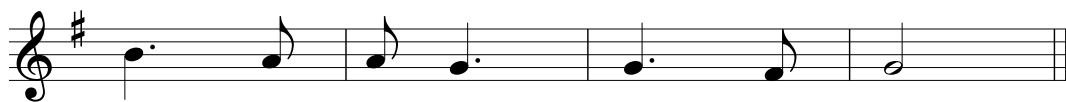
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 118:14-24

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

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.”

Refrain

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.**

Refrain

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.**

Refrain

Children’s Time

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

Anthem

Speak, O Lord

arr. John Ferguson

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth; plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.*

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail. Let their truth prevail, truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, ‘til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

New Testament Readings

from Acts 9

New Testament page 127

Sermon

Where Are You in the Village?

Rev. Shroyer

Responding

§ Hymn 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

Rebecca Tevelde

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 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude


Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Who Conquered Death

Johann Sebastian Bach



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.

The Strife Is O'er

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Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and

has be - gun.
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head!
 sing to thee:

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Perhaps because this prayer-poem by the wife of a leading 19th-century Presbyterian minister grew out of her own physical and emotional suffering, it has continued to speak to many people in similar distress. It is set here to the tune created for its first printing in a hymnal.

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

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

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

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.

Thank you to the Fellowship Team for an amazing Easter Brunch!



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@FIRSTPRESTEXAS.ORG IF YOU PLAN TO BRING A BRISKET OR DESSERT, OR HAVE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO DONATE

A Cup of Connection Celebrating the Blessings of Community



The Women's Ministry Team invites you to enjoy lunch with your sisters in Christ as we treasure our time together. Space is limited, so please be sure to register early!

Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Rose Garden Tea Room at Gracie Lane, 4720 South Cooper

Registration: \$20 Online

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

Spring Festival Lunch Sunday, June 1

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Spring Festival Lunch that will be held in the Fellowship Hall on June 1st, immediately after the Church Service. A potato bar will be prepared for the meal. Everyone is invited!

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 5/4

New Members Class	9:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Lunch for Musical	12:00 pm
Musical Rehearsal	12:45 pm

Monday 5/5

Tuesday 5/6

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 5/7

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

Thursday 5/8

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Arlington Choral Festival	9:30 am
Fellowship Team Meeting	4:30 pm

Friday 5/9

Arlington Choral Festival	9:30 am
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Saturday 5/10

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Fred Cook, Clark Gustav Gottmann (newborn) and family, 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, Brendan and Dannielle McWalters, Kathy Moore, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, Lorna Snyder, David Spencer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble, Carlos and Jennyfer Zamora

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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