



**Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

April 29, 2018

8:30am

11:00am

Jesus said: Abide in me, as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

(John 15:4-5a)

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us for this time of worship.

First Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming and inclusive fellowship of believers united by our love of God and our service to the needs of the world. We are a diverse fellowship – meaning we don't all look, act, think or believe alike. We have different questions about our faith, differing ways of reading the Bible and differing passions and concerns. Still we stand together as one family every Sunday in the songs we sing, prayers we pray, and the bonds of fellowship that hold us together. We are always open to newcomers in our midst!

If You Are New Here:

Introduce yourself to any of our members and use the red Friendship Pad to let us know who you are and how to add you to our church email list for weekly updates about events in the church's life. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities in all our ministries, so don't hesitate to get involved!

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Church Parlor after the 8:30 service or downstairs in the Social Hall after the 11:00 service.

During Today's Worship:

Large print hymnals and **hearing amplification devices** are available at both sanctuary entrances. The **church elevator** is accessible from the parking lot and sidewalk (southeast side of the church, nearest Carlin Springs Rd.) and reaches all floors of the church. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

The closest **restrooms** to the sanctuary are at the base of the stairs in the narthex (front lobby). Other restrooms are located on the main-floor hallway on the right just past the parking lot stairwell.

The **nursery** is located at the end of the main floor hallway. Trained attendants are on duty to care for our littlest ones. There is also a place for mothers to nurse in the nursery. All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the **"Time with the Children"** for a special message from the church's Children's Ministry Director. Children ages 3 through 1st grade are welcome to attend the **"Bridges to Worship"** during the remaining portion of the worship service. **Children's Bibles, story books** and **worship bags with age-appropriate bulletins** are available in the parking lot entrance hallway.

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WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

NOTE - Words in **bold** are to be said by the congregation. *Designates an invitation to stand.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace,
and may worship you with all our mind and heart; through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Madeline Jervis

PRELUDE

Prière á Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

Liturgists: Louise Shutler (8:30am service)
Jason Howell (11:00am service)

From you, Holy One, comes our praise in the great congregation.

My vows I will pay before those who fear God.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

**All the families of the Nations shall worship before God;
for dominion belongs to the Lord.**

Let us worship and praise our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON):

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past
we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow into the likeness of Jesus; our Light
and our Salvation. Amen.**

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
You are forgiven.

**We believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: No. 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00am)

Sarah Dianne Jones

BRIDGES TO WORSHIP No. 748 (11:00am) *Go With Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,

That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

ACTS 8:26 - 40

Pew Bible, p. 127 NT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN No. 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

EPISTLE LESSON:

I JOHN 4:7 - 21

Pew Bible, p. 241 NT

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

"God Is Love"

Rev. Madeline Jervis

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

This is the Good News which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God; the first and the last, the beginning and the end;

Our Lord and our God. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30 service)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Call

Lee Hoiby
(1926-2011)

*RESPONSE No. 607:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

(Thanks to Choir Member Michael Bruno for leading us in this hymn.)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you;
and also with you.

(Please extend the peace of Christ toward all those who are seated around you and to those whom you will meet in the week ahead)

POSTLUDE

Menuet from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

IN OUR PRAYERS

Keith Bornmann (son-in-law of Carole Dotterweich) for good health and healing.
Ellery Burgess (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
Esther Crosby (sister of Georgine Neureiter)
Midge Curry recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Virginia DeLange (sister of Carol Walker; aunt of Linda Hardy) in assisted living for dementia.
Rose Esposito (grandmother of Krystina Burke), battling lung cancer, and Clyde Payne (grandfather of Stephen Payne), suffering from dementia.
Meg Gallagher (friend of the Boslands) 14-year-old with leukemia.
Jim Howell in the V.A. Hospital in Baltimore, MD for illness.
Ann-Bailey Lipsett recovering from a broken ankle.
Peter Lipsett undergoing treatment for lymphoma. Please sign up to take meals to the family: https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup
Timofeo Nve Meñe (father of Prisca Nzang) suffering from lung cancer.
Anne Neill in the Arlington Regional Medical Center.
Emma (the niece of Shandra Niswander) who is recovering from emergency kidney surgery.
Don and Marty Orth for heart and age-related illnesses.
Lisa Osterheld (friend of Jack Madison & Debra Fowler) for good health & healing as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
Cathy Parham (friend of Janis McCollim and Phyllis Kayson, Templeton Condo) for health and healing from a stroke.
Beth Patterson (Carol Schadelbauer's cousin) diagnosed with cancer.
Chet Ramey (friend of Chip Benjamin) undergoing treatment for inoperable stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
Mike Rivet and his family (brother-in-law of Margaret McGilvray) as Mike continues to battle stage 4 melanoma.
Caitlin Rivet (niece of Margaret McGilvray) as her foster baby Eddie undergoes surgery for a brain tumor and she awaits the treatment options.
Jason Schell (nephew of Ed Milton) undergoing treatment for cancer.
Daniel Seitz for good health and healing.
Helen Surbaugh recovering from back pain after a fall.
Lee Taylor (brother of Al Taylor) has elected to stop chemotherapy.
Carol Walker fractured a vertebra in her spine and is great pain but trying to move as much as possible.
Dinah Martem-Westbrook (daughter-in-law of Rena Westbrook) for healing and recovery from cancer surgeries and radiation.
Bill Wyant (friend of Kathy Kobe) undergoing treatment for cancer.

Those in home-care or assisted living: **Betty Hoyt** (Room 316, Benjamin M. Smith Health Care Center at the Hermitage), **Lois Potter** (Gainesville Health & Rehabilitation Center, Fairview Unit, Room 218-Door)

Those serving in the Armed Forces abroad including: **Calvin Hubbard**, nephew of Jane Dunphy, member of the Army Special Forces on assignment in Syria; **Daniel O'Loughlin**, grandson of Don and Marty Orth, in Italy.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Board of Trustees' Meeting	Tuesday 5/1, 7:15pm Room 103
Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 5/3, 7:30pm Choir Room
Celebration of May Birthdays	Sunday 5/6, following 11am service Yount Social Hall: Cake and punch and birthday merriment courtesy of our Deacons
Mission Team Fundraiser Fiesta: <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	Sunday 5/6, 12:15 pm Yount Social Hall; please see announcements on next page
New Officer Training Session #2	Sunday 5/6, 4pm Room 103
Adult Covenant Group	Tuesday 5/8, 7:00am Church parlor
New Officer Training Session #3	Sunday 5/13, 4pm Room 103
The Arlington Chorale Concert: <i>Will Sing for Food</i>	Monday 5/14, 7:30pm Sanctuary: A selection of repertoire from TAC's 2017-2018 Season; Canned goods donated will support the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC); info at www.arlingtonchorale.org
Adult Covenant Group	Tuesday 5/15, 7:00am Church parlor
Van Go Luncheon: Bistro 29	Thursday 5/17, 11:30am Meet in church parlor; carpool to Bistro 29
Pentecost Re-enactment	Sunday 5/20, both services Please see announcement on next page
Stated Meeting of the National Capital Presbytery	Tuesday 5/22, 4pm National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC
Stated Meeting of the First Church Session	Thursday 5/24, 7pm Room 103
New Officer Training Make-up Session	Sunday 5/27, 4pm Room 103

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR A CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA! Sunday, May 6th from 12:15-2pm in Yount Social Hall. Cake walk and silent auction! Fundraiser to benefit this summer's mission trip to Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Mexico. For more information, contact Ann Bloome at akbloome@gmail.com.

SPRING CLEANING? The Mission Team is looking for auction items for our May 6th fundraiser for the August 2018 mission trip to Agua Prieta, Mexico. We are looking for art, unused gift cards, jewelry or collectibles. Also, this is a great opportunity to donate those Christmas and birthday presents you have never used and don't know what to do with! If you have items you wish to donate, please contact Chip Benjamin at 703 585-7066 or chipbenjamin@aol.com. The funds we raise will help support getting vans, equipment, and participants to Mexico. We are also soliciting frequent flyer miles to get Dr. Joaquin Perez-Febles' dental assistants to and from Tucson, Arizona. Please contact Joaquin at 703-356-8068 or drperez@periofitness.com if you can help.

THE MISSION TRIP BAKE SALE AND LUNCH FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! Thanks to all the people who baked items, bought items, and made donations at the Mission Trip Bake Sale on April 15th. We raised over \$800! We welcomed about 40 kids and adults and enjoyed a movie in Yount Social Hall. A group from FPC will be visiting our partners in mission, Mark & Miriam Adams, at Frontera de Cristo at the US-Mexico border this August. Contact Jennifer Swanson at jeniko3@gmail.com for more information.

FIRST ROOTS ARE GROWING AND TAKING SHAPE. Our building project is moving forward quickly. The construction drawings are complete, and the E-team has selected our contractor. After permitting is complete, we expect to be building our new kitchenette, gathering space and bathrooms this summer. Thank you everyone for your support! And remember, before we can "tear down those walls" and build the new ones, we need to complete our fundraising campaign. Whether you are continuing your contributions from our initial campaign, fulfilling a second pledge from First Roots II campaign, or simply donating to the building fund, please submit your financial contributions by May 1. We can't create our beautiful new space without you.

GRADUATION SEASON IS COMING! Is your child or grandchild graduating this spring? We would love to recognize them during worship on June 3rd! Please let Sarah Dianne (sarahdianne@fpcarlington.org) know your child/grandchild's full name, where they're graduating from, and what they'll be doing after graduation no later than May 25th.

MANY THANKS TO THE WONDERFUL HOSTS who have provided snacks for post-service social hours in early 2018. We are looking for volunteers for the coming months and there are lots of dates open to choose from through SignUpGenius. Social hour provides a great chance to visit with other members of the congregation and welcome guests to the church. Just drop off a variety of snacks labelled "Social Hour" in the kitchen before the service (upstairs for 8:30, downstairs for 11:00) and they will be set out along with the coffee, tea and lemonade after the service. Please consider signing up today at: <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup> (scroll down for 2018 dates). Thank you!
Julie Bosland and the Fellowship Team: (703) 408-4612: jbosland@comcast.net

BE PART OF OUR PENTECOST RE-ENACTMENT ON MAY 20TH! As part of both of the two services on Pentecost Sunday, we will read the Lord's Prayer in unison and in as many languages as we can. This re-enactment is another way to celebrate our congregation's roots in nations far and wide where Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit was bestowed. If you can participate, please let Blair Moorhead (bmoorhead@aol.com) or Sally Gousen (Sallygousen@gmail.com) know which of the two services you will be attending that day, and the language in which you will read the prayer. Wear red and bring a translation of the prayer, if you like. Our congregation is composed of many voices and many languages, but one spirit!

GET INVOLVED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

ADULT COVENANT GROUP – meets in our church parlor each Tuesday at 7:00am for fellowship, Bible discussion, prayer, and coffee.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASS– Please join us for our course *Instruments of Change*. We will discover where change is needed in our own lives and how we, as the body of Christ, can help others who are looking for change in their lives. Through this study, to run through May 6, we will follow the example of Jesus in getting to know people and lovingly speaking truth to them. Please join us Sundays at 9:45am in room 103.

AFAC FOOD DONATIONS – Food donations for the Arlington Food Assistance Center play a valuable role in feeding our families. Donations of non-perishables are collected in baskets by our parking lot entry and delivered monthly to AFAC. Also, you can deliver fresh produce you grow, or make a cash donation. Here's how: go to <http://www.AFAC.org> and click on "DONATE" in the green bar for a listing of target non-perishable foods, as well as how to donate produce and make cash donations.

CHOIR – rehearses each Sunday at 9:45am and first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the choir room. New singers of all abilities welcome! For more information contact Adam Graham at adam@fpcarlington.org.

CHURCH LADIES BOOK CLUB – Always open to newcomers. If you enjoy informal, interesting discussions and good food, please consider joining us even if you haven't finished the book. At 7pm tomorrow, April 30, we invite anyone to propose books for the group to read over the next year. We'll meet at Lida Mead's, 4300 N Carlin Springs Rd, Apt 513. Please let Lida know if you can come (252-939-0189) and bring a dish to share.

FLOWERS FOR CHANCEL – Please consider sponsoring the flowers so that we don't have a bare chancel! The cost for the floral arrangements is \$50 for two bouquets or \$25 for one bouquet. All you have to do is complete the SignUpGenius form at <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>, and place a check with "flowers" in the memo line into the offering plate. If you have any questions or if you can't access the SignUpGenius page, please contact Kay Hill Foy or the church office at 703-527-4766.

GROW WITH US – The gardening season is here. Please join us to help keep our gardens looking good. It's fun, on-the-job training is available, scheduling is flexible, and what a wonderful way to promote our church to passersby. For ornamental gardens contact Louise Shutler at shutlerl@gmail.com and for AFAC vegetable garden contact Audrey Morris at agmorris1@yahoo.com.

MISSION TEAM – Give back to the community! Contact Austin Wiehe at awiehe@verizon.net or 703-677-4336 or reach out to a Mission Team member.

SOCIAL HOUR – Please sign up to bring the food for social hour on a forthcoming Sunday. Sign up at <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup> or contact Julie Bosland at jbosland@comcast.net for more information.

YOUNG ADULTS – Please join us for exciting events. For more information contact Carly Horton at carlylynn.horton0423@gmail.com.

REMINDERS


OUR LIBRARY will be relocated across the hall to shelves in meeting room 103 this summer as part of the First Roots building project. Our collection is being culled; the books we are keeping include commentaries, theology, church polity, and children's books. Other books are set on a table in the first floor hallway and are free. Please take any that you would like.


FREE TO A GOOD HOME – The church still has three upright pianos that we need to dispose of. If you or someone you know is interested in one of our pianos designated for disposal please contact the church office at 703-527-4766 or office@fpcarlington.org.


LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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 Regular office hours: Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 1pm
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 Guest Pastor Rev. Madeline Jervis
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 Ushers Cathy, Steve, Harry, and Hazel Thurston (8:30am)
 Lynda and Lee Martin, Ray Gold, Lynda Hill, Diana Warmann, and Craig Wulf (11:00am)
 Parish Associates Rev. Madeline Jervis
 Rev. Donna Weddle

CONNECT WITH US

 **FACEBOOK:** First Presbyterian Church of Arlington has a Facebook page. We would like for folks to join our group to keep up with prayer concerns, events, etc. in the church life. The name of the group is **FPCarlington**. "Like" us today!

 **TWITTER ACCOUNT:** Tweet Us! First Presbyterian Church has a twitter address; @fpc_arlington. You can see the account at: http://www.twitter.com/fpc_arlington.



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