

October 24, 2021

# First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Second 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. James Witherow

Lay Leader: Stephen Baker

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Lowell Mason

Prayer for Preparation

*Merciful God, you always hear us when we cry out. You stay close when we are in distress. It is you in whom we seek refuge, and you deliver us from evil. Let praise flow from our mouths to your ears, for we can taste and see that you are indeed good. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, O God, our redeemer and our strength. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Teach Me to Pray

Russell Farnell

Call to Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times,

**God's praise will continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord,

**Let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**Let us exalt God's name together!**

§ Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Merciful God, we have not been humble. We have discouraged others from seeking you. We have not sought your wisdom.**

**Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you. Help us to celebrate when others seek after you. Give us the light of your wisdom and ways, through 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

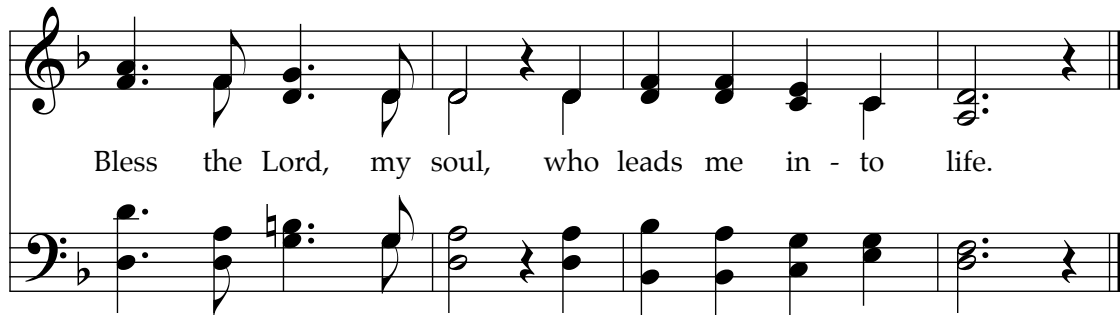
Psalm 34:1-8

Responsive Reading

### Refrain



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

### Refrain

I will bless the Lord at all times; **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; **let the humble hear and be glad.**  
O magnify the Lord with me, **and let us exalt his name together.**

### Refrain

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, **and delivered me from all my fears.**  
Look to him, and be radiant; **so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

### Refrain

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, **and was saved from every trouble.**  
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
**O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

### 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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Old Testament page 734

Anthem Come, Thou Almighty King Gordon Young

*Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.  
Father all glorious, over all victorious, come and reign over us, ancient of Days.  
Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend, come and thy people bless and  
give thy word success; establish thy righteousness, Savior and friend!  
Come Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou, who Almighty art, now rule in every heart and never from us department, Spirit of power!  
To the great One in Three eternal praises be hence evermore!  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!*

Gospel Reading Mark 10:46–52 New Testament page 47

The Sermon Blind Faith Rev. Witherow

### ***Responding***

§ Hymn 733 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

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 If You But Trust in God to Guide You 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 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 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

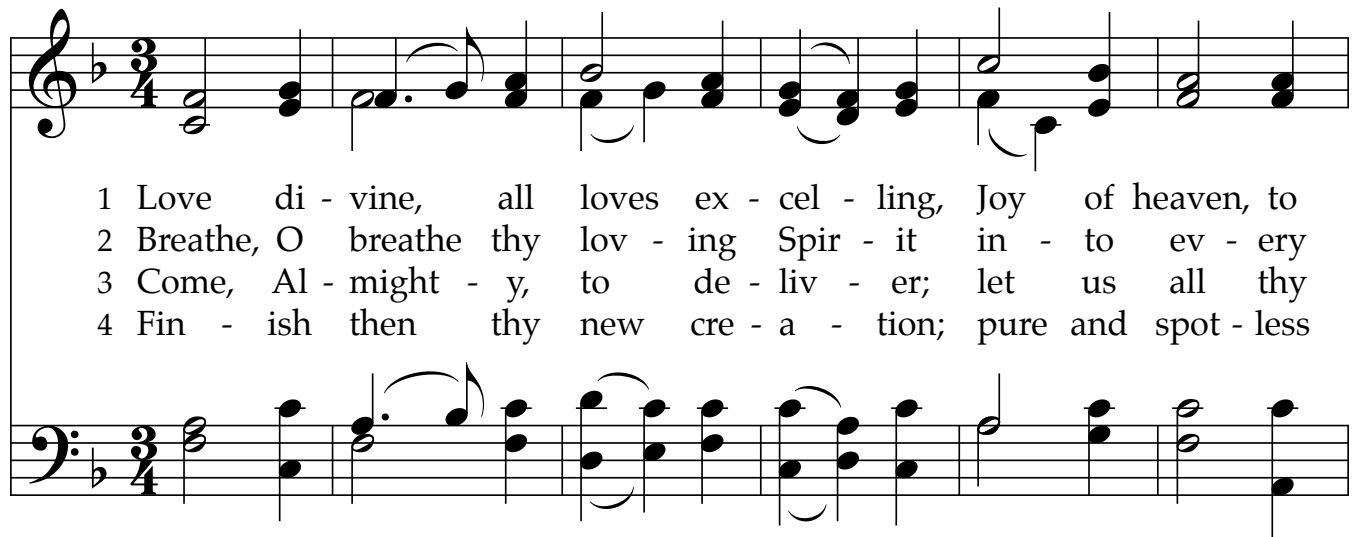
§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian Joel Raney

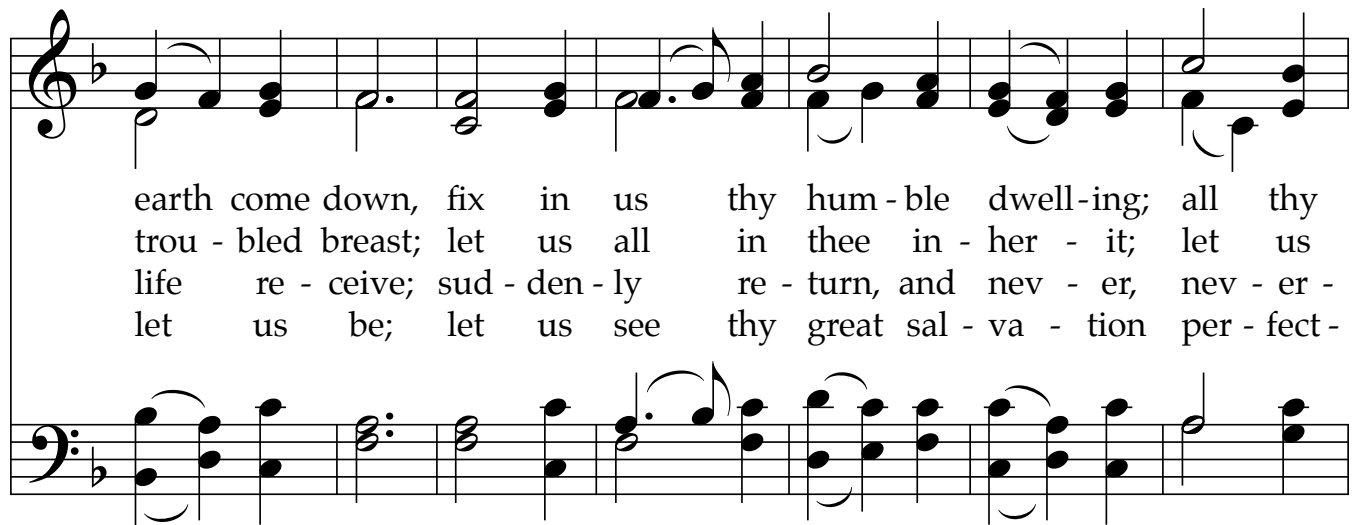


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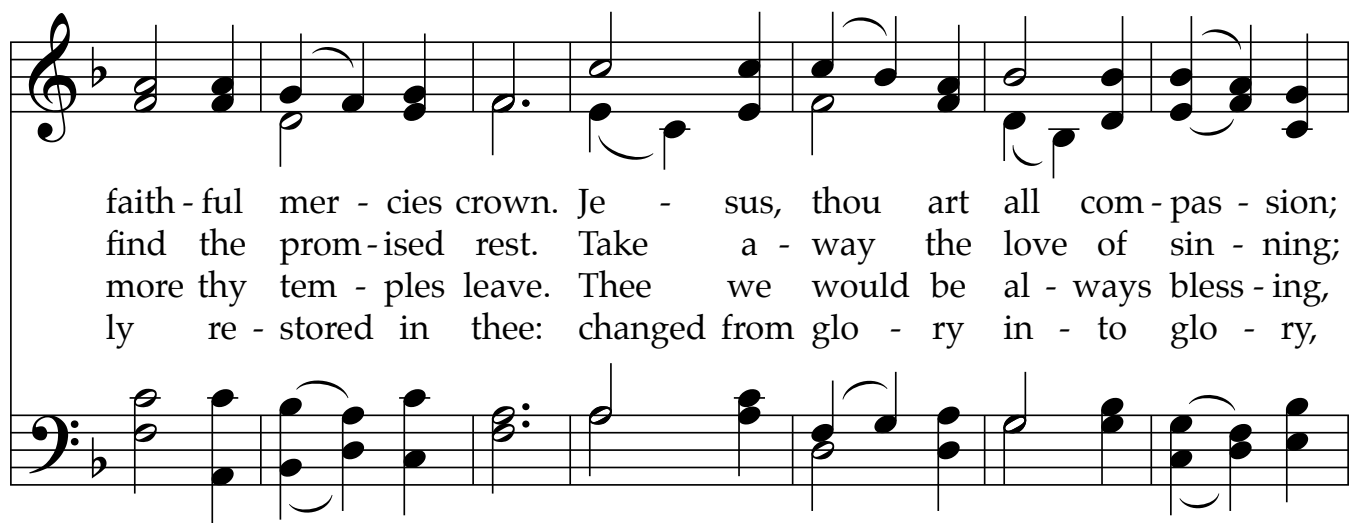
# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

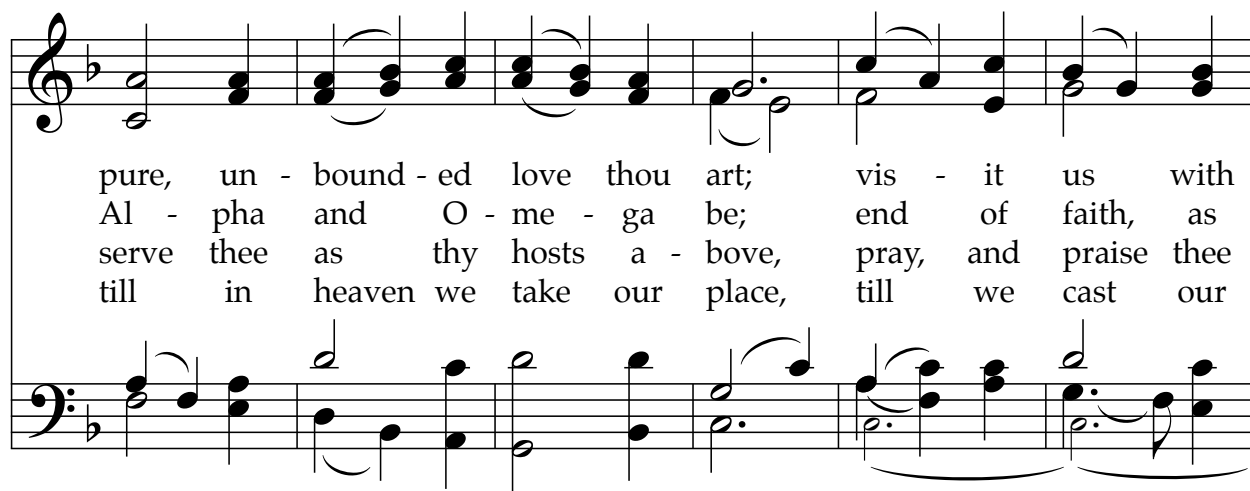


earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

# 733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

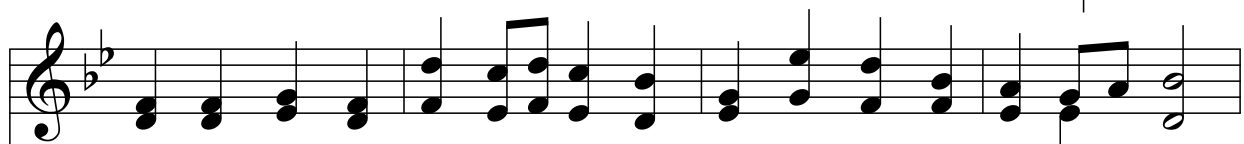
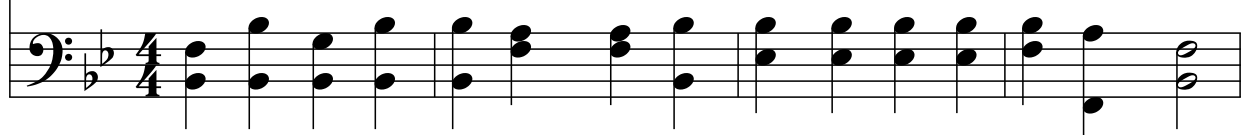
A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

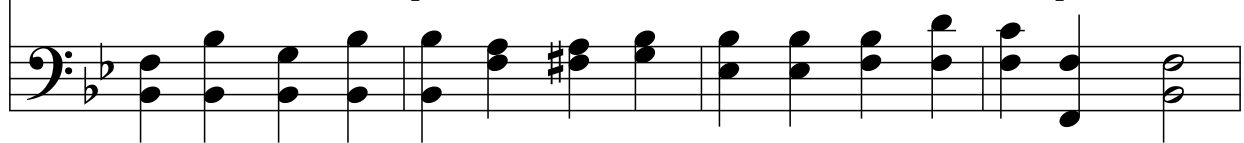
# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



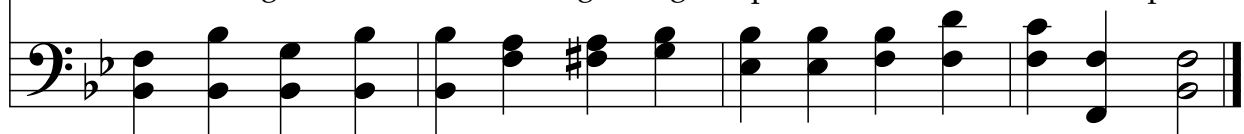
we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to- geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.





# ***Sermon Notes***

Blind Faith

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52

## ***This week @ FPCA***

Sunday 10/24

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Fill Trunk or Treat Bags
12:15 p.m.	Children & Youth Music Ministries

Monday 10/25

6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
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Tuesday 10/26

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 10/27

8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m.	Quilting
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday 10/28

7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
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Friday 10/29

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

3:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
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Information for the October 31 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, 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, 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***

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

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## Help Fill Trunk or Treat Bags

Trunk or Treat is coming October 30th and we need help filling bags with candy. We will meet in the Parlor after church today to fill the bags. Trunk or Treat is a fun opportunity to meet people in the community, share the love of Christ, and let people know that we care about them. Please stop by and help us as we prepare. If you have any questions please contact Kyle (email: [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org)).

### Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 30 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Come and have some fun. We will have a bag of candy for each child, games, prizes, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and snacks.

## Thanksgiving Baskets!

It's time 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

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! The Fellowship Team will provide meat, rolls and dessert.

If your last name starts with:

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| A through G | bring potatoes or dressing |
| H through O | bring vegetables           |
| P through Z | bring salad                |

Look forward to celebrating this season of Thanksgiving with everyone!

## 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:

November 5 and 19; December 3

## 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.

## 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.

## HOPE Tutoring at FPCA

HOPE Tutoring meet each Monday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 218. Masks will be required for all persons entering the building.

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