

May 23, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

## Pentecost Sunday



## 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

11:00 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden

Guest Organist: Beverly Howard

# *The Worship of God*

11:00 a.m.

**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

*God of life, as we prepare for worship today, help us not to take lightly the highly charged message we proclaim. Help us sense the power, beauty, and mission of your Spirit. Through Christ, our Lord,  
Amen.*

### Gathering Music

Beverly Howard

### Call to Worship

The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour.

**Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.**

God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

**Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

**Glory be to God, who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.**

**Let us worship God.**

### Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.**

**Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love, send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love.  
Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

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

### Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Anthem	Away With Our Fears Russell Farnell, tenor	Henry Gauntlett
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### Children's Time

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the Fellowship Hall.

First Scripture Reading	John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15	New Testament page 110
Second Scripture Reading	Acts 2:1–21	New Testament page 119
The Sermon	3-D Church	Rev. Campbell

## ***Responding***

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

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	The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 53
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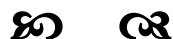
What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

**First, that, with the Father and the Son, he is equally eternal God; second, that God's Spirit is also given to me, preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, that he comforts me and will abide with me forever. Amen.**

## ***Sending***

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Toccata on “Veni Creator”	David Cherwien
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## ***Sermon Notes***

### 3-D Church

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15; Acts 2:1–21

Two things that draw people together:

- Common Danger

- Common Devotion

Three Dimensions of the Church:

- Church Universal

- Local Congregation

- Individual

These three dimensions are interrelated and essential.

## Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

- Children's Ministry Zoom Meeting, Sunday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.
- Virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS): July 26-30

## 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 basket 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!

## Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class meet each week on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Mary Spencer at 817-689-0526.



## FPCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is available in the Narthex and outside the Chapel. The News continues to be in the church-wide email each month. The Newsletter is also on our church website at [firstprestexas.org](http://firstprestexas.org).

By using this digital method to send the Newsletter, the church is saving with both printing and mailing costs. If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

