

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



# First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.  
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God  
**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell  
Lay Leader: Scott May  
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    Composition on a Plainsong                          John Dunstable

The Light of Christ

Prayer for Preparation

*Good Shepherd, you call us by name and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

This is the good news: the grave is empty;

**Christ is risen!**

This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness,

**And the darkness can never put it out.**

This is the good news: once we were no people;

**Now we are God's people.**

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**Let us worship God.**

Introit

All Ye Who Hear

arr. Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

§ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example.**

**When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return.**

**We have gone astray.**

**Forgive us and lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' 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 23

Responsive Reading

*refrain*



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from death in-to life.

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.**

*refrain*

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.**

*refrain*

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.**

*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

Achieved Is the Glorious Work

G.F. Handel

*Achieved is the glorious work.  
Our song let be the praise of God!  
He sole on high exalted reigns, hallelujah.  
Glory to His name forever. Hallelujah!*

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

New Testament page 184

Sermon

Grace Alone

Rev. Campbell

## Responding

§ Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

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

Nun Bitten Wir

Dietrich Buxtehude

§ 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

from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

§ Hymn 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYRYDOL

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

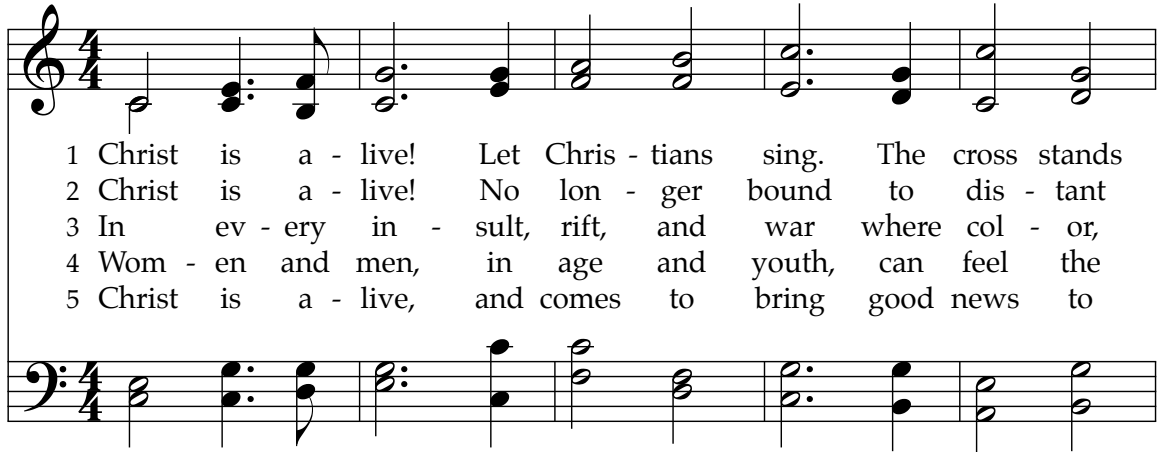
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John Dunstable

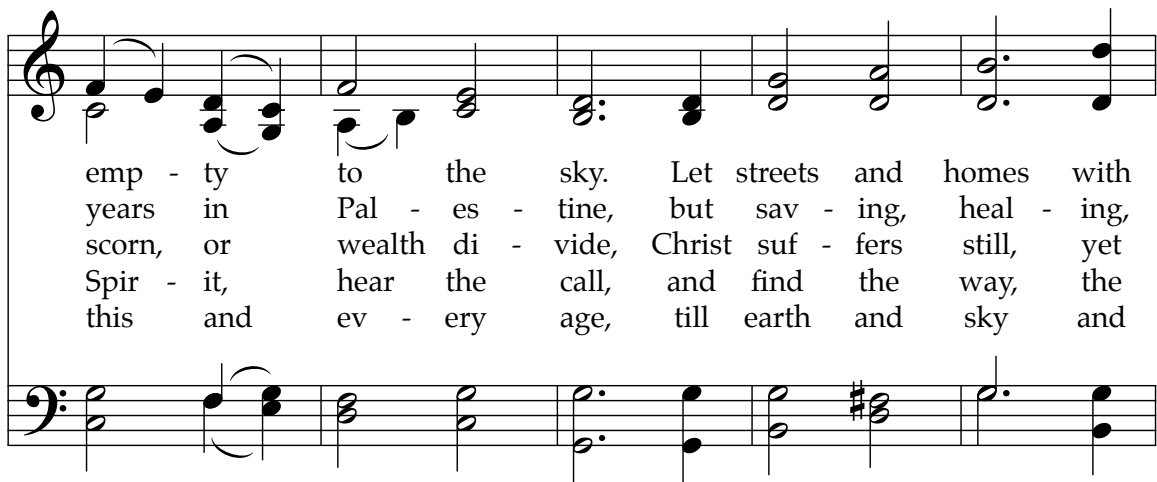


# Christ Is Alive!

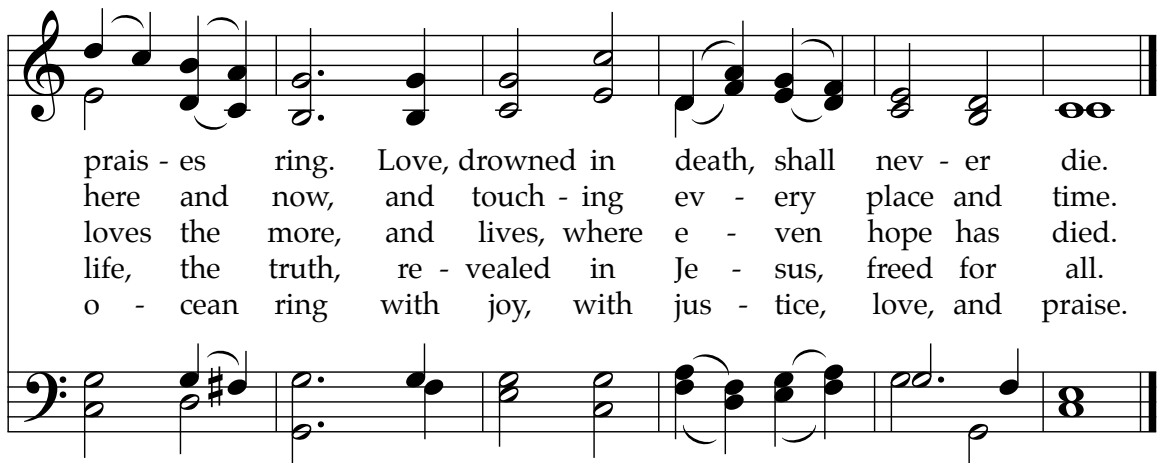
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a -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



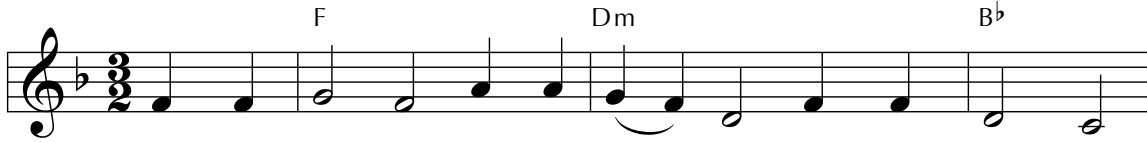
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

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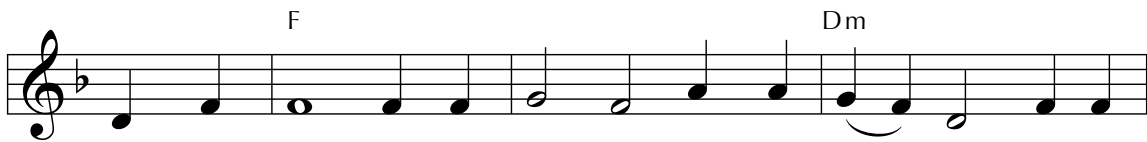
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1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

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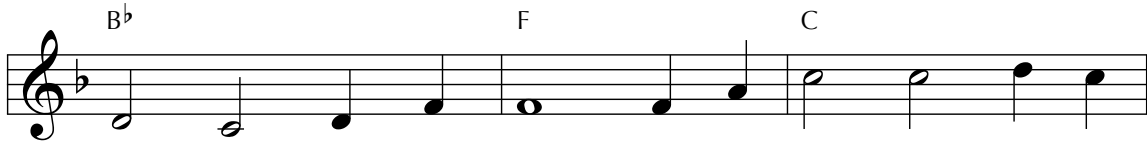


end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

(D)

(A)



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

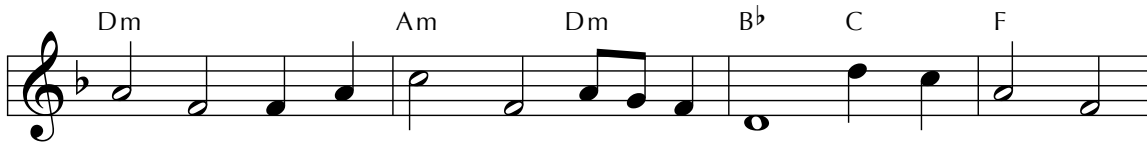
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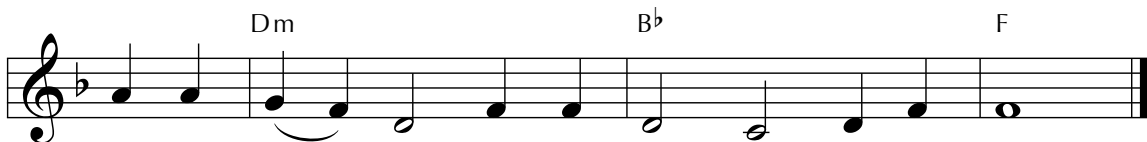


to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

(G)

(D)



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

## 260

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.



## This week:

### Sunday, April 26

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth - noon in Fellowship Hall
- Youth/Children's Musical rehearsal - 12:45 in the choir room

### Monday, April 27

- Martin High School Chamber Singers Concert - 8 p.m. in the sanctuary

### Tuesday, April 28

- 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 29

- 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. in the Parlor

### Thursday, April 30

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Saints Alive Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

## Coming up:

### Thursday, May 7

- National Day of Prayer observance - noon in the Chapel

## Community:

### 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.

### Spiritual Gifts Assessment and Ministry Fair coming soon!

On May 10, you'll be invited to prayerfully complete a spiritual gifts assessment to help you discover your



spiritual gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit and give you direction on where to use them. The Ministry Fair on May 24 in Fellowship Hall following the worship service will be a time for you to see the various ministries of FPCA and explore which ministries can use your gifts.

### Enjoy an evening of music tomorrow with Martin HS Choir

Come support and enjoy the internationally-acclaimed Martin High School Chamber Singers at their concert in the sanctuary Monday, April 27 at 8 p.m. These talented young musicians (including three of FPCA's Youth Choir members) will perform pieces from their Spring program.

## Get connected:



@fpcatx on social media

Online at firstprestexas.org Scan to give

# Prayer Ministry:

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



## Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Kimberly Davis, 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, Joann Hanson, Frank Huneycutt, 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, Jim Shroyer, 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:

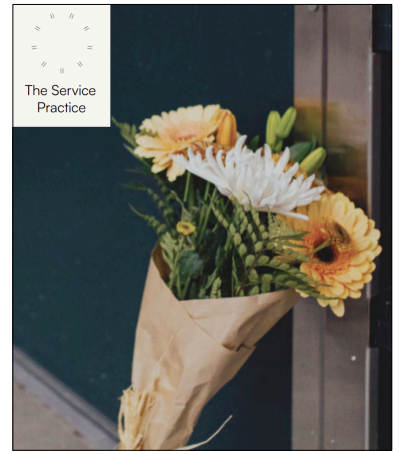
Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Marcia Rober, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

## Pray for those who do not know Christ.

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate Jim Shroyer at

# Spring Bible Study for Women

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 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.

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