

June 6, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

## Second 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  
11:00 Lay Leader: Lona Watkins  
Organist: Shina Heo

# *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**

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Jeffrey Blersch

Preparation for Worship

*Living God, your Son, Jesus Christ, has the words of eternal life. Grant that we may come to him in faith, follow him in this world, and abide with him forever in the world to come; for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

**On the day I called, you answered me.**

God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Thanks be to God!**

\$ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

Responsive Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors.**

**In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of your justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\$ Hymn 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Anthem                                      Seek Ye First                                      arr. Douglas Wagner  
Chancel Choir

### 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                      Nehemiah 1:1-11a                      Old Testament pages 430, 431

Second Scripture Reading                      Nehemiah 1:11b-2:10                      Old Testament pages 430, 431

The Sermon                      Picking Up the Pieces: No Greater Foundation                      Rev. Campbell

## ***The Table***

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory                                      Amazing Grace                                      arr. Gospel Organ Studio

Invitation to the Table

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

## ***Sending***

§ Hymn 802                                      The King of Love My Shepherd Is                                      ST. COLUMBA  
Stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude                                      Rejoice, The Lord Is King                                      Brenda Portman



## Sermon Notes

### Picking Up the Pieces: No Greater Foundation

Nehemiah 1:1–11a; Nehemiah 1:11b–2:10

#### Historical Timeline

- 606 B.C. Babylonians invade Jerusalem (70 years of captivity and exile)
- 586 B.C. Destruction of the first temple (70 years of desolation)
- 536 B.C. Zerubbabel returns with first wave of exiles (Ezra 1-6; temple rebuilt)
- 517 B.C. Second temple completed
- 480 B.C. Esther arrives in harem
- 474 B.C. Esther foils Haman's plot
- 458 B.C. Ezra returns with second wave of exiles (covenantal restoration)
- 445 B.C. Time when book of Nehemiah begins

#### Two great leadership qualities of Nehemiah:

- not afraid to show vulnerability
- leadership was built on a foundation of prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; \_\_\_\_\_

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

- Virtual Vacation Bible School (VBS): Monday-Friday, July 26-30

## Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Womens Bible Study will resume meeting the third Monday of each month except December, June, July and August, beginning September 20, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

The 2021-2022 study will be the Horizons's study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*.

This group rotates facilitating the lessons as well as providing a light meal each month. All women invited! Questions? Contact coordinators Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com). Books will be available this summer and announced when and where to pick them up. Study guides are \$10-12 each.

## 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 in the Narthex 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!

## 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.

## 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.

