

“Holy Spirit Presence”

Whenever my wife and I go out for a date night, the kids will often ask: Where are you going and how long will you be gone? They have questions and need reassurance. This is what is happening with Jesus as he talks to his followers on the very night that he was arrested to be crucified. He knows that they are going to feel lost and abandoned when he leaves them. Jesus wants them to know they are really not going to be alone. The same is true for us. Even though we feel alone, we are not really alone. Jesus said, “I will not leave you as orphans...” (John 14:18). He tells them he is going away, but he will come back. And while he is gone, there is another coming to be with them – the Holy Spirit.

So, Jesus is leaving and the Holy Spirit is coming, but when you are used to Jesus, they likely wanted him and not someone else. When they were in the boat being buffeted by the wind and the waves, it was Jesus that calmed the storm. When the people were hungry with no food for dinner, it was Jesus who blessed and multiplied the loaves and the fishes. In his presence they were courageous and comforted, but now he is leaving. The Holy Spirit is coming, but Jesus seems to understand this promise is hard for them to think of as a good thing. With that in mind, Jesus says, “It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7). “It is good that I am going away,” Jesus says. How can this be for their good? Well, it is good because God in you is better than God’s presence beside you. The Holy Spirit will live in them.

At times I have thought about what it will be like in heaven someday to meet Abraham, Moses, and Elijah. To be able to talk with them and ask them what it was like to live back then and have God work through them in amazing ways. But here is a thought. They might turn around and ask us: So, tell me what it was like to have God live in you? What was it like to have the presence of the Holy Spirit on a continual basis? What was it like to have God’s power in you, giving you supernatural strength to endure?”

The presence of the Holy Spirit will help us in a number of ways. The Spirit will convict us of sin: “When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8). The Holy Spirit helps convict us of sin and the fact we need a Savior. The Holy Spirit also confirms our salvation and affirms our relationship with God the Father. The Spirit affirms the fact that we are sons and daughters of God: “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children” (Romans 8:16). The more aware you are of the Spirit’s presence the more confident you are of your salvation. The Holy Spirit comforts us in our troubles as well: “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter to be with you forever” (John 14:16). The Bible speaks of comfort as a peace that can’t be explained but experienced to be understood.

The Greek word for “Comforter” in this text is the word *paraclete*. It means to be drawn up alongside. Jesus wants the disciples to know that there is one who draws up alongside them.

When you are next to the casket or going through a difficult time, you are not alone. The Holy Spirit draws up alongside. God is not just with you but in you.

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Arlington Friends
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Welcome

We pray you will be encouraged and uplifted
as we join together in worship.

Guest Information

- There is a **staffed nursery** available for children under age 2. There is also a **parent/child training room** at the rear of the auditorium.
- An optional **children’s worship** is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick up your child after worship
- If you are visiting, **please complete a visitor card** so we have a record of your attendance.

Weekly Meeting Times

Sundays:
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

	weekly budget	\$4,062
Mar 24	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	152	\$3,302

Arlington Family Pages

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Sunday, March 31, 2019

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See our prayer request insert for the most current prayer list. Please contact the office for updates, changes, and/or deletions.

Please take a moment to pick up a card (or two) to mail this week from the **Caring Cards Ministry Table**



Optional children's worship...

Is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed

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Coming Up...

- **Congratulations** to Allen and Carly who welcomed **Kyrie Hannah Rollings** this past Sunday night, March 24, at 8:49 p.m. She weighed in at 6 pounds and 1 ounce and 19.5 inches long.
- **Celebration of the Arts**, today, 5 pm. Please bring finger foods to share afterwards. Our theme is peace.
- **Hope Central/Just Lead**, tomorrow from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- **Elders/Deacons** mtg, Monday., April 1, 7 p.m.
- **Yoga**, this Tues., April 2, 7 to 9 p.m., fellowship hall, \$8 per week or \$32 for five weeks if paid in full.
- **Ladies prayer group** this Thurs., April 4, 6:30 p.m.
- **We will help teach** at the Central COC on Sun., April 7, 3:30 p.m. See Mark or Tommy if you can help.
- **YPYF small group**, Sun., April 7, 5 p.m.
- **Senior Servants** study and lunch, Tues., April 9, 11 a.m.
- **Easter Egg Hunt**, Sat., April 13, 10 a.m. Please bring twelve candy-filled eggs per child.
- **Teachers Appreciation Dinner**, Sat., April 13, 6 p.m. Please sign up if you plan on attending so we have enough food. We will meet in the fellowship hall.



Family Matters

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:
The Holy Spirit
#4: *Holy Spirit Presence*

Sunday Night:
Celebration of the Arts 5 p.m.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jedidiah & Jonathan Cavin
Caleb Brackney, Pat Ramsey
Joe Croteau, David Giles
Bob DeWitt

Opening Prayer: George Sanders

Preside at Table: Will Simon

Greeters: B Floyd & G Thompson

Nursery: L Burbano & H Monroe

Security: B Gilliam & J Hoff



BIRTHDAYS

Mar	31	Karen Johnson
Apr	6	Annabell Gillispie
Apr	6	Harper Owens
Apr	7	Dan Trent
Apr	7	Kaitlyn Toney

Happy Birthday!!



Family News

Online Giving!

Online Giving is so much more than just online! Our giving tools provide the ability to further the work of God through the Arlington family with a donation on our website or from a link on your phone or tablet. And you have options that range from

giving a one-time donation to scheduling a series of donations directly from your checking account or debit or credit card. For more information as well as detailed instructions visit our website:

arlingtonchurchofchrist.org
and click **Give Online** from the menu. See Danny Rider if you have any questions.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Jay Estes is building a database of Arlington members with special talents and skills that would be useful to other members.



Send an email to:
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with your talent(s) or your needs. Jay will then be working to connect our talents with our needs. See Jay for more details.