

August 8, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Eleventh 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: Chelsea Campbell
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 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship David Cherwien

Prayer for Preparation

Eternal Father, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey in this world and know at last the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit O That I Had a Thousand Voices Johann Konig

Call to Worship

By the power of the Holy Spirit our steadfast God reaches out to redeem us.

Thanks be to God!

§ Hymn 396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ.

Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loves us and gave himself up for us. 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.

Community Joys and Events

Proclaiming

Anthem	God Is Our Refuge and Strength Chancel Choir	Allen Pote
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 11:1-2; 12:27, 30; 13:4-12, 14	Old Testament page 440
Second Scripture Reading	Nehemiah 13:15-31	Old Testament page 443
The Sermon	Picking Up The Pieces: Some Things Never Change	Rev. Campbell
§ Hymn 81	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	AUSTRIAN HYMN

Responding

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.

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory
Songs of Praise
African Praise Choir

§ 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.**

§ Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 61

Q. Why do you say that you are righteous by faith alone?

A. Not because I please God by virtue of the worthiness of my faith, but because the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ alone are my righteousness before God, and because I can accept it and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 353	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	SOLID ROCK
§ Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	Joel Raney

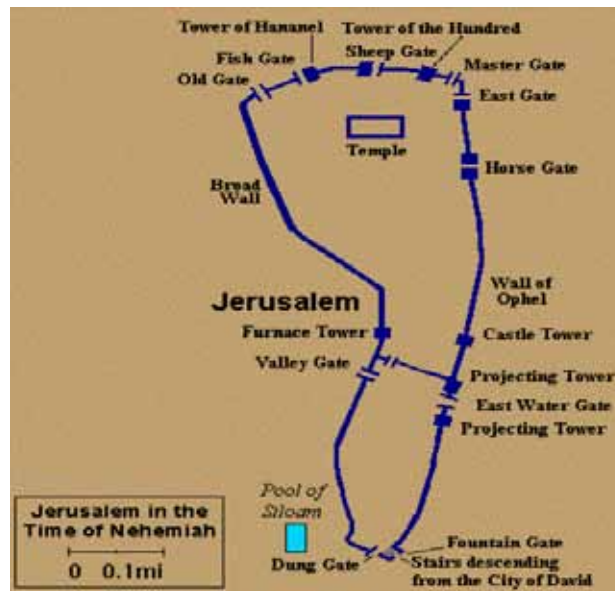




Sermon Notes

Picking Up the Pieces: Some Things Never Change

Nehemiah 11 - 13



4 Aspects of Effective Worship:

1) Pausing to Celebrate

2) Preparing to Worship

3) Participating in Worship

4) Physical Expression in Worship

Forsaking in Chapter 13:

1) The Temple

2) The Sabbath

3) Themselves

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who so generously donated snacks to the Adventure Days, VBS and the PCHAS trip to the Ranger game. (We won in a walk off!) All the children loved the snacks and ice cream (it was dollar ice cream day).

Thanks also for all the school supplies donated to the PCHAS campuses - our congregation has such big beautiful giving hearts. Thanks for answering our "call for help."

Marge & Bob

Narthex @ Noon

Narthex @ Noon will be today after the worship service in the Narthex with light refreshments. Please join us for wonderful fellowship.

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 during the offering time or 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!

Women's Ministry 'Get Out of Your Head' Bible Study (Virtual via Zoom)

The Women's Ministry Bible Study (virtual via Zoom) will meet Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. from September 14 to October 26th. Registration information to come.

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.



Teacher Supply Drive for Carter Jr. High

Each year teachers spend money out of pocket to purchase supplies for their classroom. FPCA is conducting a teacher supply drive to help them offset some of those costs.

Please bring your supplies when you come to church on Aug. 8 or 15 and drop them off at the table outside the sanctuary entrance.

Or you can leave them during the week at the donation boxes inside the church. The list of supplies they have requested are:



Pens
Pencils
Dry Erase Markers
Glue Sticks
Composition Books
Notebook size paper pads (Letter size legal pads)
Post It notes
Sharpies



All of these can be purchased for about \$25 total. OR you can purchase individual items in bulk on Amazon to bring or have delivered to the church. Sunday School classes or small groups can go in together and purchase the bulk items!

A Back-to-School breakfast will also be provided for the teachers on Aug 10. If you would like to help with the breakfast contact Marla Thomas at marla_t@hotmail.com