

August 29, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth 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. Jim Shroyer  
Lay Leader: Jane Leathem  
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 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! William Bradbury

Prayer for Preparation

*Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us the truth of your commandments. Give us sincere hearts that we may serve you with joy, obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world; through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit O That I Had a Thousand Voices Johann Konig

Call to Worship

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

§ Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness.**

**We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts.**

**We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth.**

**We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity,  
and anger with righteousness.**

**Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your Word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we  
may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus 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.**

## *Proclaiming*

Psalm 84:1–4, 10–12 Responsive Reading

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

**my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

**my King and my God.**

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.**

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Children's Time

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the Fellowship Hall.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14–21

New Testament page 193

Anthem

How Firm a Foundation

Emma Lou Diemer

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!*

*What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid.*

*I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you the deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.*

*The flames shall not hurt you. I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes.*

*That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"*

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 109:1–8, 21–31

Old Testament page 561

The Sermon

Our Children Need Freedom

Rev. Shroyer

## ***Responding***

§ Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

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

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

David Cherwien

§ 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

from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

§ Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Robert Hebble



### ***Sermon Notes***

Our Children Need Freedom

Ephesians 3:14–21; Psalm 109:1–8, 21–31

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,

2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;

though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!


God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy


*All or Leader*

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed,  
 2 Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

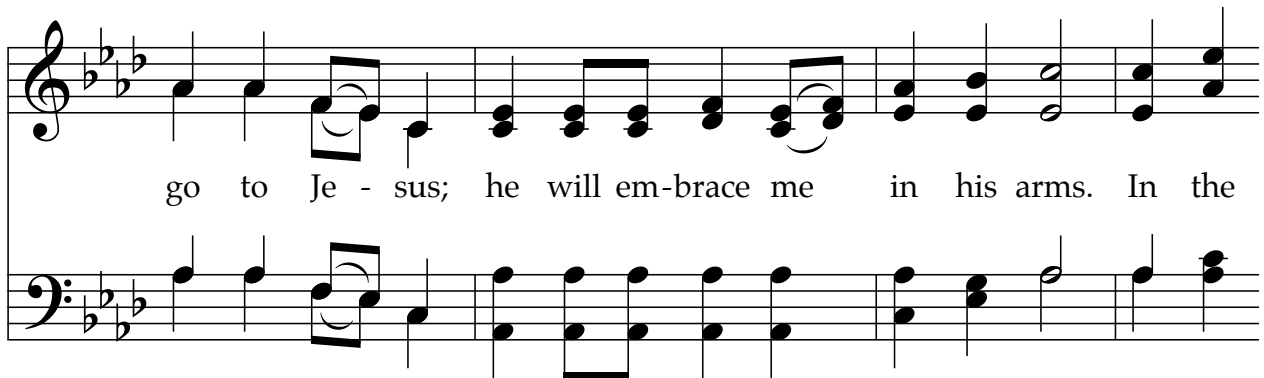


sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*



full of pit - y, love, and power.  
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
you will nev - er come at all.  
is to feel your need of him.



go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the



arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

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## Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



## Children's Ministry Upcoming Activities

Today will be the Children's Ministry luncheon in the Parlor after the worship service for children's ministry volunteers and anyone interested in becoming a children's ministry volunteer.

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

## 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!

## 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!

## 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. Email [chris@firstprestexas.org](mailto:chris@firstprestexas.org) to sign up!

## 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](mailto:der817@gmail.com)) or Sheri Quick ([sheriq@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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.

## 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.**

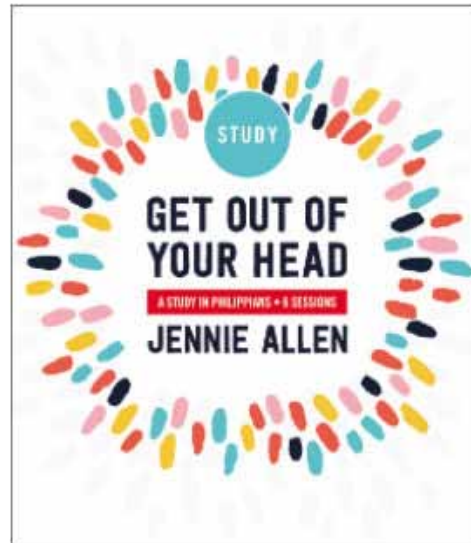
Dates: **Tuesday nights, Sep. 14 to Oct. 26**

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

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

Registration Steps:

- Visit the FPCA website ([www.firstprestexas.org](http://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.



## Music Ministry

Interested in leading worship through music?  
Join the Chancel Choir,  
Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble,  
Youth Music Ministries, or  
Children's Music Ministries!

Contact Russell Farnell for information:  
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