

July 4, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Sixth 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.

Guest Preacher: Rev. James Witherow

11:00 Lay Leader: Katina Gifford

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

Variations on “America”

Charles Ives

Preparation for Worship

Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

The Lord is good!

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference – the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause – an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making – the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form.

Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord. 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 443

There Is a Redeemer

GREEN

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

First Scripture Reading	Exodus 32:1–4	Old Testament page 78
Second Scripture Reading	John 8:31–36	New Testament page 101
The Sermon	Gospel Freedom	Rev. Witherow

The Table

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives		
Offertory	Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether Chancel Choir	Harold Friedell

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

*11:00 – Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, “**the body of Christ, broken for you,**” and, “**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**”*

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 354	Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	BATTLE HYMN
§ Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	David Paxton



Sermon Notes

Gospel Freedom

Exodus 32:1-4; John 8:31-36

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.

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 Monday-Friday, 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. If you have children, grandchildren, or neighbors 4 years old to 6th grade make plans to bring them to VBS.

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.

Snacks Needed for Vacation Bible School!

We are in need of snacks for Vacation Bible School - July 26-30. If you are able to help please bring individually packed lunch box size snacks to the Fellowship Hall kitchen (examples: vanilla wafers, goldfish, pretzels etc.). Please mark your items for VBS. Questions- please call Marge Dawson 817-980-6825.

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) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com). Books will be available this summer and announced when and where to pick them up. Study guides are \$11 each.

PCHAS Fall 2021 School Supply Wish List Benefiting Children in Fort Worth, North and West Texas

The deadline to donate school supplies is Sunday, August 1st. Items can be placed in the gray donation bins in the Narthex, outside of Fellowship Hall, and the church office.

Fall 2021 Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

School Supply Wish List

Benefiting Children in
Fort Worth, North and West Texas

Elementary School

1-Inch 3-Ring Binder

12" Ruler

Backpack

Ballpoint Pens

Colored Pencils

Crayons

Dry Erase Markers

Dry Erasers

Glue Sticks

Hand Sanitizer

Highlighters

Index Cards

Pencil Pouch w Zipper

Pencils - #2

Pencil Sharpeners

Pocket Folders Without Fasteners

Protractor

Scissors (Blunt Tip)

Spiral Notebooks

Composition Books

Subject Dividers

Tissues

Washable Markers

Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper

Middle and High School

1 ½ Inch 3-Ring Binder

Backpack

Ballpoint Pens

Calculator (basic)

Graph Calculator (TI-84 Plus CE)

Drawing Paper

Dry Erase Markers

Dry Erasers

Glue Sticks

Graph Paper

Hand sanitizer

Highlighters

Index Cards

Markers

Pencil Pouch

Pencils - No. 2

Pencil Sharpener

Pocket Folders

Protractor

Ruler

Scissors

Spiral Notebooks

Composition Books

Subject Dividers

White-Out

Wide Ruled Loose-Leaf Paper

USB Flash Drives

Earbuds (headphones)

Rangers & PCHAS Game

We're planning on taking the PCHAS kids and staff to the Rangers vs. Seattle game, Sunday, August 1st, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and you're invited! Contact Bob Dawson, txt 214-415-5396.