

July 11, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Seventh 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: Larry Stephenson
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

Oh Jesus Christ, Light of My Life

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Preparation for Worship

O God of grace and mercy, you call us to proclaim your healing and faithfully fulfill your kingdom mission. Let us not count the cost of our wins and losses, but keep our eyes fixed on you as we seek your realm of peace. Amen.

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

His grace is sufficient for us.

Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing,

Not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others.

O God, forgive us, have mercy on us, grant us peace. Send us out with the good news: nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of 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 321

The Church's One Foundation
Stanzas 1,2,4,5

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Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

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| Anthem | O Son of God, Eternal Love Chancel Choir | Russell Farnell |
| 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 | Psalm 48 | Old Testament page 518 |
| Second Scripture Reading | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 | New Testament page 185 |
| The Sermon | Freedom Through Grace | Rev. Witherow |

Responding

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| The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives | | |
| Offertory | When We Are In Utmost Need | Johann Sebastian Bach |

§ 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 from Colossians 1:15-20

**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

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| § Hymn 649 | Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound | AMAZING GRACE |
| § Charge and Benediction | | |
| Postlude | Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God | Dieterich Buxtehude |





Sermon Notes

Freedom Through Grace

Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Narthex @ Noon

We have started the Narthex @ Noon on the second Sunday of each month. Please join us in the narthex after the worship service for light refreshments and wonderful 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.

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.

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 are in the church office copy room in a box marked with a bright pink sign. 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.