

The Third Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God
Sunday, April 19, 2026

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Jennifer Mount
Organist: Cheryl Harris

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

Prelude #7 in A Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,
God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,
God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,
God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
We praise God's name forever and ever!

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

§ Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you.
We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.
We have not been gracious or grateful.
We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
Help us to share our gifts and seek you daily.
In Jesus' 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 116:1–4, 12–19

Responsive Reading

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; **the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;**

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord, “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; **I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.**

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord **in the presence of all his people,**

in the courts of the house of the Lord, **in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

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

Followers of the Lamb

Phillip Dietterich

O brethren, ain’t you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel;

Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb!

O sisters, ain’t you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?

O, sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel;

O, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb!

O, I’m glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb!

O, sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel;

O, sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb!

New Testament Reading

Matthew 20:1–16

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Sermon

Grace Is Costly

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

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

Love Unknown

Matthew Corl

§ 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

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 762

When the Poor Ones

EL CAMINO

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Ralph Vaughan Williams



435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

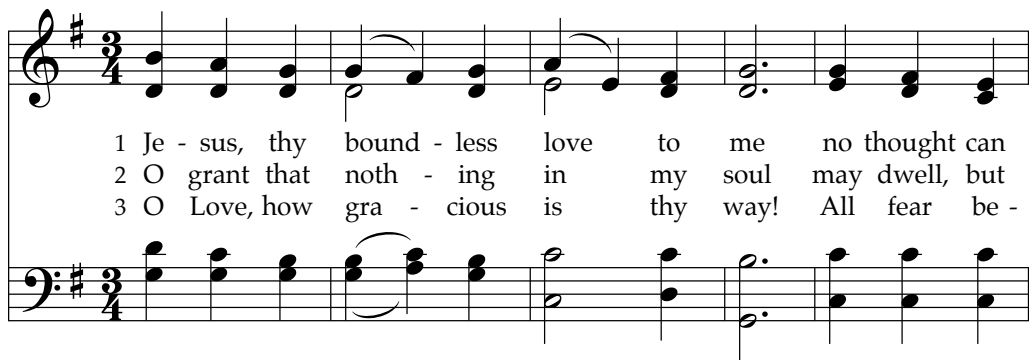
which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) for each system. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

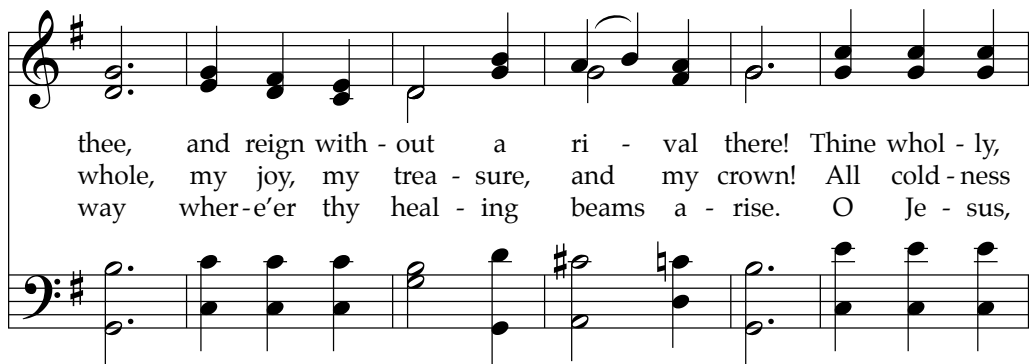
703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



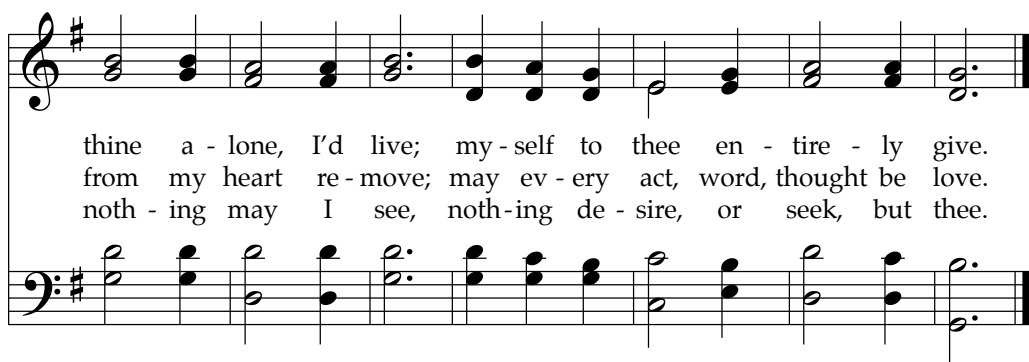
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



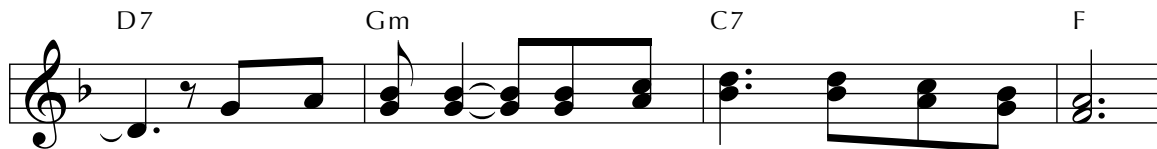
thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

When the Poor Ones

Quando el pobre

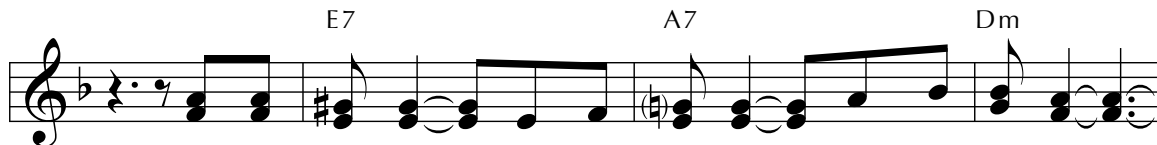
1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,
 3 Cuan - do cre - ce la a - le - grí - a y nos i - nun - da,
 4 Cuan - do a - bun - da el bien y lle - na los ho - ga - res,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,

cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,
 cuan - do di - cen nues - tros la - bios la ver - dad,
 cuan - do un hom - bre don - de hay gue - rra po - ne paz,



when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos el sen - tir de los sen - ci - llos,
 cuan - do "her - ma - no" le lla - ma - mos al ex - tra - ño,

Refrain / Estribillo



then we know that God still goes that road with us,
 va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.



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Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.

This week:

Sunday, April 19

- Blood Drive - 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Youth/Children's Musical rehearsal - lunch at noon in the Parlor; rehearsal at 12:45 in the choir room

Tuesday, April 21

- 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 22

- 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 23

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Session Meeting - 6 p.m. in the Parlor

Coming up:

Saturday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 30

- Saints Alive luncheon - 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Community:



Give blood today in Fellowship Hall

We need your type! Join us and donate at our blood drive with Carter BloodCare today in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Congregational meeting today

Please plan to stay for a few minutes after worship today for a brief congregational meeting to amend details in the Terms of Call.

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. Contact to Jenny Ross at jross011@att.net. to register.

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:

Joann Hanson, Frank Huneycutt, Jim Shroyer, 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 Rabourn, 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

Join us Tuesdays through May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor where we will explore a four-session study called, "The Service Practice." We'll 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, sign up on the FPCA website under the Adult Ministries tab and let us know you're coming. Attendance is free.

Celebrate the National Day of Prayer May 7



The National

Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May. Since 1952 The National Day of Prayer enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. Join us for a celebration Thursday, May 7 at noon in the Chapel.

Visit the Prayer Resource Table

The Prayer Ministry Council has set up a table in the Narthex to house resources and inspirations for prayer. You may deposit your prayer request cards in the amazing model of our church, constructed by Aristeo Arredondo. We will also have printed resources like The Little Man booklets, The Lenten Journey, prayer handouts, book selections, prayer request cards and more.

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