

October 10, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Twentieth 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: Chelsea Campbell

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

Praise to the Lord

arr. John Behnke

Prayer for Preparation

You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Alleluia 7

Taizé Community

Call to Worship

Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

May the Lord our God show us grace.

§ Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, we know the commandments. We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you.

Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. 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.

Moment for Mission

Faith and Blue

Proclaiming

Psalm 90:12–17

Responsive Reading



Refrain

So teach us to count our days, **that we may gain a wise heart.**

Turn, O Lord! How long? **Have compassion on your servants!**

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

and as many years as we have seen evil.

Refrain

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

Refrain

Children's Time

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

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Old Testament page 853

Anthem

Shout Joyfully

Earlene Rentz

Shout joyfully to the Lord! Break forth in song, oh, sing a new song.

Shout joyfully to the Lord! Oh, come let us sing to the Lord.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Sing to the Lord. Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Shout joyfully to the Lord! Break forth in song, oh, sing a new song.

Shout joyfully to the Lord! Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17–31

New Testament page 46

The Sermon

All In

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

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

Psalm 90:1-2

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought
forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are
God. Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

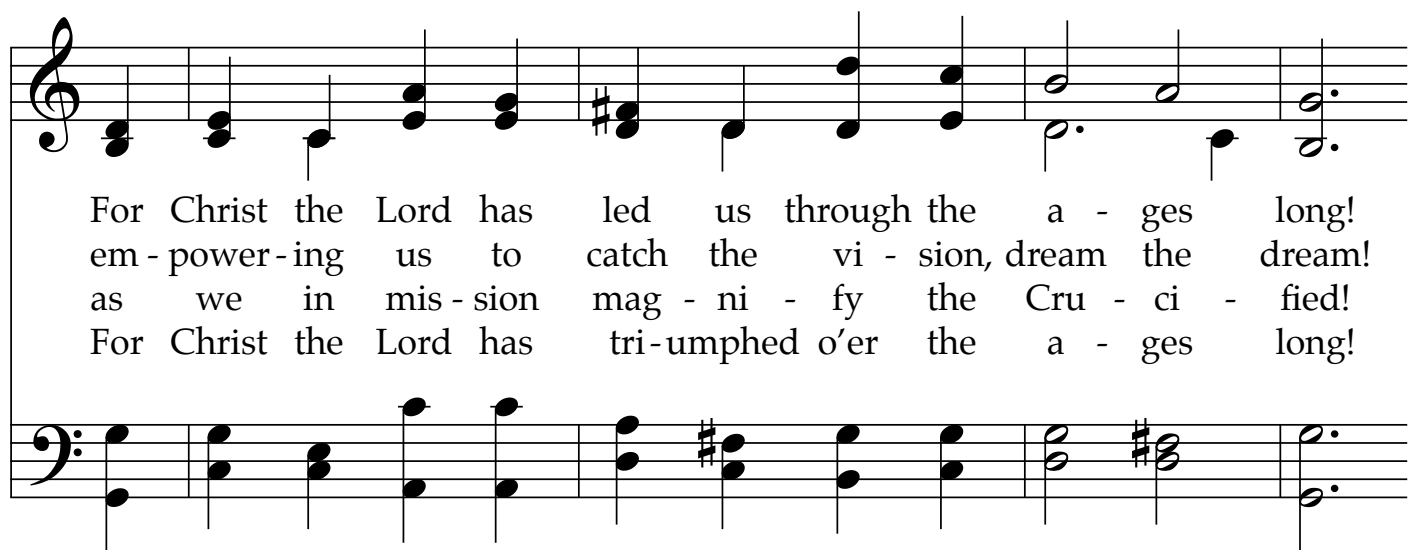
John Rutter



305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!




For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

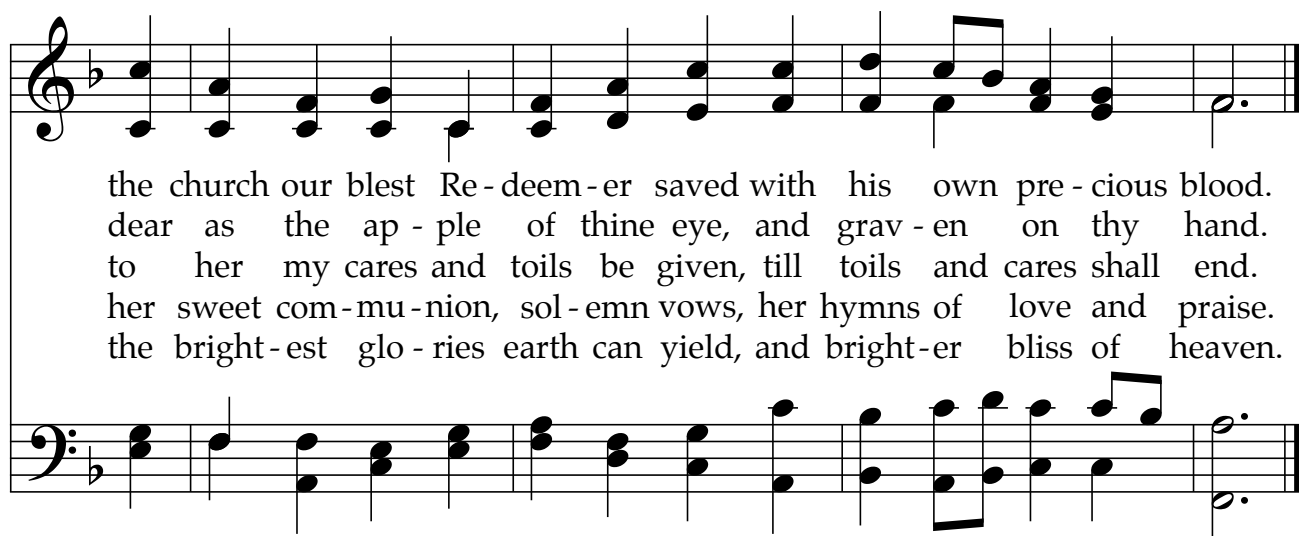


In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



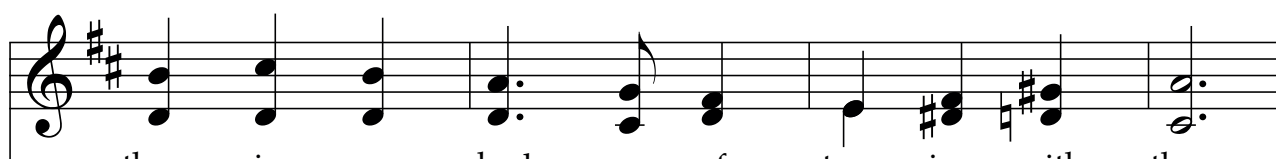
the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

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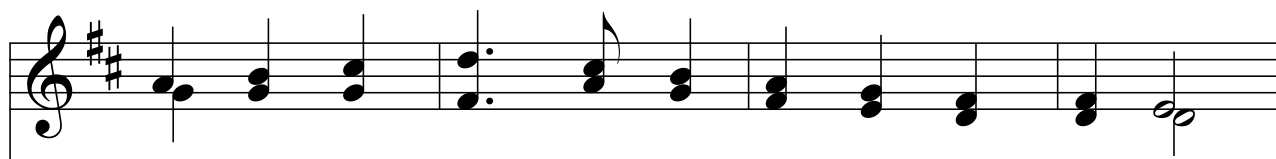
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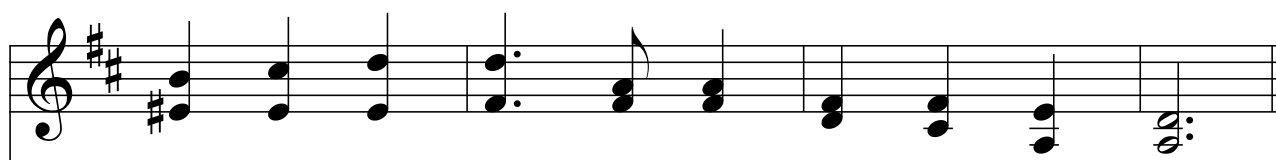
1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Sermon Notes

All In

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15; Mark 10:17–31

“It is natural to paint an ugly picture of this man. One can imagine him in brightly colored robes, perhaps with gilded accents; he is clean-shaven with a good composure. He speaks eloquently and probably commands respect when he is in a crowd. He has most likely had an easy life with an exotic and lavish upbringing. It is easy not to like him. It is easy to think of him as having hoarded his wealth, not giving to the poor or to his church. He may be getting to the end of his life and wants to ensure his eternity. Surely, we would like to think, that is why he approaches Jesus.”

“... people come to church on the Sabbath with only one question in their minds: Is it true? The providence of God, the saving power of Jesus Christ, the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit, the resurrection from the dead, the forgiveness of sin: Is it true?” - Karl Barth

“Jesus does not condemn him or belittle him for the way he has handled his wealth. Rather, Jesus loves the man and affirms him for following the commandments but does mention that the man lacks one thing. Instead of focusing on what he has not done, Jesus loves him for the commandments he has honored.”

“Christian tradition has assumed that he went away sorrowful because he was unwilling to sell all that he had, give it to the poor, and follow Jesus. Another possibility is that he went away sorrowful because he had decided to sell all he had and follow Jesus. That bold action would not have been emotionless. That would have been a decisive step into the future, resulting in an emotional letting go of all that he had and the relationships that came with his possessions.” - David B. Howell

“[It] is not a story about money, because, if it were, we could buy our way into heaven by cashing in our chips right now, and you know that is not so. None of us earns eternal life, no matter what we do. We can keep the Commandments until we are blue in the face; we can sign our paychecks over to Mother Teresa and rattle tin cups for our supper without ever earning a place at the banquet table of God. The kingdom of God is not for sale. It never has been; it never will be. The poor cannot buy it with their poverty, and the rich cannot buy it with their riches. The kingdom of God is a consummate gift.” - Barbara Brown Taylor

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/10

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Faith and Blue
12:00 p.m.	Faith and Blue Reception
12:00 p.m.	Foundations Class Service Project
12:15 p.m.	Children & Youth Music Ministries
4:00 p.m.	Faith and Blue & Youth

Monday 10/11

6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
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Tuesday 10/12

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 10/13

8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Quilting
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday 10/14

6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Team Meeting Night

Friday 10/15

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Saturday 10/16

1:00 p.m.	Arrey/Lamotthe Wedding
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Information for the October 17 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

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

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Faith and Blue Reception

Today after the worship service there will be a reception with the Faith and Blue officers in the Parlor with light refreshments. There will be an opportunity to ask questions as well as give encouragement. The youth will have a separate time of conversation with officers that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 30 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. 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.

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.

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 22; November 5 and 19; December 3

Children's Music Ministries & Youth Music Ministries

Children's Music Ministries and Youth Music Ministries meet on Sunday from 12:45-1:45! Children meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 for a snack lunch, and parents attend a brief parent meeting in the choir room. For more information, contact russell@firstprestexas.org or Laura.Farnell@gmail.com for more information.

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:
russell@firstprestexas.org

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.

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. Ex nocute dem ia orest contere dentri in deo, nim sil utum popte tereo, quamquo diisum conum tem, fuit? Ratamdi, querius et ommo

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