

August 22, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth 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

Lay Leader: Tina Hanson

Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices.

Please fill out the Friendship pad in your pew.

Gathering

Prelude Jesus Loves Me David Paxton

Prayer for Preparation

O God of all power and might, the world is full of your wonders and your grace. Draw near to us, we pray, and grant us the clearness of mind to worship you and the strength of body and spirit to serve you, both now and in the days ahead. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit O That I Had a Thousand Voices Johann Konig

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and tremble.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

§ Hymn 269 Lead On, O King Eternal LANCASHIRE

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost.

Forgive us. Shine your light in our darkness and guide us back to our place in you. 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 46 Responsive Reading (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.

Gospel Reading Luke 3:21-22 New Testament page 60

Anthem

My Eternal King
Chancel Choir

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.*

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 14:6-14

Old Testament page 206

The Sermon

Our Children Need Power

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Donna Vickers, piano Shina Heo, organ

George Elvey

§ 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 Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

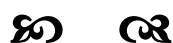
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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost

Johann Sebastian Bach



Sermon Notes

Our Children Need Power

Luke 3:21-22; Joshua 14:6-14

5 Basic Human Needs:

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

“The most powerful language spoken in any classroom or family or church is the language of affirmation. Wherever words of love and approval are uttered, children become strong. They connect with their inner selves and with others in powerful ways. They walk with the confidence of those who know who they are and what they can become.” - Sandy Wylie

“If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If he had a wallet, your picture would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Face it, friend, he is crazy about you!” - Max Lucado

Psalm 46

Refrain

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Refrain*

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Refrain*

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior, all the day long.

WORDS: Frances J. Crosby, 1873. MUSIC: "Assurance"; Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873. Public Domain.

New Members Reception

Today will be the New Members Reception in the Parlor following the worship service. Come join us welcome our new members!

Fall Festival Lunch

The Fall Festival Lunch will be Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship!

Fantasy Football

It's that time of year! Defending champion Marla Thomas is ready to take on all challengers! There are a few open team spots if you would like to play in our FPCA league this year. Go to: shorturl.at/jHTZ7 to sign up!

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

Relief Help for Haiti

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti on Saturday Aug. 14, followed shortly by heavy rains from Tropical Storm Grace.

Presbyterian World Mission is assisting in relief efforts in the country. They have two mission co-workers who were living and working on the island. If you would like to help with Haiti relief efforts, please go to Presbyterian Mission Agency Haiti to find out what you can do. There are several options which include donations and praying for the relief workers on site. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/global/haiti/>

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!

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.

HEADS UP, LADIES ... Another Study is Coming Your Way!

The Women's Ministry Team invites you to come along as we launch a new Bible study in September called **Get Out of Your Head**.

This past spring, in the Rooted in the Word study, we learned how to study Scripture through observation, interpretation, and application, and applied these steps to the book of Philippians. This fall, we will dive into Philippians again as we explore how we can stop the downward spiral of toxic thoughts, which not only impact us in our daily lives, but can also derail us from fulfilling God's calling for each of us.

Register online to join us and secure your study guide for this study...

Time: **7:00 p.m.**

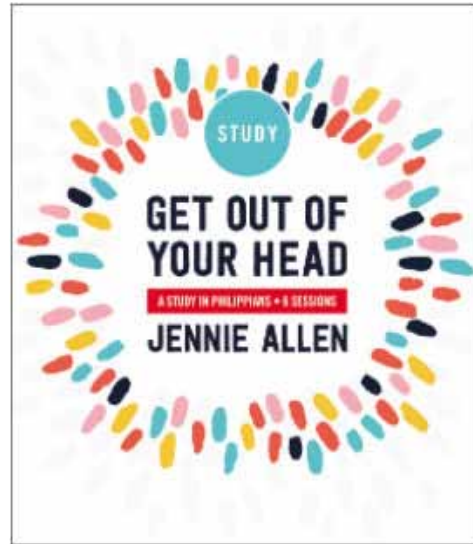
Dates: **Tuesday nights, Sep. 14 to Oct. 26**

Where: **Your own home** (Zoom)

Cost: **\$7** (for the study guide)

Registration Steps:

- Visit the FPCA website (www.firstprestexas.org)
- Select the "Get Connected" Menu
- Choose "Adult"
- Scroll down to the "Women's Ministry" section and fill out the registration form



To secure your study guide at the discounted price, **deadline** for registration is September 1.





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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New Members

August 22, 2021



AJ Baker

AJ is very excited to be part of the FPCA family and looking forward to getting more involved! He is married to Stephen and they have two fur babies-Arya and Mico. Stephen and AJ live in North Arlington and have been attending FPCA since September 2020.

Hobbies include singing, traveling, spending time with his dogs, and a fan of the arts (mussicals & operas). Also, AJ works as a Sales Coordinator for Hyatt and has been in hospitality for over seven years. He graduated from the University of North Texas with a B.S. in Integrative Studies with an emphasis in Business, Philosophy, and Music.



Stephen Baker

Stephen Baker was primarily raised in Arkansas. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Central Arkansas and his medical degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. After medical school, he completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology and a fellowship in cytopathology at the Cleveland Clinic. Since moving to Texas in 2011, he has been a staff pathologist at Baylor Scott and White All Saints Medical Medical Center in Fort Worth.

He and AJ have been married since February of 2020. They reside in Arlington with their rescue Chihuahua mixes, Arya and Mico.



Dorothy Fungwa

My name is Dorothy Bih Fungwa. I am a retired Contract Officer in the Ministry of Labor and Social Security in Cameroon in Africa.

I was born a Presbyterian. My parents were both Presbyterians. I came to the U.S.A. in March 2018 to assist my daughter and husband to care for their young children.

Thanks to Anna and Michael Njei, who introduced me to FPCA. Since 2018, we have been attending the church services in this church together.

We started a New Member Class with Pastor Rich, which was interrupted by the Covid-19 crisis. Thanks to Pastor Chris who called us back to complete our admission class.

By the Grace of God we will continue to serve Him here together as the Spirit directs.



Kim Lamotte

I was born in Dallas, TX. I am a mother of two adult daughters, Danielle and Dana Lamotte, who currently reside in Dallas and Houston. I am a Graduate of Texas Woman's University. I am an Occupational Therapist and very honored to serve veterans within the community. I am a former member of Disciple Central Community Baptist Church. I am joining FPCA to become an active member and to continue to grow spiritually together as a Christian couple with my near future spouse who is a member.



Lisa Landolt

I am a lifelong Presbyterian and hopefully an old, familiar face. I joined and attended with my parents, twin sister, brother, and grandfather since we moved to Arlington in 1981. I have wonderful memories of my years in the church youth group, volunteering with five-year-old's Sunday School class, and helping in the nursery.

I am an Attorney currently working from home due to the pandemic, a HarperCollins author, adjunct professor, and huge Rangers fan.

Some of my other interests involve assisting bullying and harassment victims, scoring the SATs, and I run an online prayer group for people living with chronic illnesses.

A favorite Bible verse that keeps me motivated in everything I do is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." After being gone a few years, I am happy to be back with the FPCA church family and look forward to getting to know everyone again.



Eleanor Schernbeck

I was born and raised in the Philippines. My parents were Christians and Presbyterians. After graduation in college I moved to the U.S.A. and attended Presbyterian churches.

My parents guided me to know God's grace, mercy and love. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior when I attended a communicants class at 13 years old and was confirmed a member of the church. I attended FPCA for 10 years and decided to become a member. I am retired and make a habit to read the Bible every day.



Esther Teboh

I am Mrs. Esther Acho Teboh. I was born to my late Christian parents on March 13, 1939, in Batibo Momo division NWR of Cameroon in West Africa.

I was baptized in 1940 in the Presbyterian church in Cameroon. I was confirmed at the age of 15 years. I attended a Mission school. I went to college in Nigeria and trained as a Nurse/Midwife. I served in many health institutions in my country. I retired from civil service in 1994.

I got married to Mr. Samuel Teboh, of blessed memory. We were blessed with five children. Three boys and two girls.

In church, I was elected an elder, and also leader of Christian Women Fellowship where I served for many years. I had been a counselor and elected Assistant Mayor in my town. I participated in many development projects. I am staying here with my children. To always visit home when necessary. I love to worship and fellowship here with you. Love you!



Bob Wright

I grew up in Kansas and later in south Texas. I first came to the DFW area as a student at SMU in Dallas. After marriage to my wife of 45 years, I began a career in local government and retired from both the City of Dallas and the City of Grand Prairie. I have attended a number of different churches over the years, but it was in a Presbyterian church in Kansas where I first believed. I have been a regular attendee at FPCA since 2017 and have thoroughly enjoyed the worship services and sermons from Pastor Rich and Pastor Chris.