



**Service for the Lord's Day  
Ascension of the Lord  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 13, 2018

8:30am

11:00am

God of love, help us to remember  
that Christ has no body now on earth but ours,  
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.  
Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world.  
Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone now,  
Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.

(St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-82)

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up to the glory of heaven. Clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

### PRELUDE

*Cortege et Litanie op. 19 no. 2*

Marcel Dupré  
(1886-1971)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)

Liturgists: Louise Shutler (8:30am service)  
Michael Bruno (11:00am service)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**But their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

**The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Together let us worship and praise the Lord.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 267

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN:

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives.  
We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive  
us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

(silent time of confession and reflection)

\*SUPPLICATION:

*Kyrie*

Adam Graham  
(b. 1986)

Lo - rd have mer - cy. Chri - st have  
mer - cy. Lord have mer - - cy.

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

Because Jesus has ascended to on high, we have an advocate before almighty God, one who prays for us and assures us of our forgiveness and redemption. Believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE: No. 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
(fifth verse)

DUKE STREET

**Let every creature rise and bring,  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.**

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

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 24:44-53

Pew Bible, p. 91 NT

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN No. 258

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

DEO GRACIAS

LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible, p. 118 NT

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

“Transitioning”

The Rev. Dr. Bryan Mickle

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**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.**

*(The Apostles' Creed)*

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

*O For A Closer Walk With God*

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852 - 1924)

\*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. 662     *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

RATISBON

\*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

*Cortege et Litanie op. 19 no. 2*

Marcel Dupré  
(1886 - 1971)

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

# IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Those in home-care or assisted living: **Betty Hoyt** (c/o Ann Hoyt Janosik, 6333 Dorchester Street, Columbia, SC 29203-2531), **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

<b>New Officer Training Session #3</b>	TODAY 5/13, 4pm Room 103
<b>The Arlington Chorale Concert: <i>Will Sing for Food</i></b>	TOMORROW 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 <a href="http://www.arlingtonchorale.org">www.arlingtonchorale.org</a>
<b>Adult Covenant Group</b>	Tuesday 5/15, 7:00am Church parlor
<b>Mission Team Meeting</b>	Tuesday 5/15, 8:00pm Room 103
<b>Van Go Luncheon: Bistro 29</b>	Thursday 5/17, 11:30am Meet in church parlor; carpool to Bistro 29
<b>Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday</b>	Sunday 5/20, both services
<b>Celebration of May Birthdays</b>	Sunday 5/20 following 11am service Yount Social Hall: Cake and punch and birthday merriment courtesy of our Deacons
<b>Church Ladies Book Club</b>	Monday 5/21, 7pm Claire Milton's home
<b>Bible &amp; Bagels</b>	Tuesday 5/22, 7am Cosi, 4250 Fairfax Drive, Ballston
<b>Stated Meeting of the National Capital Presbytery</b>	Tuesday 5/22, 4pm National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC
<b>CYMT Meeting</b>	Wednesday 5/23, 7:15pm Room 102
<b>Stated Meeting of the First Church Session</b>	Thursday 5/24, 7pm Room 103
<b>New Officer Training Make-up Session</b>	Sunday 5/27, 4pm Room 103
<b>Memorial Day Holiday: Office Closed</b>	Monday 5/28
<b>Youth Sunday / Summer Worship Schedule begins</b>	Sunday 6/3, 10am
<b>All-Church Picnic</b>	Sunday 6/3, following 10am worship Church lawn (weather permitting) or Yount Social Hall

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHANCEL** today were donated by Krystina Burke and Stephen Payne in honor of their wedding day!

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**CELEBRATING PENTECOST - NEXT SUNDAY!** Have you ever thought about what our lives would be like if Jesus had not bequeathed his gift of the Holy Spirit to us? We will celebrate that gift next Sunday, and if you can wear something that is flame colored — red, pink, yellow or orange — you will add to our celebration; or bring a flame colored plant to place on the windowsill during the service. Do you speak another language? If so, we hope you'll join in our multi-lingual recitation of the Lord's Prayer at both services. Our congregation is composed of many voices and many languages, but one spirit!

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**MANY THANKS** to everyone who made the Seis de Mayo Mission Team Fundraiser such a HUGE success last Sunday! Just over \$4,000 was raised from generous bidders for the August trip to Frontera de Cristo in Aqua Prieta, Mexico. A special *thank you* to all the hosts of the private parties, the many individuals who donated art, jewelry, weekend getaways, and one of a kind items, as well as the committee who prepared the event and baked thirteen cakes! Thank You Everyone!!!--The Mission Team

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**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](mailto:sarahdianne@fpcarlington.org)).

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**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](mailto: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.

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**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](mailto:jbosland@comcast.net)

# 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. Please note that the group will move to its summer site, Cosi, 4250 Fairfax Drive, Ballston, beginning Tuesday, May 22.

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**ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASS**– Please join us as we focus on Mexico as we plan the August 2018 Mission Trip: Today 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). Copies from excerpts of the books are available from Jennifer Swanson and on the back table. Please join us Sundays at 9:45am in room 103.

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**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.

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**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](mailto:adam@fpcarlington.org).

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**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*. Our host is Claire Milton, 134 S Columbus St., Arlington 22204; 703 521-3649; [clairebreedlovemilton@gmail.com](mailto:clairebreedlovemilton@gmail.com). Please let Claire know if you can come and bring a dish to share.

On June 11 we will discuss *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, and on July 16 we will discuss *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* by Brene Brown.

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**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.

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**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](mailto:shutlerl@gmail.com) and for AFAC vegetable garden contact Audrey Morris at [agmorris1@yahoo.com](mailto:agmorris1@yahoo.com).

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

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**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](mailto:jbosland@comcast.net) for more information.

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**YOUNG ADULTS** – Please join us for exciting events. For more information contact Carly Horton at [carlylynn.horton0423@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**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](mailto: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

## 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](http://www.twitter.com/fpc_arlington).



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