

November 8, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Rev. Rich McDermott

Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

11:00 a.m.

The greenery is offered to the Glory of God.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices

Gathering

Preparation for Worship

“Miracles are the by-products of prayers that were prayed by you or for you. And that should be all the motivation you need to pray.” --Mark Batterson, The Circle Maker

Gathering Music

Shina Heo

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continuously be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

O Lord our God, you who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear our prayers than we are to pray them. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. We confess that we have failed to pray when you long to hear from us; we have harbored resentments while you desire to reconcile us; we have nurtured our grudges while you desire to heal and unite us.

Forgive us for these and all our sins. Teach us to spend time with you, the one, true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. We asks this in his holy name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Anthem

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Jane Leathem, soprano

arr. Shina Heo

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:15–18	New Testament page 205
Second Scripture Reading	Psalm 17	Old Testament page 496
The Sermon	The Prayer	Rev. Campbell

Responding

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives Kyle Terwilliger

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

§ Affirmation of Faith Col. 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Sending

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude Be Thou My Vision arr. Benjamin Culli



Sermon Notes

The Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:15–18; Psalm 17

Thanksgiving Basket Program

October 18 through November 15 First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding the needy during Thanksgiving.

This year our Thanksgiving program has changed. Instead of shopping for the food we will be donating money to Arlington Charities.

We estimate that each basket costs about \$40.00, including the turkey and pie donation. In years past if you have filled multiple baskets for this program, simply make your monetary donation in the amount of \$40.00 per basket. As always, donations in any amount are welcomed.

Please make checks payable to **Arlington Charities**, designated “**Thanksgiving 2020.**” Please mail your checks to FPCA or put them in the offering basket.

Thanks ~ The Mission and Evangelism Team

New Sermon Series: *What the Church Has to Say That No One Else Can Say*

This four week series will cover the unique perspective of the Christian Church on Love, Prayer, Truth and Unity, in a time when it is sorely needed. Join us for this thoughtful and timely series in the midst of a thoughtless and divided era.

Offering

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings in person today, please use the envelope provided in the pews. You can drop the envelope off in the offering plate while departing the sanctuary when the service is completed. Please feel free to continue giving as you have during this time whether that is mailing checks or giving online. We are most thankful for your generous support!

Preschool Teachers Needed

We are currently looking for qualified teachers to fill part-time positions for our Infant, Toddler, and Pre-K classes. If you are passionate about working with children and want to provide them a safe environment that they may grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and are given opportunities to learn about God’s love, then First Presbyterian Preschool Arlington is just the place for you. We are accepting applications Monday through Friday from 7:30am -5:30pm. You may apply online at www.fppsarlington.com, call us at 817-274-4051, or simply stop by the office. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, Preschool Staff

Moment for Hope Invitation

CAN YOU DO A MOMENT FOR HOPE? Would you like to try doing a Moment For Hope? As you probably know, we encourage our people from FPCA to reflect upon a hopeful passage taken from Scripture. It is a 3-5 minute recording of yourself, using your smartphone turned sideways, which then you can upload to Google Drive on your phone and share with eric@firstprestexas.org (Eric Gottmann, our social media director). If you are interested in giving it a try, we can help you. Please volunteer by sending an email to Kim Lewis, kim@firstprestexas.org. Thank you so much!

Important Hygiene Information to Remember

For now, in order to keep our church gatherings safe during the era of the coronavirus, remember, please:

1. If you are sick, stay home.
2. If your health is compromised, stay home.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water (20 seconds) regularly throughout the day, and especially before gathering.
4. Minimize touches to your face.
5. Wear a face covering and maintain social distance from those outside your family.
6. Use hand sanitizer if hand washing is unavailable.

At this point in time, we believe these are the appropriate measures to take, and we urge you to continue to come to worship and praise the Lord as one Body in Christ. We realize these may need to change in the future. Thank you for your understanding.