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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

8:30am

11:00am

“Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom
the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit
there is no deceit.”

(Psalm 32:1-2)

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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 Welcome Hall 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.

Restrooms are located just outside the Sanctuary across from the Welcome Hall, and below the narthex (front lobby).

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 **Children's Sermon** 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:

Almighty God, You know that in this world we are under great pressure, so that at times we cannot stand. Stiffen our resolve and make faith strong, so that we may dig in against temptation and, by your power, overcome; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8:30am PRELUDE: *Trio in F* Joseph Rheinberger

11am CHORAL INTROIT: *Jesus, Remember Me* REMEMBER ME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING SENTENCES:

This is the day the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Romans 3:22-24, II Corinthians 5:21) Liturgists: Marianne Okal (8:30am)

"God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ... Katy Perez and Emma Pericak
Everyone has sinned and is far away (Confirmands) (11am)

from God's saving presence.

But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with God through Christ Jesus, who sets them free."

"Christ was without sin,

But for our sake God made him share our sin, in order that in union with him we might share the righteousness of God."

Thanks be to God! Amen!

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 435: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips fear to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. 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 more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(silent time of confession and meditation)

*8:30am KYRIE No. 551: *Lord, Have Mercy* LAND OF REST
**Lord have mercy;
Christ have mercy;
Lord have mercy upon us.**

*11am CHORAL KYRIE: *Mass of the Quiet Hour* George Oldroyd

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:
Brothers and sisters, be assured that the Lord is kind and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 652: *A Grateful Heart* ROCKINGHAM
(verse 3)
**With saving love you set us free,
And still you dwell in mystery
With wisdom none can comprehend.
Your praise, O God, will never end.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON Cali Bronkema

*BRIDGES TO WORSHIP No. 853: *Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)* SIYAHAMBA
(verse four)
**We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God; we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing; we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, singing; we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Romans 5:12-19 Pew Bible, p. 156 NT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Psalm 32 Pew Bible, pp. 506-07 OT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Confession + Forgiveness = Joy" The Rev. Ellen Marquardt

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*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)

8:30am CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Since By Man Came Death (Messiah)*

G.F. Handel

11am RESPONSE No. 608: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks . . .

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

“God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**”

+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. 446: *How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions*

MEIRIONYDD

*11am CHORAL BENEDICTION: *God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

*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)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

+Communion Instructions – Communion will be served by intinction. When you come forward to the communion servers, break off a small piece of the bread and dip it in the juice cup. The cup is filled with grape juice. A gluten-free bread substitute is available from the server who stands between the other servers. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, servers will be glad to bring the bread and juice to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME REV. ELLEN FISHER MARQUARDT TO THE PULPIT TODAY – Rev. Marquardt is a retired Presbyterian minister and a native Texan. She holds degrees from Texas Woman’s University and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Her ministry included directing a local mission agency and pastoring a small church in central Missouri, serving on presbytery staff in the Kansas City area and on Long Island NY, and working with two churches in Perth, Scotland. In retirement she is establishing a coaching practice and keeps busy supporting small churches in Heartland Presbytery. In Arlington, Ellen is best known as Nicholas and Robyn Bruno's grandmother.

OUR LITURGISTS TODAY are two members of our 2020 confirmation class! As they explore what it means to be a member of the church, all those who are participating in confirmation class will serve as liturgists over the next few months. We ask that you continue to show them your love and support as they proceed on this faith journey. – [Cali Bronkema](#), Director of CYM

NEXT WEEK’S NOISY OFFERING will benefit the [World Wildlife Fund](#), so please bring in your loose change for the children to collect during the 11am service on March 8. — [Cali Bronkema](#), Director of CYM

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Over the next weeks the Nominating Committee of the congregation will be building a slate of nominees for Church Officers. As we get started we need your help! We are looking for candidates for **Elder, Deacon** and **Trustee**.

Elders exercise leadership and take responsibility for the life of our church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment.

Deacons minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress, both within and beyond the community of faith. Deacons may also participate in church functions such as leading the congregation in prayer, reading the scriptures, receiving the offering, and assisting with the Lord's Supper.

Trustees are entrusted with the responsibility for maintaining the church building and grounds. The Trustees assure that the congregation can worship, learn, and have fellowship in a safe, worshipful, inviting and comfortable space.

On the bulletin insert there is space for new Church Officer nominations as well as a breakdown of the current boards.

Take a moment to think of individuals whom you feel:

- Have a spiritual commitment to serving and caring for others
- Are responsive to and excited by challenges
- Are active in our church community and attend regular worship

Nominations may be placed in the green box by the parking lot entrance, in the offering plate, in the church office, or simply hand them to a member of the Nominating Committee: Midge Curry (chair), Margaret Gregory (deacon), Whitney Engstrom (trustee), and Deb Fowler and Kyle Longton (at large members). Feel free to contact Midge Curry at NomCom@FPCArlington.org (and it will be kept confidential) with comments or nominations.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANKS – “Thank you” go out to all the people who worked to put on a delicious pancake breakfast! The dads were wonderful, the moms terrific, and the many volunteer young people who participated as decorators, food preparers, servers, cleaner uppers, dish washers, flippers and general revelers made a great event. Thanks too to everyone who came – we hope you got full up and ready to begin the Lenten season.

We will continue to hold our usual gatherings for fellowship during the interim period as we search for a new pastor so keep the events on your calendar and join your friends in staying connected. — Louise Shutler for the Fellowship Team

“WONDROUS LOVE” LENTEN DEVOTIONALS – This year’s Lenten devotional highlights readings from the gospel of Matthew, and each reading is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This worship guide will reinforce Christ’s central teachings of God’s love for us and the duty we have to love others. The booklets are available in baskets in the narthex and in the hallway leading to Welcome Hall. Spend a few minutes each day of Lent remembering how wondrous God’s love is! – Sally Gousen, Elder for Worship

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Palm Sunday, April 5th – services at 8:30am and 11:00am

Maundy Thursday, April 9th – an evening service at 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 10th – an evening service at 7:30pm*

Easter Sunday, April 12th – services at 8:30am and 11:00am*

*The Good Friday mid-day gathering and the Easter sunrise service offered in other years have been eliminated this year because of the absence of pastoral leadership. These cutbacks are subject to change if an Interim Pastor is in place. This cutback is expected to be a temporary, while we are in the current transition period. – Sally Gousen, Elder for Worship

SIX FOR SUPPER – The Deacons seek GRACIOUS HOSTS and APPRECIATIVE GUESTS on Saturday, April 25th and/or Saturday, May 2nd. Please complete the RSVP sheet inserted in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate, or contact Aromie Noe at aromienoe@yahoo.com.

GET INVOLVED AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH – On Sundays, March 1 and 8, we will continue our series on Justice and the Prophets. Join us in the Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103) at 9:45 for Biblical interpretation and a lively discussion of related current issues. Bring your coffee hour snacks or beverage and join us.

AFAC NON-PERISHABLE FOOD NEEDS – Ever go hungry? When shopping please remember the nearly 2,000 families coming to Arlington Food Assistance Center. **Target foods:** low-sugar dry cereals and fruit in light syrup, tuna, canned low-sodium soups, beans, tomatoes and other vegetables. Thank you. – Audrey Morris for the Mission Team

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP – Our group meets for Bible study and conversation **Thursday mornings from 7 to 8am** at the church. Enter through the main door that leads up to the Welcome Hall. – Marianne Okal

CHURCH LADIES BOOK CLUB is 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 **Monday, March 30**, we'll discuss *Ask Again, Yes: A Novel* by Mary Beth Keane. We'll meet at the home of Janet Bickel, 7407 Venice St., Falls Church 22043. If you can come, please let Janet know at janetbickel@cox.net or 703-303-6673 and bring a dish to share. Upcoming books are: April 27: *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks; May 18: *The Water Dancer: A Novel* by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

DRIVERS NEEDED to join a pool of other drivers who take turns in giving rides to some of our members who are not able to drive themselves. It is a fun way to get to know some of our older members while also being environmental by carpooling. Contact Scott Steele at 281-235-6296 or scottasteele@yahoo.com to volunteer or for more information on how you can help. There is also a sign-up sheet posted on the entrance bulletin board and a link to the SignUpGenius at <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>.

FLOWERS FOR CHANCEL – Help to beautify the sanctuary! You can sponsor one or two arrangements for \$25 or \$50. Sign up on the church sign-up webpage: <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>, and indicate to whom you would like to dedicate the bouquet(s). Just place a check (put "flowers" in the memo line) in the offering plate. If you have any questions or if you can't access the SignUpGenius page, please contact Sally Gousen at 703-338-6769 or the church office at 703-527-4766.

MUSIC – Our Choir rehearses each Sunday at 10am and each Thursday from 7-9pm in the choir room. *New singers of all abilities welcome!* Our handbell ensemble rehearses each Thursday from 6-7pm in the sanctuary. For more information contact Adam Graham at adam@fpcarlington.org.

SOCIAL HOUR – Please consider signing up to bring food for the Social Hour after service. The food provides a great "anchor" for our weekly time together and also helps create an opportunity to greet visitors and prospective new members. You can sign up using the all-church signup link: <https://www.fpcarlington.org/signup>. Thank you! – Julie Bosland, Elder for Fellowship

VAN GO LUNCH – Van Go is a monthly gathering for an informal, no-host lunch for adults. All are welcome! Our next lunch is **Thursday, March 19**; we'll meet at the church at 11:30am and carpool to *Ireland's Four Provinces* in Falls Church. Contact Ruth Garfield at r.garfield@comcast.net or 703-536-5679 with questions.

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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Meeting of the Board of Deacons	Wednesday 3/4, 7:30pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
Adult Bible Study	Thursday 3/5, 7am Pastor's Study / Parlor / Cindy Bolbach Meeting Rm.
Handbells Rehearsal / Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 3/5, 6pm / 7pm Sanctuary / Choir Room
World Day of Prayer / Children's Choir Sings / Noisy Offering for WWF	Sunday 3/8, 11am worship service Sanctuary
Celebration of March Birthdays and Other Special Occasions	Sunday 3/8, following 11am worship service Yount Social Hall
Worship Ministry Team Meeting	Wednesday 3/11, 7:30pm Room 102
Adult Bible Study	Thursday 3/12, 7am Pastor's Study / Parlor / Cindy Bolbach Meeting Rm.
Handbells Rehearsal / Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 3/12, 6pm / 7pm Sanctuary / Choir Room
CYMT Fundraiser: Parents' Night Out	Friday 3/13, 6-8:30pm
Van Go Lunch: Ireland's Four Provinces, Falls Church, VA	Thursday 3/19; 11:30am Meet at church and carpool to restaurant
Handbells / Adult Choir Rehearsal	Thursday 3/19, 6pm / 7pm Sanctuary / Choir Room
National Capital Presbytery Meeting	Tuesday 3/24, 4pm National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.
CYMT Meeting	Wednesday 3/25, 7:15pm Youth Office
Stated Meeting of the First Church Session	Thursday 3/26, 7pm The Cindy Bolbach Meeting Room (#103)
Youth: Popcorn Theology	Friday 3/27, time TBA Youth Office
Trustees' Spring Work Day	Saturday 3/28, 9am-12pm Church Building and Grounds
Spring Lunch	Sunday 3/29, following 11am worship Yount Social Hall

IN OUR PRAYERS

Matthew Allen (son of friend of Carlyle Gregory) prayers for health after devastating auto accident.
Ellery Burgess (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
Jim Cooke (Lynnette Yount's husband) being treated for cancer.
Esther Crosby (sister of Georgine Neureiter) experiencing Parkinson's dementia.
Friend of First Church Deatra's grandson, James for God's grace.
Brian Fike (nephew of Dana Edwards) undergoing treatment for a serious illness.
Sean Foulke-Hill (Madeline Jervis' grandson) struggling with addiction rehabilitation.
Andrea Gorton and Jacob Gjesdahl and their two children returning early from China.
Lila Granda (friend of Jen Allen) for successful treatment of cancer.
Tabita Green (sister-in-law of David Green) for comfort and symptom relief, as well as guidance regarding next steps, as she continues to confront cancer.
Jim Howell prayers for improved health as he is being treated at the Mt. Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 8111 Tiswell, Alexandria, VA 22306
Ase Lundgren for continued health challenges and during her time overseas.
The family of John Mitchell (uncle of Shannon Mitchell), who passed away. Please pray for his family's well-being.
The father of Shandra Niswander having heart problems.
Alma Noble recovering from a stroke.
Lisa Osterheld (friend of Jack Madison & Debra Fowler) for good health & healing as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
Dr. George Ramsey (father of Scott Ramsey) in treatment for cancer.
Helen Surbaugh's niece Bobbi for health concerns.
The family of Lee Taylor (brother of Al Taylor) as they grieve Lee's death after a long battle with cancer.
Jean Vallianos' niece in San Diego, Catherine, for health concerns.
Carrie Vernia (sister of Ben Vernia) seriously ill in North Carolina.

Those in home-care or assisted living, including **Anne Horton** (wife of Jack Horton; Sunrise at Bluemont Park, James Building Room 303, 5910 Wilson Blvd.; visitors welcome), **Anne Neill** (Brookdale Arlington, 3821 Wilson Blvd.), and **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 stationed in Okinawa; and **Daniel O'Loughlin**, grandson of Marty Orth, in Italy.

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Head of Church	Jesus Christ
Ministers	All of our members
Liturgists	Marianne Okal (8:30am)
	Confirmands Katy Perez and Emma Pericak (11am)
Director of Music Ministries	Adam Graham, Email: adam@fpcarlington.org
Director of Children’s and Youth Ministry.....	Cali Bronkema, Email: cali@fpcarlington.org
Church Office Administrator	Sheri Langham, Email: office@fpcarlington.org
Childcare	Jeaneth Andrade, Amanda Escalante & Leticia Herbas
Financial Secretary.....	Eric Hsieh
Trustees on Duty	Chris Taylor and Whitney Engstrom
Ushers.....	Clelia Walker, Claire & Ed Milton (8:30am)
	Elaine Neumann, Brian Neumann, Kathy Kobe, David Green, Carlyle Gregory, Joaquin Perez-Febles, and Ding-Lynn Ledgard (11am)
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!

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