

The Third Sunday in Lent



First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God
Sunday, March 8, 2026

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Kim Cathro
Organist: Sandra Davis

Mission Statement:

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

About our service

Please silence all phones and devices.

• Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.

• Words in **bold** are spoken by the congregation.

• § Invites all to stand in body or spirit

• Our communion grape juice is alcohol-free.

• FPCA follows the liturgical calendar. This week we begin the season of Lent. We use purple paraments to signify a solemn, forty-day season of penitence, prayer, and preparation for Easter.

• If you are a guest today, please stop by the narthex for information and a warm FPCA welcome!

Gathering

Prelude Melodie Alexandre Guilmant

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Lord God, as we worship you this day, show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Let us worship God who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, and renewed!

Introit

Were You There

African American Spiritual

§ Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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§ Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything that we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

**Forgive us, Lord, and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again. 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 95:1–7
refrain

Responsive Reading



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, my soul!

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

refrain

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down; **let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God, **and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

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Children's Time

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

For safety reasons, parents, must pick up their children after the service in the Children's Area.

Anthem

O How Blessed

Anton Bruckner

O how blessed are they who serve the Lord, who serve Him, they who serve the Lord!

They shall mount upward with eagle's pinions, they shall walk and never be faint.

O how blessed are they who serve the Lord, who serve Him, they who serve they Lord!

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:53–54, 66–72

New Testament page 52

Sermon

Were You There: Simon Peter

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul

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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

*Peter, put back your sword.
The time my father gave me is at hand.*

*My Lord, who rendered his life for us, what have you done for him?
He died on the cross for you and me.
He gave His life for all of us.
What have you done for Him?*

§ 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

Heidelberg Catechism Question 40

Why did Christ have to suffer "death"?
**Because the righteousness and truth of God are such that nothing else
Could make reparation for our sins except the death of the Son of God. Amen.**

§ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Marche

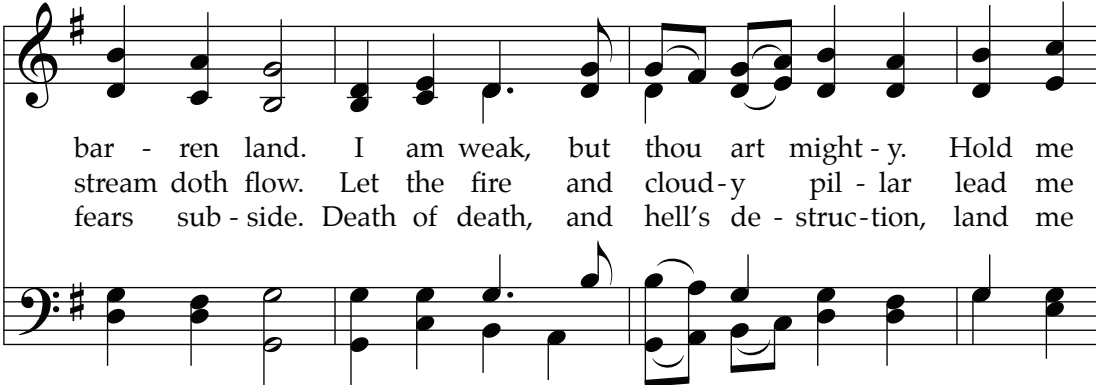
Alexandre Guilmant



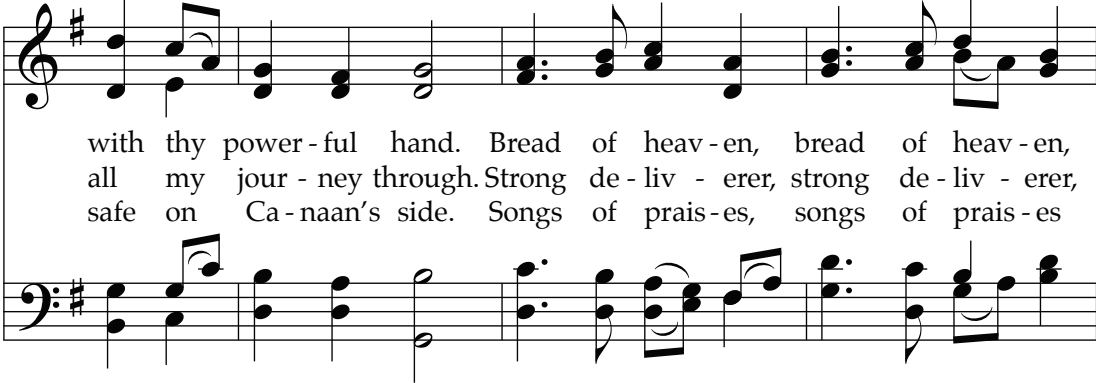
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

819

Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.


Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



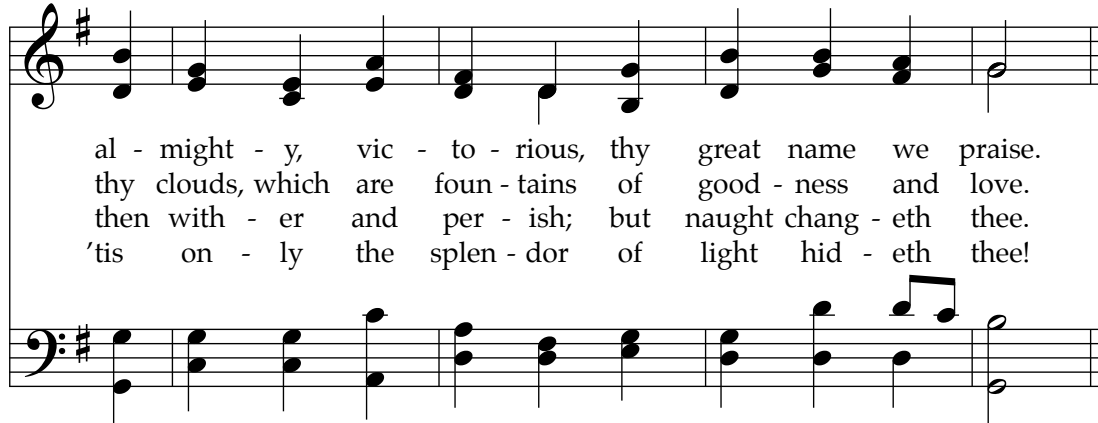
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

This week:

Sunday, March 8

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Children's and Youth Music Ministries lunch and rehearsal - 12:45 to 1:45

Tuesday, March 10

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- HOPE Tutoring - 6:30 p.m. in room 218

Wednesday, March 11

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in the Parlor
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Wednesday Women's Bible Study - 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Ring of Praise Handbell rehearsal - 6 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.
- CWF Bible Study - 7 p.m. online

Thursday, March 12

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Fellowship Team Meeting - 4:30 p.m. in room 210
- Team meetings - 7 p.m. online

Saturday, March 14

- Women's World Day of Prayer celebration - 3 p.m. in the sanctuary

Coming up:

Saturday, March 28

- Baylor A Cappella Choir performance - 7 p.m. in the sanctuary

Community:

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected in Lent

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see www.pcusa.org/oghs.

Celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer Saturday, March 14

Join the global celebration of prayer, prepared by Christian women of Nigeria this Saturday, March 14 in the sanctuary from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Enjoy a Night of Music

Baylor University's flagship vocal a cappella group will perform a concert in our sanctuary Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m. Join us for a night of world-class choral music. Admission is free.

Spring Festival to be held April 4

FPCA will host our Spring Festival



Saturday, April 4 from 3 to 4 p.m. on the playground. We'll have giant bubbles, an Easter Egg Hunt, and lots of fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for more details and for how you can get involved.

Get  connected:



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Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Jimmy Chefor, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, Margaret Landolt, Pat May, her son Tim Karnes, and her son-in-law Coleman Rouborn, Richard Price, JoAnn Quick, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Debbie Richardson, Lisa Scrobeck, Tonya Scrobeck, the family of David Spencer, Drew Stephenson, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Jackie Whitfield, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Marcia Rober, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

Pray for those who do not know Christ.

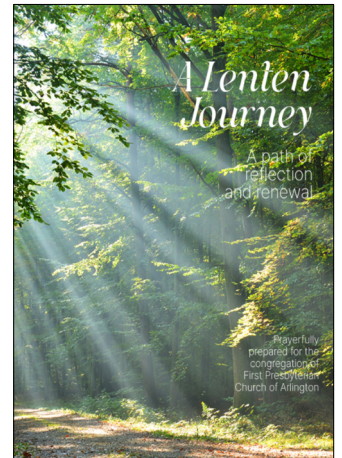
If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate Jim Shroyer at 682.445.0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org.

Registration is open for the Mo Ranch Men's Conference

Join the FPCA tradition of gathering with other men for a time of encouragement, growth, and honest conversation at the Mo Ranch Men's Conference Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3. This year's theme, "Holey, Holy, Wholly," will challenge and inspire us to reflect on where we are, where God is working in us, and how we can live more fully and faithfully as men. In addition to the main sessions, the conference will include engaging workshops and plenty of opportunities to connect with other men, eat barbecue, and be refreshed. If you're interested, reach out to Rev. Campbell or email info@firstprestexas.org.

Pick up your Lenten study guide and reading plan

The Prayer Ministry council has compiled a 40-day journey of prayer, study, and reflection to guide you through the season of Lent. Each day includes readings from the Old Testament, New Testament and Psalms. The booklet suggests daily prayers and has a section for notes and questions. You'll also receive three inspirational bookmarks with scripture on them to aid you in your study.



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