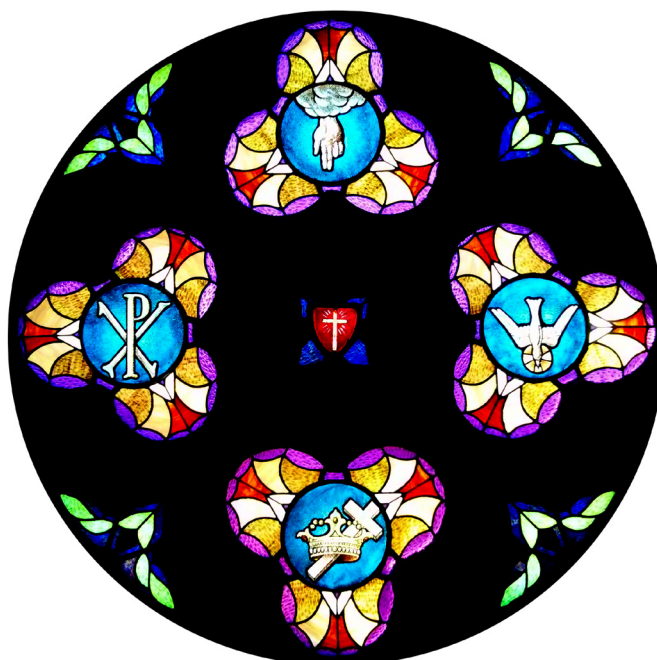


May 18, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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: 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 I Know Whom I Have Believed Young Tae Han

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us. In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the peoples praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

Introit This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made Timothy McKinney

§ Hymn 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long.

We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.

Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.

Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy, forever.

We pray in Christ's name. 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 119:97–104

Responsive Reading

Refrain



O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.

Oh, how I love your law! **It is my meditation all day long.**

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, **for it is always with me.**

Refrain

I have more understanding than all my teachers, **for your decrees are my meditation.**

I understand more than the aged, **for I keep your precepts.**

I hold back my feet from every evil way, **in order to keep your word.**

Refrain

I do not turn away from your ordinances, **for you have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste, **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Through your precepts I get understanding; **therefore I hate every false way.**

Refrain

Children's Time

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

Anthem

This Is the Day

John Rutter

This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light, let them praise the Name of the Lord;

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, for evermore.

He shall defend thee under his wings.

Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Gospel Readings

2 Timothy 3:14–17

New Testament page 47

Sermon

Reading for Jesus

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

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

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

Every time I see another breaking of the day I will praise your name Jehovah.

I will dance for you Jehovah.

I will sing for you Jehovah every time I see another breaking of the day.

I will praise your name, praise Him Jehovah.

Halleluyah, Jesus Christ saved me!

Jesus Christ will come again, every eye shall see Him then,

He will come to judge the world.

Are you ready for the judgement day?

Jesus Christ will come again, every knee shall bow to Him,

Every tongue shall confess Him, King of kings and Lord of lords

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,

Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Halleluyah!

§ Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Sending

§ Affirmation of Faith

from The Second Helvetic Confession

We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men. For God himself spoke to the fathers, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures. Amen.

§ Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

§ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Campbell

Postlude

Amazing Grace

J. Christopher Pardini



327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

New Members



While **Fannell Griffin** has been a member of the Park Cities Presbyterian Church for the last two decades, she became a permanent attendee of FPCA in 2021, following the leading of the Holy Spirit. Since then, Fannell has volunteered for and worshipped with the choir on several special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter. Fannell is excited to join the FPCA community as a member and looks forward to many more years with the church.

Juliet Fonjong



Born 1943 in Cameroon and I was baptized in 1955. I attended Presbyterian School. Later I served as a teacher with the Presbyterian Church.

One of those who started CWF in 1961.

I worked in the church as treasurer, elder, chairperson of the Congregation, CWF and president of the group. Zonal member of the CWF with all this occurring in Cameroon. In addition, I am a part of the group who started the African Choir at FPCA.



I am **Florence Fonjong** born in Cameroon and married to James Fonjong. We have 5 children together. I was born and baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. I joined the CWF in Cameroon in 1986 and am a retired businesswoman. I am one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church of Nitop I Bamenda and was the Church treasurer. I was president of my group and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis Minnesota. While visiting my daughter in Dallas I have joined the CWF.

Estella Fonjong

Born in Cameroon and was baptized in the Presbyterian Church there. My parents are both Presbyterian Christians. I went to a Presbyterian Primary, Secondary and Highschool in Cameroon. I am married to Kelly Gilbert and have a son. I moved to Dallas in 2019 and attending FPCA since then.

James Fonjong

Born in Cameroon and baptized in Cameroon December of 1963 by the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. I am married to Florence Fonjong and we are blessed with 5 children. Before moving to the United States I was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Nitop 1 Bamenda Cameroon. I am retired and moved to the United States in 2021 to be with children and have been attending FPCA since then.



Christopher Peck

I was born in Fort Worth, Texas in 1952. I went to elementary school there and later moved to Itasca, TX. I went to Jr. High then High school till Jr. Year. I was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Itasca. I moved back to Fort Worth and graduated from Paschal High School. I worked for a large lumber company then Texas Steel Manufacturing. I attended TCJC then TCU. Later I started an automotive business and moved to Arlington. I closed my business in 1996 and went to work in the aerospace industry. I retired in 2022. I am presently working for Flight Safety International as a part time. The Lord has always been in my life!



Fannell Griffin's daughter, **Charlene**, has been a part of the Presbyterian church her entire life. She was baptized as an infant and completed confirmation. She enjoys serving the Lord and the church in many ways. In the past, she has served in mission work, evangelism, music, and children's ministry. She is also very excited to join the FPCA community as a member and servant of the Lord.

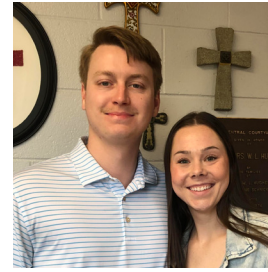
New Members



Mason Kirbie



Lynn Van Hooser



Sam Richardson and Mary Dodds

Graduates



Nicholas Karr is an audio professional from Houston, Texas, who recently graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.M. in Audio Production, along with a minor in German, a minor in Localization and Translation in German, and a certificate in Esports from the University of Texas at Arlington.

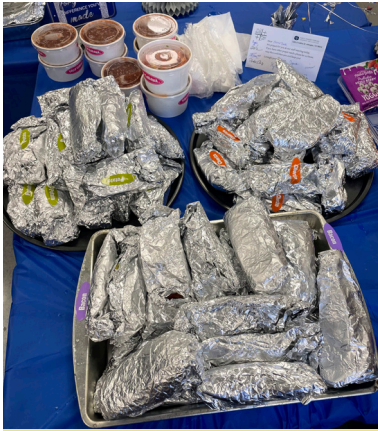
While at UTA, he worked as a Student Production Technician at the College Park Center, gaining hands-on experience with live sound, video, and lighting for concerts, sporting events, and university functions. Outside of UTA, he serves as a Choral Scholar and Audio Technician at FPCA under the direction of Russell Farnell. His responsibilities include running sound checks before services, mixing both in-house and streamed audio, and — at times — juggling roles as both a singer and audio technician during the same service.

As a passion project, Nicholas founded and currently manages two online groups designed to connect UTA students, alumni, and industry professionals in the music and audio fields, helping foster a growing sense of community and collaboration. Before launching the groups, he organized a Career Panel where professionals volunteered their time to speak candidly about their professional journeys. They sat in front of students in a lecture hall, shared insights and personal experiences, and stayed afterward to network and answer questions one-on-one. The event was a major success and is anticipated to grow into an annual tradition within UTA's Music Department.

Now a graduate, Nicholas plans to continue working at the College Park Center while also stepping into new roles at Texas Capital and Videomax. Additionally, although originally brought on as an intern. With a passion for sound, sound design, storytelling, and multilingual communication, he looks forward to exploring opportunities across both creative and corporate environments in the evolving world of audio and media.



Hello, my name is **Ethan Fombang-Abam** and I will be graduating from Lake Ridge High School in Mansfield, Texas. I truly enjoyed my high school experience and I think it has influenced my character a lot and changed the way I see & interact with the world around me in a positive way. I'm currently making a decision about where I will be going to school next fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. My top 3 options being, up north at the University of North Texas, down South at Houston Christian University, or right here at home at UT-Arlington. Wherever I decide to go, I want to thank FPCA for being such a loving and welcoming community, that I'll always be apart of no matter where I go.



FPCA APPRECIATES THE TEACHERS AT CARTER JUNIOR HIGH!

Our church staff prayed for the teachers and administrators at Carter Jr. High during Teacher Appreciation Week last week. We also signed prayer cards to leave in their boxes. Using our youth operating budget, we purchased some yummy Taco Cabana tacos for breakfast! They were very grateful for the gesture, and one teacher commented, “These last few weeks of school are hard... you don’t know how much this helps us get through it—thank you!” Another teacher said, “I purposely leave my window blinds open everyday so I can look over at your cross on the steeple! It helps me get through my day!”

Spring Festival Lunch Sunday, June 1

On Sunday, June 1, following the 11:00 service, the Fellowship Team will serve lunch and welcome you to hear from Stepanie Marsden of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. She will educate FPCA members on legacy and planned gifts. Now is the time to create a lasting legacy that can inspire future generations, support the ministry of our church, and remain steadfastly woven into the hearts of others. You can make a difference.

Youth & Children’s Musical “Judge Julie Truly” Saturday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m.

You’re invited to attend FPCA’s youth and children’s musical, “Judge Julie Truly” based on the biblical story about the friends who lowered their friend through the roof to be healed by Jesus. The free performance is Saturday, June 7th at 2:30 in the FPCA sanctuary and should end by 3:15. Please make plans to attend the show to support these fantastic performers in their performance and in their faith journey!

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.

June Tea

Saturday, June 14 at 2 p.m.
Rose Garden Tea room at Gracie Lane

The Women’s Ministry Team invites you to enjoy lunch with your sisters in Christ as we treasure our time together.
FPCA Website → Ministries → Adult Ministries
Scroll down to Women’s Ministry and register

Vacation Bible School

June 2-6 at 9 a.m. to Noon

Children 4 years old to 6th Grade

Live It Out: Learn to Love Like Jesus

Use the QR Code to Register



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 5/18

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

Monday 5/19

Tuesday 5/20

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

Wednesday 5/21

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 5/22

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Session Meeting	7:00 pm

Friday 5/23

Memorial Service for Kathy Moore	11:00 am
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Saturday 5/24

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Lucy Cleaver, the family of Kathy Moore, the family of Lorna Snyder, 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, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, 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, 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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