

June 27, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

## Fifth 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: Anna Njei  
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

Open My Eyes

Charles Callahan

Preparation for Worship

*Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. All thanks and praise be to you, O God; your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.*

Call to Worship

Sing praises to God,

**Give thanks for God's name.**

For God clothes us with strength and joy,

**And God turns our mourning to dancing.**

§ Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and have strayed from living wholeheartedly. Envy and fear have dulled our generosity, and we have grown mean and destructive.**

**Forgive us our sins and return us to health through the grace and mercy of Christ. 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 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

Community Joys and Events

## *Proclaiming*

Anthem	Look At the World Chancel Choir	John Rutter
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 5:1–13	Old Testament page 434
Second Scripture Reading	Nehemiah 5:14–19	Old Testament page 434
The Sermon	Picking Up the Pieces: Facing Internal Conflict	Rev. Campbell

## *Responding*

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives		
Offertory	Veni Creator	Maurice Duruflé

### § 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.**

### § Affirmation of Faith

**This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we  
hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that  
he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to  
the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of  
the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord  
and our God. Amen.**

## *Sending*

§ Hymn 610	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	AZMON
§ Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	Mary McDonald



## ***Sermon Notes***

Picking Up the Pieces: Facing Internal Conflict

Nehemiah 5:1-19

Nehemiah's Leadership in Chapter 5

1) Listen

2) Think it over (when facing conflict AND delivering criticism)

3) Go directly to the source

## Summer Celebration Dinner!

The Summer Celebration Dinner is today 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!

## 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](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org), with the names of the kids who will be attending.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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 each.