

August 15, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Twelfth 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: Lona Watkins
Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

11:00 a.m.

Please silence all phones and devices.

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please fill out the Friendship Pad located in your pew.

Gathering

Prelude

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Daniel Schutte

Prayer for Preparation

God our Father, we give you thanks for sending our Lord Jesus Christ to give his life as bread for the world. Fill us now with your Spirit that we may make the most of the time, understanding your will and expressing your wisdom in the midst of the people you have chosen. Amen.

Welcome and Blessing of Teachers, Students and Families

Introit

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Johann Konig

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

The world and those who live in it.

Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

§ Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Loving God, we confess that we have let the stealers of joy oppress us. We have given in to doubt, worry, discouragement, and so many other things that rob us of joy.

We know we must turn back to you, for only you can restore our joy through your forgiveness and correction. Help us, 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.

Proclaiming

§ Psalm Sing a New Song Unto the Lord SING A NEW SONG
Congregation: Refrain (see page 4)

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 Philippians 4:4-7 New Testament page 198

Anthem Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts C. L. Bass
Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 98 Old Testament page 551

The Sermon Our Children Need Joy Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 134 Joy to the World ANTOICH

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 Alone to God in the Highest Be Glory 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.**

§ Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 1, Modern English

Q. What is the primary and highest purpose of human beings?

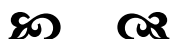
**A. The primary and highest purpose of human beings is to glorify God and to enjoy him
completely forever.**

Sending

§ Hymn 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude Hymn to Joy Samuel Metzger



Sermon Notes

Our Children Need Joy
Philippians 4:4-7; Psalm 98

5 Basic Human Needs:

- 1) Fun
- 2) Survival
- 3) Belonging
- 4) Power
- 5) Freedom

Psalm 98 is in 3 sections:

- Verses 1-3: Israel
- Verses 4-6: All the earth, all nations
- Verses 7-9: Nature

“Our God still makes a way out of now way; makes crooked paths straight, brings down mountains and elevates valleys; brings joy out of sorrow, and life out of death.” - Barbara Essex

Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276 (Psalm 98)

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah!

Children's Ministry Upcoming Activities

Children's Ministry is having a luncheon in the Parlor on Sunday, August 29, after the worship service for children's ministry volunteers and anyone interested in becoming a children's ministry volunteer. Please email Kyle (kyle@firstprestexas.org) if you are planning to attend so that he knows how much food to get and whether or not childcare is needed.

Kids Night Out is a great time for kids to have fun playing, eating pizza, connecting with one another and having a short Bible lesson. It is also a chance for parents to have a couple of hours without the kids to connect, relax, and have fun. Kids Night out is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. about twice a month during the school year for children in 6th grade or younger. Kids can be dropped off, signed-in, and picked-up by the Fellowship Hall. Below are the September to December dates for Kids Night Out.

September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22, November 5 and 19, December 3

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!

Friendship Pads

Please take the time to fill out the Friendship Pad in your pew. Whether you're a guest or a member, we would love to have your contact information so we can keep in touch with you.

Women's Ministry 'Get Out of Your Head' Bible Study

(Virtual via Zoom)

The Women's Ministry Bible Study (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.

FPCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is available in the Narthex and outside the Chapel. The News continues to be in the church-wide email each month. The Newsletter is also on our church website at firstprestexas.org.

By using this digital method to send the Newsletter, the church is saving with both printing and mailing costs. If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

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