



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

May 6, 2018

8:30am

11:00am

Jesus said:

*Those who love me will keep my word,
and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them.*

(John 14:23)

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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:

Risen Christ, may we who in baptism die to sin, rise again to new life and find our place in your living body. May the new covenant sealed in your blood bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world. Alleluia. You are risen. We are risen with you. Praise and glory to the living God. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

PRELUDE

Prelude in D, BWV 925

J.S. Bach
(1685 - 1750)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 98)

Liturgists: Louise Shutler (8:30am service)
Georgine Neureiter (11:00am service)

O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

**God's right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.**

O sing to the LORD a new song,

**The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

**at the presence of the LORD, for the Lord is coming
to judge the earth.**

God will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Together let us worship and praise the Lord.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The morning of God's love has broken into our lives, but we have been slow to respond and reluctant to live in its beauty. Together let us confess our sin and make ample room for God's love to reclaim us.

*CONFESSION OF SIN:

O God, whose love is new every morning, and whose grace, like the dew, covers the earth, hear us as we confess to you and others how we have turned away from you. For our lack of patience with those we deem inferior to us:

O Lord, forgive us.

For our misuse of the gift of life, the selfishness of our ways, and the shallowness of our thoughts:

O Lord, forgive us.

For our weak faith and our wavering confidence in your protection over us and our loved ones, for the fears we harbor in the depths of our being, and for resentments that we have fostered for too long:

O Lord, forgive us.

O Lord, forgive us and grant us your peace through the same power that brought again from the dead Jesus Christ. In this time of worship, enable us so to trust in your goodness that we may go forth forgiven and immersed in your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent time of confession and reflection)

*SUPPLICATION: No. 551

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

Wherever sin is found, God grace abounds even more. Believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: No. 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is alive, and comes to bring,

Good news to this and every age,

Till earth and sky and ocean ring,

With joy, with justice, love and praise.

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES: I John 5:1-6 Pew Bible, p. 241 NT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS: John 15:9-17 Pew Bible, pp. 109-110 NT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "A New Kind of Friendship" The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN No. 529 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(from: A Brief Statement of Faith)

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

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A New Commandment* Richard Shephard
(b. 1949)

*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

+INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise to the Lord.

Eternal God, it is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION 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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 465 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

CONVERSE

*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

Prelude in D, BWV 532

J.S. Bach
(1685 - 1750)

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 Washington, DC 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

Mission Team Fundraiser: <i>Cinco de Mayo Fiesta</i>	TODAY 12:15 pm Yount Social Hall
New Officer Training Session #2	TODAY 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
Celebration of May Birthdays	Sunday 5/20 following 11am service Yount Social Hall: Cake and punch and birthday merriment courtesy of our Deacons
Church Ladies Book Club	Monday 5/21, 7pm Claire Milton's home
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! Today 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.

FAITH SHARES! As our youth prepare for their trips this summer, we are reminded that what matters in our faith is not just the fun things we do and the stories that we learn, but also the people who are our shareholders, those who have committed their time, love, and care to us. How can you, our shareholders, help? On the large bulletin board across from the youth room are 150 envelopes. Each envelope has a dollar amount from \$1-\$150. We ask that you consider taking an envelope and donating the specified amount to our fund. The money will help subsidize the cost of youth participants, pay for our chaperones who are giving up their time to attend, and cover the costs of renting vans. The envelopes will be on the bulletin board until May 27th. You can return your envelope to Sarah Dianne, or leave it in her mailbox in the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sarah Dianne (sarahdianne@fpcarlington.org).

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 the last day of 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 conclude today, we will follow the example of Jesus in getting to know people and lovingly speaking truth to them.

The rest of May we will focus on Mexico as we plan the August 2018 Mission Trip: On May 13th Mark Benbow will lead an overview of Mexican history, and on May 20th and 27th Steve Thurston and Jennifer Swanson will lead the class through discussions of two books which offer different perspectives of life at the border: *The Devil's Highway: A True Story* (2004, by Luis Alberto Urrea) and *The Line Becomes a River* (2018, by Francisco Cantú). Mission Trip Team has copies of these books (purchased by FPC; please ask to borrow 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 interesting discussions and good food, please consider joining us even if you haven't finished the book. At 7 pm on Monday, May 21, we will discuss Geraldine Brooks' *The Secret Chord* at Claire Milton's, 134 S Columbus St., Arlington 22204. Please let Claire know (703 521-3649 or clairebreedlovemilton@gmail.com) if you can come and bring a dish to share.

Our summer dates will be June 11 and July 16.

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.

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 Meg Sherwood, Joe Lederle, Kevin Johnson, Jesse and Casey Bloome,
 and Annette and Mark Benbow (11:00am)
 Parish Associates..... Rev. Madeline Jervis
 Rev. Donna Weddle

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 **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!

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