

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



# First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.  
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God  
**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell  
Lay Leader: Mary Lantz  
Organist: Beverly Howard

### 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 Jesus, Lover of My Soul arr. Paul Manz

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed. In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

God does not see as mortals see.

We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

**Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

Once we lived in darkness, but now — as children of light, we are called to do what is good and right and true.

**Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

**Let us worship God.**

Introit Were You There African American Spiritual

§ Hymn 440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul ABERYSTWYTH

§ Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light.**

**We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.**

**We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.**

**We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly.**

**Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves as loved.**

**Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives.**

**Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

§ Gloria Patri GREATOREX

**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 23

Responsive Reading

The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall not want.**  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
**he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,**  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**  
you anoint my head with oil;  
**my cup overflows.**  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

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

Saw Ye My Savior

Anton Bruckner

*Saw ye my Savior and God?  
O he died on Calvary to atone for you and me, and to free us for sorrow's great load.  
He was extended, painfully nailed to the cross;  
O my Lord,  
Then he bowed his head and died, Thus my Lord was crucified,  
to atone for a world that was lost, my Lord.  
Jesus hung bleeding, three dreadful hours in great pain,  
Whilst the sun refused to shine when his majesty divine was derided, insulted, and slain.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:26-43

New Testament page 89

Sermon

Were You There: The Thief

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

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

Arietta

Norman Dello Joio

§ 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

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

§ Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

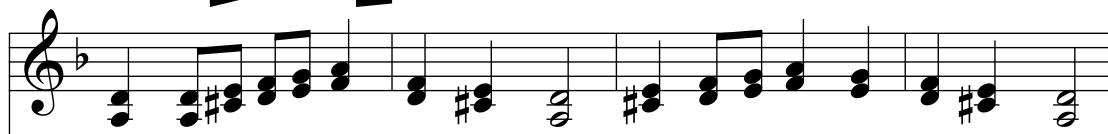
John Leavitt



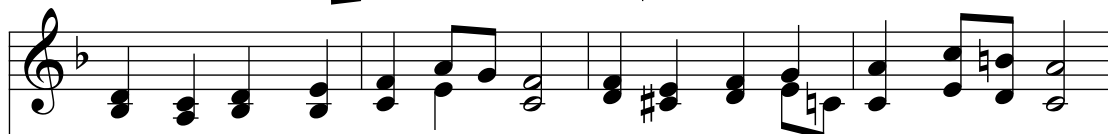
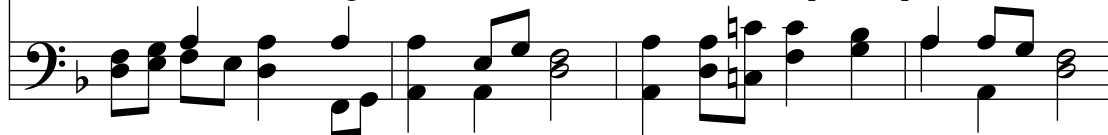
# 440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul



1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.  
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.



518

## Your Only Son

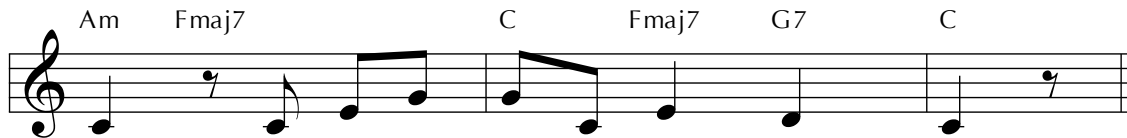
## Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



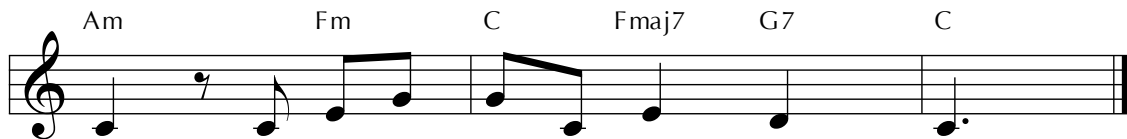
sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the

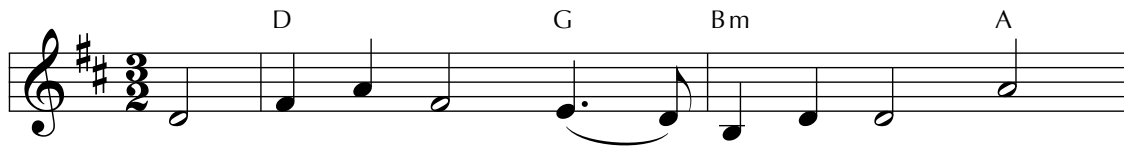


ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious

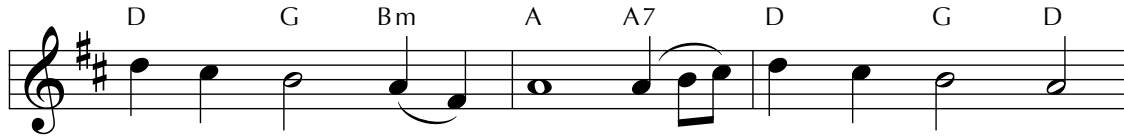


blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

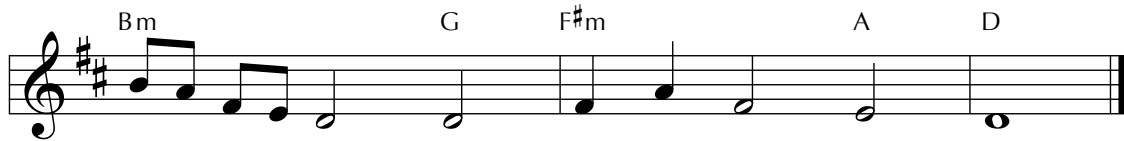
# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

# This week:

## Sunday, March 15

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Naomi's Group Widow's Luncheon - 12:30 at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant

## Tuesday, March 17

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, March 18

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

## Thursday, March 19

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

# Coming up:

## Saturday, March 28

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

## Sunday, March 29

- Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth - noon in Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, April 4

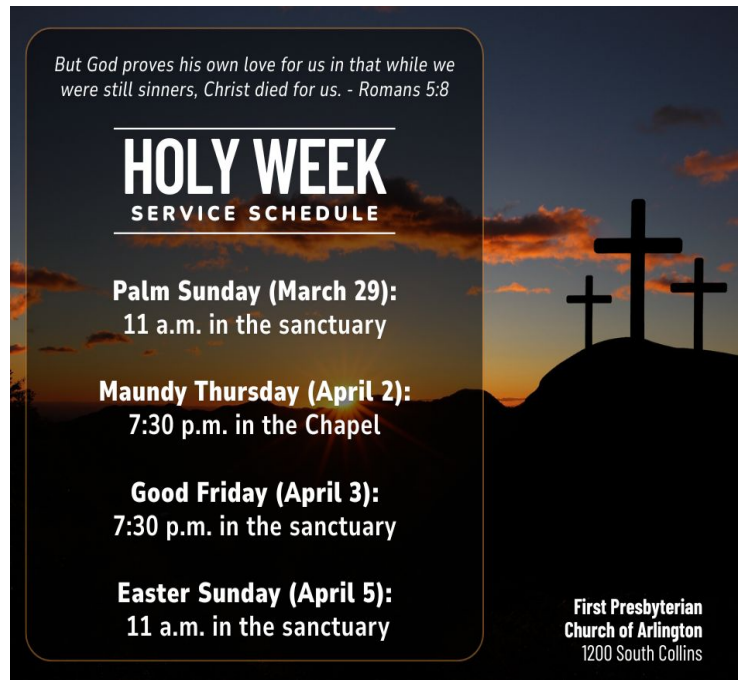
- Spring Festival - 3 p.m. on the playground

# Community:



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 will be 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:



First Presbyterian Church Arlington



First Presbyterian Church Arlington



@fpcatx



firstprestexas.org

# Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to [prayer@firstprestexas.org](mailto:prayer@firstprestexas.org)

The family of Allen Keaton, the family of Jackie Whitfield, 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 Rabourn, Richard Price, JoAnn Quick, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Debbie Richardson, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, the family of David Spencer, Drew Stephenson, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, 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](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org).

## Naomi's Group luncheon today

The FPCA Widow's Group will have lunch today after worship at 12:30 at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant.

## Join us for Easter Morning Breakfast

The Fellowship Team invites you to the Easter Morning breakfast April 5 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving home-cooked breakfast casseroles, fruit, and more. Everyone is invited!



## Blood Drive scheduled for April 19

We need your type! Join us and donate at our blood drive with Carter BloodCare on Sunday, April 19. The drive will take place in Fellowship Hall from 9:45 to noon. Contact Bob Dawson to sign up and schedule your appointment.



## VBS Registration now open

This summer's VBS will be held June 1 through 5 from 9 a.m. to noon for children aged four through sixth graders. Scan the QR code

for the Kingdom Quest VBS 2026 registration to register, or check the E-News for the link.

# Staff directory:

Main Phone number: 817.274.8286

Chris Campbell  
Russell Farnell  
Jim Shroyer  
Kyle Terwilliger  
Shina Heo  
Cheryl Harris  
Tricia Regalado  
Jeanne Chin  
Jane Leathem  
Bob Watkins  
Diane Chin

Lead Pastor  
Minister of Music/Facilities Admin  
Parish Associate  
Director of Children's Ministry  
Organist  
Music Ministry Associate  
Director of Communications  
Finance Manager  
Finance Assistant  
Prayer Ministry  
Night Monitor

[chris@firstprestexas.org](mailto:chris@firstprestexas.org)  
[russell@firstprestexas.org](mailto:russell@firstprestexas.org)  
[jim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org)  
[kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org)  
[shina@firstprestexas.org](mailto:shina@firstprestexas.org)  
[cheryl@firstprestexas.org](mailto:cheryl@firstprestexas.org)  
[tricia@firstprestexas.org](mailto:tricia@firstprestexas.org)  
[jeanne@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jeanne@firstprestexas.org)  
[jane@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jane@firstprestexas.org)  
[bob@firstprestexas.org](mailto:bob@firstprestexas.org)  
[diane@firstprestexas.org](mailto:diane@firstprestexas.org)