

October 3, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Nineteenth 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: Matt Annen

Guest Organist: Beverly Howard

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 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee arr. Al Travis

Prayer for Preparation

Faithful God, we give you thanks that nothing can separate us from your love. Receive us as beloved children so that we may enter your presence this day and abide with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made Timothy McKinney

Call to Worship

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

But in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the reflection of God's glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should give his only Son to suffering for our salvation.

Therefore we will proclaim God's name

In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

§ Hymn 24 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens HOLY MANNA

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of love, you gave us commandments because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live in community, and still we oppress others and separate ourselves from each other and from you. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved.

Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness. Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers, and nurture us with your love and forgiveness, that we might share what we have been given, and receive your kingdom with the wonder and gratitude of children. In Jesus' 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.

Proclaiming

Psalm 26

Responsive Reading

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

My foot stands on level ground; **in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

Children's Time

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

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

New Testament page 218

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Laura Farnell

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come,
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood
O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Old Testament Reading

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Old Testament pages 453, 454

The Sermon

Why Do We Believe?

Rev. Campbell

Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Responding

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. Mark Sedio

Text from Hymn 526

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung (see below)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Song of Joy

Christopher Boodle



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (F#m)
 F Dm Gm Dm Am

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) (G) (Bm) (A) (Bm) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Dm C Dm C

nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 B^b Am B^b C F

ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) (Bm7) (G) (Em7) (G) (F#m7)
 F Dm7 B^b Gm7 B^b Am7

we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

(G) (Em7) (A) (D) (Bm) (A)
 B \flat Gm7 C F Dm C

powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us

(Em7) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 Gm7 Am B \flat C F

at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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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

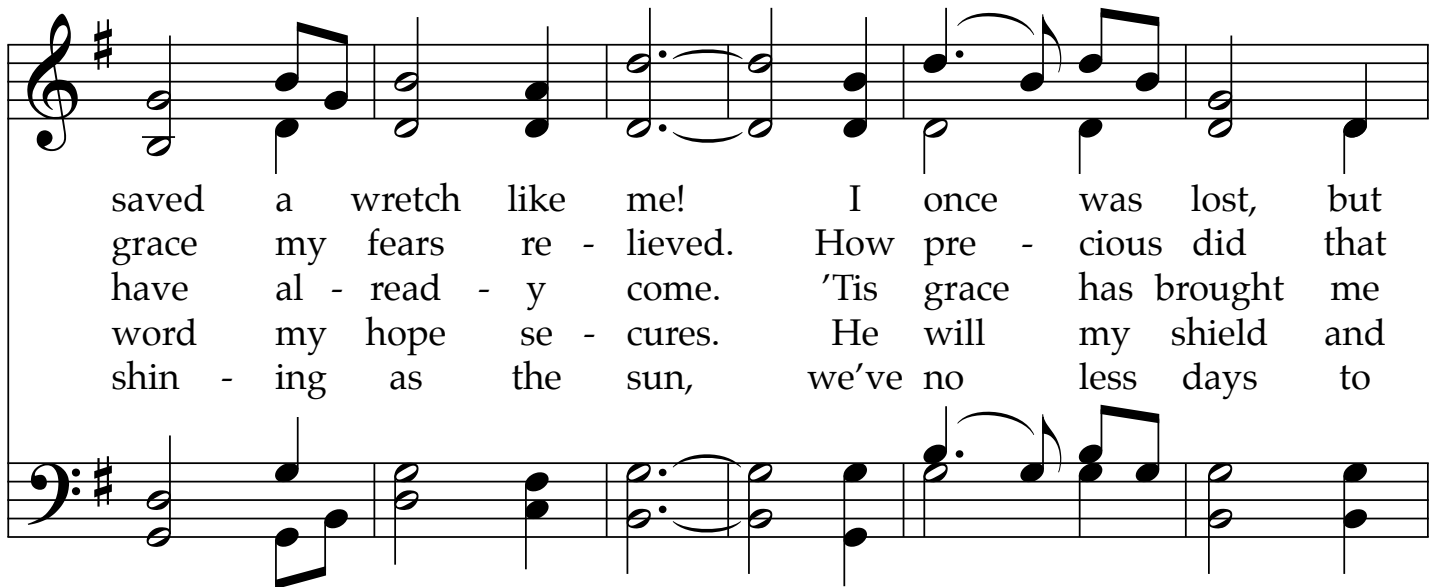
down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

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!

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Sermon Notes

Why Do We Believe?

Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12; Job 1:1, 2:1–10

“This masterpiece of religious thought, in which the tragic suffering of a righteous individual occasions a probing theological investigation of the divine economy, was apparently written by someone (not necessarily an Israelite) in Edom (or Egypt or Mesopotamia) sometime between the tenth and second centuries BC as a historical account (or an imaginative parable) all wrapped up in a dramatic presentation replete with superb Hebrew poetry.” - Mark Throntveit

“The inclusion of Job in the Bible stands as a reminder to the church that things are not always as simple as we may want to believe – but amid the complexity, God is present.”

“In a world of both blessing and suffering, why is there faith at all? What good is faith? If persons of faith suffer as much as any other, then what’s the use? Why not follow the counsel of Job’s wife, and curse God and die? The book of Deuteronomy connects faithful obedience with blessing, and disobedience with curse. Job’s friends will reinforce this connection when they join him at the ash heap, assuming that Job’s suffering testifies to his disobedience.”

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/3	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Children & Youth Music Ministries
Monday 10/4	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Tuesday 10/5	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday 10/6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Friday 10/8	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Vannah Caylor, Candida Costa, Frank and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, Lois Ditto, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Yvette Fielder, the Formusoh Family, the Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Barbara Mooers, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, John and Donna Vickers, and Nancy Welborne.

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Manci, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Esther Albright, Suzette Armstrong, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Cary Moore, Carrie Pacot, Ann Pitstick, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright.

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

Information for the October 10 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Chris Campbell at 817-274-8286.

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NATIONAL

FAITH & BLUE

WEEKEND

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

Hosted By:

FPCA

&

**The Arlington
Police Department**

When & Where:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

11:00 A.M.

FPCA Sanctuary



Learn More: WWW.FAITHANDBLUE.ORG



The Thanksgiving Baskets are Coming!

October 17 is the Kick-off Sunday to sign up to bring food for Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission and Evangelism Team set a goal of: **225 Baskets**

Last year we were unable to feed as many families due to the Pandemic. This year has been much better and we are hopeful that we will reach our goal.

Please sign up outside of the Fellowship Hall, outside of the Chapel or in the Red Hall. You can sign up as an individual, a family, or a group. These families are Arlington citizens and are having a hard time to just make ends meet. Each bag feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

Please return your numbered Basket and attached envelope along with your food items to the Fellowship Hall on or before **October 31**.

Thanks ~ The Mission and Evangelism Team

Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT). You can put your selections in the nomination boxes in the Narthex, place them in the offering plate, bring your nominations to the church office, or you can email your nominations to Suzie McCoy at: smccoybelize@gmail.com.

Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 30. It will look a little different but we are still reaching out to the community and letting them know that we love them and God loves them. We need help to do this. We will be giving away bags of candy and books. We will also have games and activities. Here are 4 ways you can help.

1. Donate Candy (put it in the bins around the church, Kyle's office, or have it delivered to the church).
2. Help put the candy in bags (more information will be coming on dates and times to do this).
3. Help at Trunk or Treat with set-up, the event, and/or clean-up (talk to or email Kyle - kyle@firstprestexas.org).
4. Pray.

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!

Children's Ministry Upcoming Activities

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 on Friday 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:

October 8 and 22; November 5 and 19; December 3