

The Second Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God
Sunday, April 12, 2026

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Clara Formusoh
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. Currently we are in the season of Easter. We use gold paraments as a symbol of the glory, majesty, and triumph of Jesus' resurrection.

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

Gathering

Prelude	Introduction and Fugue	Alexandre Guilmant
The Light of Christ		
Prayer for Preparation		
<i>Give your church, O God, the grace to serve you with courage, that our lives may be a witness to your compassion and our actions a testimony to your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.</i>		
Welcome and Opening Prayer		Rev. Chris Campbell
Call to Worship		
Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!		
God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.		
God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.		
In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.		
For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.		
For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.		
Let us worship God.		
Introit	Alleluia!	Eugene Englert
§ Hymn 718	Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said	BOURBON
§ Prayer of Confession		
God of mercy, we confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters.		
We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints.		
We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business.		
We have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends.		
We have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors.		
Forgive us, we pray.		
Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 16

Responsive Reading

refrain



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

refrain

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

refrain

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

refrain

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 in the Children's Area

Anthem

Simply Alleluia

Tom Fettke

New Testament Reading

Luke 10:25-37

New Testament page 71

Sermon

Grace Isn't Fair

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

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

*I know the Lord, I know the Lord, right in my heart.
He died for me, he died for me on Calvary.
He rose again, he rose again one glorious morn.
He's coming again, he's coming again to take us home.
Hallelujah! Amen.*

§ 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

Question 45 from the Heidelberg Catechism

What benefit do we receive from the resurrection of Christ?

**First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that he might make us share in the
righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are now
raised by his power to a new life. Third, the resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our
blessed resurrection. Amen.**

§ Hymn 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

§ Charge and Benediction

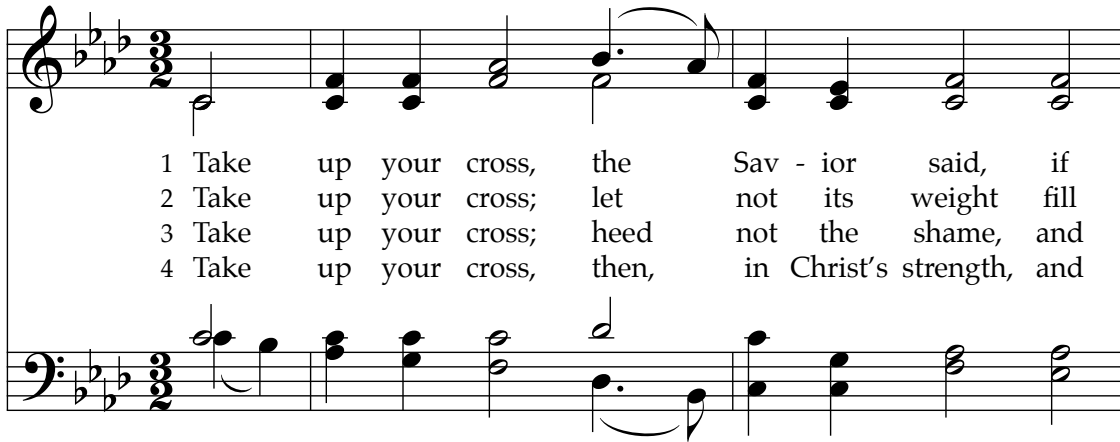
Postlude

Grand Choeur en re Majeur

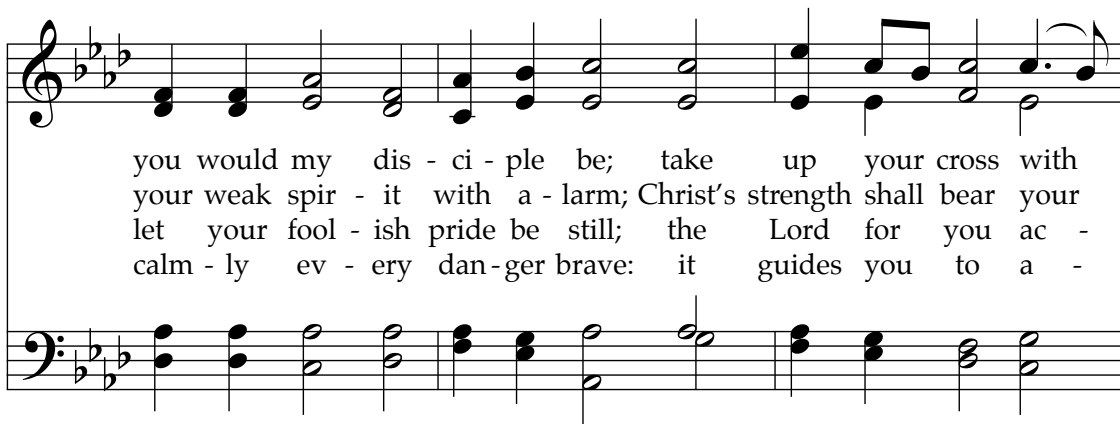
Alexandre Guilmant



Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

This week:

Sunday, April 12

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Youth/Children's Musical rehearsal - 12:45 in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 14

- 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
- Women's Ministry Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Wednesday, April 15

- 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, April 16

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

Coming up:

Sunday, April 19

- Blood Drive - 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 23

- Session Meeting - 6 p.m. in the Parlor

Saturday, April 25

- CPR and AED training - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church in Arlington

Community:

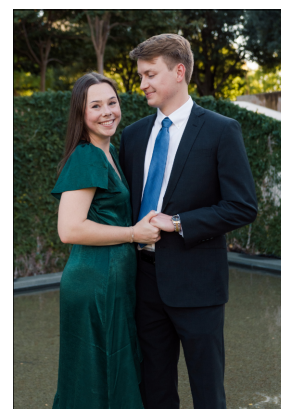
Sign up to give blood April 19

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 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. To sign up and schedule your appointment, scan the QR code, click on the link in this week's E-News, or reach out to Bob Dawson at 214.415.5396.



Join us in congratulating Sam and Mary!

Sam Richardson and Mary Dodds will be married in the Sanctuary Saturday, April 18 at 4 p.m. While all are welcome at the ceremony, reception space is limited to family and close friends. If you'd like to contribute to help Sam and Mary set up a household, consider scanning the QR code to order an item from their registry, which will be delivered to them.



Learn life-saving skills

Join us Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at a free CPR and AED Training hosted by Grace Presbytery. This is a great opportunity to gain hands-on knowledge and confidence in emergency situations. The training will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church. Please wear comfortable clothing. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by April 15 to Jenny Ross at jross011@att.net.

Get  connected:



@fpcatx on social media

Online at firstprestexas.org Scan to give

Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to prayer@firstprestexas.org or scan:



Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Jimmy Chefor, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Marshall Gesner, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Pat May, her son Tim Karnes, and her son-in-law Coleman Rouborn, Cathy Osbourn, Richard Price, JoAnn Quick, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, 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:

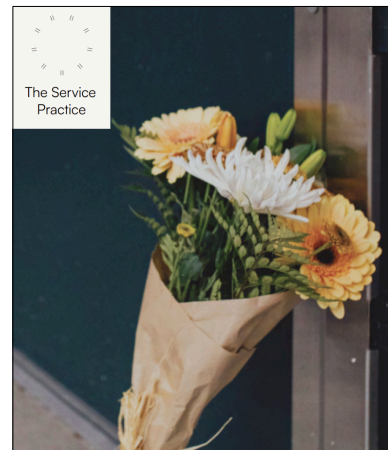
Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Marcia Rober, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

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.

Spring Bible Study for Women begins Tuesday

This year, the Women’s Ministry Team has been led to focus on the spiritual discipline of service. Love is the hallmark of Jesus’ followers, but what does that look like in our daily lives? Join us Tuesdays starting April 14 to May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor where we will explore a four-session study called, “The Service Practice.” Each week, we will walk through Scripture and be challenged to explore what it means to serve those who are right in front of us, allow ourselves to be interrupted by unexpected needs, and overlap our lives with those on the margins. To join us, please sign up on the FPCA website under the Adult Ministries tab and let us know you’re coming. Attendance is free and we look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend!



Gather update today, Congregational meeting April 19

Next week, Sunday, April 12 during worship, we will present a one-year update on the Gather progress. The following Sunday, April 19, please plan to stay for a few minutes after worship for a brief congregational meeting to amend details in the Terms of Call.

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