

June 20, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth 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: Stephen Baker
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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David Schelat

Preparation for Worship

O Lord our God, when we cry out to you in distress, you bring us through desperate circumstances. You can quiet the storm to a whisper and hush the sea's waves, so great is your power. Help us to trust you, then, whatever we may face, knowing that you will lead us to the harbor we have been hoping for. We offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.

Call to Worship

How very good and pleasant it is

When sisters and brothers live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,

Like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.

Together, let us worship God.

§ Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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

Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands.

Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose 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 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Community Joys and Events

Sacrament of Baptism for Ramsey Emerson Gifford

§ The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Proclaiming

Anthem	My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less Chancel Choir	Elizabeth Poston
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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 4:1-14	Old Testament page 433
Second Scripture Reading	Nehemiah 4:15-23	Old Testament page 433
The Sermon	Picking Up the Pieces: Overcoming Obstacles	Rev. Campbell

Responding

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

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§ The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.**

Sending

§ Hymn 66	Every Time I Feel the Spirit	PENTECOST
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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Holy God, We Praise Your Name	Matthew Corl
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Sermon Notes

Picking Up the Pieces: Overcoming Obstacles

Nehemiah 4:1-23

Nehemiah's three key actions in chapter 4:

- 1) Prays
- 2) Sets a watch
- 3) Boosts morale

Prayer and Preparation; not Prayer or Preparation

Prepare for Opposition

- Ephesians 6:10-14; put on the armor of God
- Ephesians 6:17-18; pray

Summer Celebration

The Summer Celebration Dinner will be next Sunday, June 27,
at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Fried chicken, baked beans, veggie trays & dip, dessert and drinks will be served.

We encourage everyone to come join us for some great food and fellowship!

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.

Adventure Days and Vacation Bible School

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

We will also have in-person Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday, July 26-30 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for children 4 years old to 6th grade. Our memory verse for VBS is John 15:12 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." The lessons for Adventure Days and VBS will also be available online.

Sign-up on the Children's Ministry Videos and Resources page of the church website or send Kyle an email, kyle@firstprestexas.org, with the names of the kids who will be attending.

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) 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.