

June 13, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

## 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  
11:00 Lay Leader: Isobel Peden  
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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Douglas E. Wagner

Preparation for Worship

*God, Sower of seeds, be at work among us, we pray, that your church may thrive in faithfulness. Whether we are the size of a tall cedar or are a small sprig, it does not matter. You are able to put us to good use. Not by our efforts, but by your power and grace we bear fruit, produce boughs of spacious welcome. You can make even a dry tree flourish! Even we can become a new creation! Urge us on, then, in the love of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

**The kingdom of God is growing.**

While we sleep and rise night and day:

**The kingdom of God is growing.**

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

**The kingdom of God is growing.**

**Let us worship God.**

§ Hymn 267

Come Christians Join to Sing

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§ Responsive Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.**

**Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes – fostering division when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs. Help us to grow in faithfulness. In Christ's name we pray. 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 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

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Community Joys and Events

## ***Proclaiming***

Anthem	For the Beauty of the Earth Chancel Choir	John Rutter
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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	Nehemiah 2:11–20	Old Testament page 431
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Second Scripture Reading	Nehemiah 3:1–32	Old Testament page 432
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The Sermon	Picking Up the Pieces: Together We Build	Rev. Campbell
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## ***Responding***

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory	Meditation	Richard Jeffrey-Gray
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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

**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 the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from 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***

§ Hymn 846	Fight the Good Fight	DUKE STREET
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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude	I Know That My Redeemer Lives	Jason D. Payne
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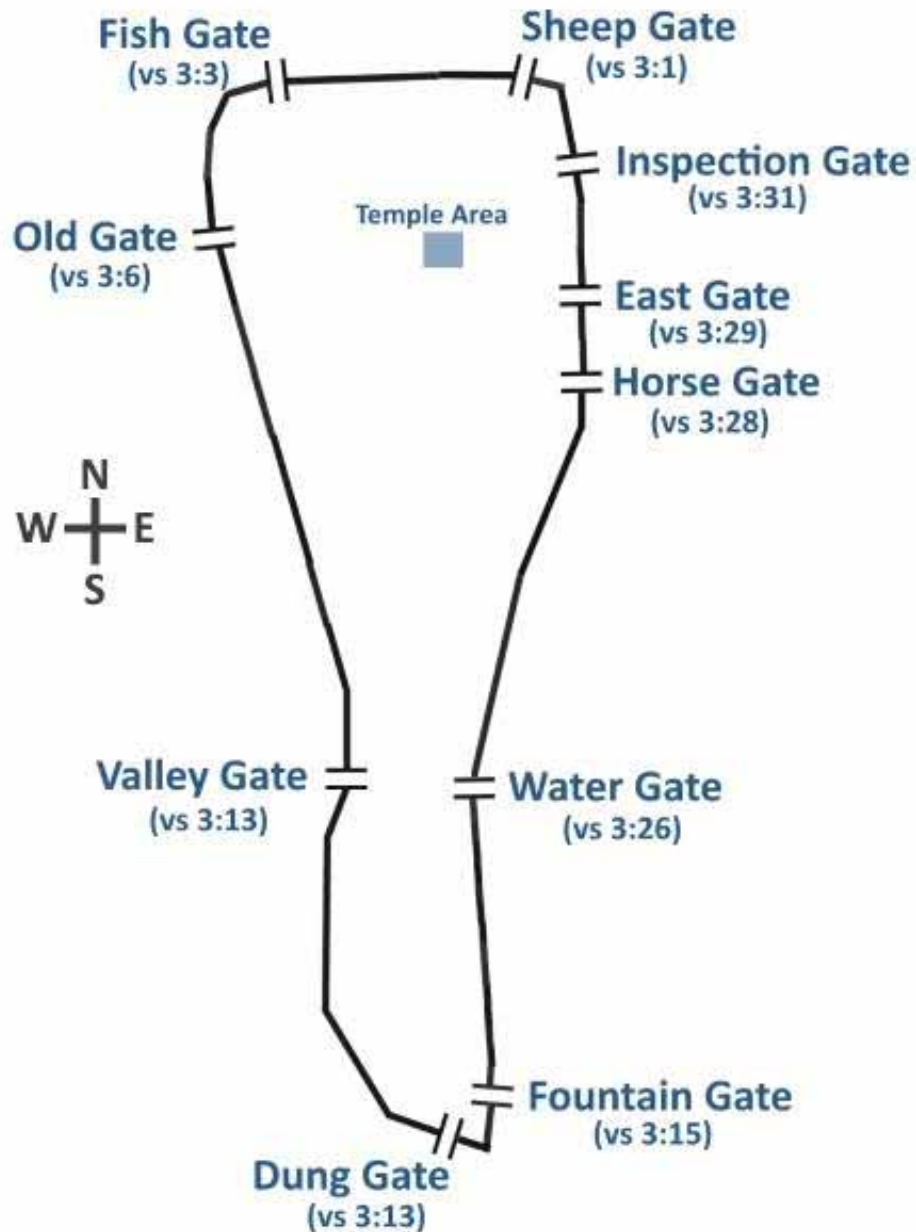
## *Sermon Notes*

Picking Up the Pieces: Together We Build

Nehemiah 2:11 – 3:32

# Jerusalem's Walls & Gates

In the days of Nehemiah (Nehemiah Chapter 3)



## *Sermon Notes continued*

Lessons on Nehemiah's leadership from chapter 2:

- 1) He had a leader's sense of timing
- 2) Skillful communication
- 3) Gathered the necessary information
- 4) Balance of spiritual and pragmatic leadership

Rebuilding the wall in chapter 3:

- North Wall (verses 1-5)
- West Wall (verses 6-12)
- South Wall (verses 13-14)
- East Wall (verses 15-31)

Lessons from chapter 3:

- 1) God works through people
- 2) Leadership on all levels
- 3) God's work necessitates total participation (find your place along the wall)
- 4) Find meaning in your piece of the wall

Discernment Process: 1) Pray; 2) Look around; 3) Consult with Christian friends; 4) Receive guidance from church leaders; 5) Follow your heart

## Adventure Days

Adventure Days for children 4 years old to 6th grade Tuesday, June 29 - Friday, July 2 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We will travel back in time to the 1980's and then travel back even further to look at the early church in the book of Acts. Along the way we will play games, do some origami, eat some snacks, and enjoy some time connecting with one another.

## Children & Youth Drive-In Movie

With summertime upon us, and families looking for something fun to do together, the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry would like to invite our entire congregation to a night of fun. Join us on Friday, July 23rd at 7:30 p.m. as we host our very own Drive-In Movie night, an instant family classic that started in the 1930's. All are invited, from children, to pre-teens, to teens, to young adults, and adults.

Lastly, we will have food, snacks, and drinks for the entire family to enjoy. More details to come in the coming weeks. Please contact Adrian Rodriguez or Kyle Terwilliger with any questions.

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be July 26-30. We will be having it in-person from 9:00 a.m. to noon for children 4 years old to 6th grade. We will also have the lessons available online. Our memory verse for the week is John 15:12 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." Children will learn that to Jesus they are known, they belong, they are forgiven, they can change, and they can make a difference. It will be a great week of fun and learning. If you would like to help please contact Kyle by email [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org). If you have children, grandchildren, or neighbors 4 years old to 6th grade make plans to bring them to VBS.

## 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!

## 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](mailto:der817@gmail.com)) or Sheri Quick ([sheriq@aol.com](mailto:sheriq@aol.com)). Books will be available this summer and announced when and where to pick them up. Study guides are \$10-12 each.

## 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.

# Calling all volunteers!

## Reading Camp is back!



HOPE Tutoring is thrilled to bring back its free summer reading camp to Arlington students who are entering grades 3-8! We need the help of wonderful volunteers like you!

*Before camp* - Volunteers will be trained on proven strategies to help children learn to read and spell!

*During camp* - Volunteers will work one-on-one with children as they read, journal, and learn spelling strategies.

- Volunteers must complete an hour of training.
- Volunteers must be able to commit to their selected time slot for the entire week.
- Volunteers must pass a criminal background check.

**To sign up, email:**

**[volunteer@hopetutoring.org](mailto:volunteer@hopetutoring.org)**

**Or visit: [www.hopetutoring.org](http://www.hopetutoring.org)**

The services provided by H.O.P.E. Tutoring Center, Inc. are made possible in part through a Community Development Block Grant from the **City of Arlington** through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. With special thanks to **UT Arlington** and **Arlington Public Library** for their support for this reading camp and to **Dollar General Literacy Foundation** for their generous donation to help make this camp possible!

## In-person Camps June 21-25, 2021

### **Downtown Library**

100 S. Center St.

9:30-11:00 a.m.

### **Northeast Branch Library**

1905 Brown Blvd.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

### **Southeast Branch Library**

900 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd.

1:00-2:30 p.m.

### **East Branch Library**

1817 New York Ave.

4:00-5:30 p.m.

*Note: HOPE Tutoring continues to require all tutors and students to wear facemasks at HOPE Tutoring events.*

## Virtual Camp July 19-23, 2021 Times to be announced



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