

October 31, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
Reformation Sunday



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: Lona Watkins
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

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott

Dieterich Buxtehude

Prayer for Preparation

*O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value.
Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments
and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Mark Patterson

Call to Worship

The Lord offered himself –

Once and for all –

So that our conscience can be free from all things that lead to death.

Let us freely go and worship the living God!

§ Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in
unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your
Word nor followed your holy commandments.**

**For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us
all our sin, which is very great. 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.

“Enter In” Moment

Matt Annen

Proclaiming

Psalm 146

Responsive Reading

Praise the Lord! **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; **I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
Do not put your trust in princes, **in mortals, in whom there is no help.**
When their breath departs, they return to the earth; **on that very day their plans perish.**
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
 whose hope is in the Lord their God,
 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
 who keeps faith forever;
 who executes justice for the oppressed; **who gives food to the hungry.**
The Lord sets the prisoners free; **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; **the Lord loves the righteous.**
The Lord watches over the strangers; **he upholds the orphan and the widow,**
 but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

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

Numbers 13:1–2, 17–20, 25–30

Old Testament page 130

Anthem

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Youth Music Singers and Chancel Choir

Mark Patterson

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.
I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the skies!
There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.
Let every voice now join as one and let the song be raised.
All heaven above and earth below rejoice and sing God's praise.
Let timbrel, flute, and trumpet sound, let bells ring out this day.
Forever let our music live to glorify God's name!*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14–30

New Testament page 28

The Sermon

Enter In... to Your Opportunity

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

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

Meditation on "O Store Gud"

Douglas Wagner

§ 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 Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54

I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Tae Sook Kang



32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

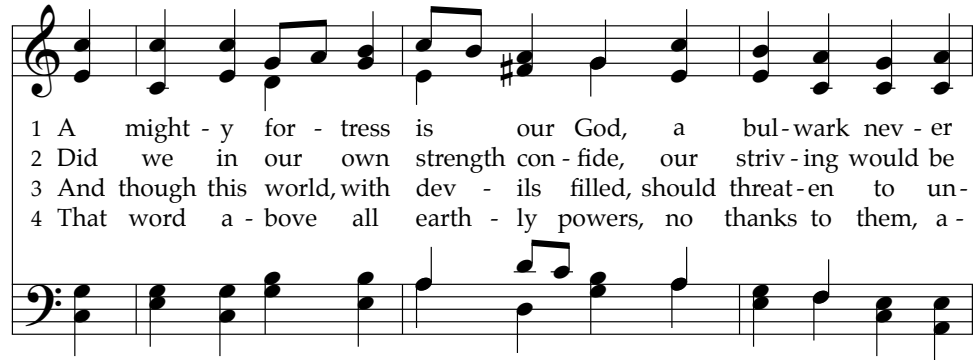
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2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

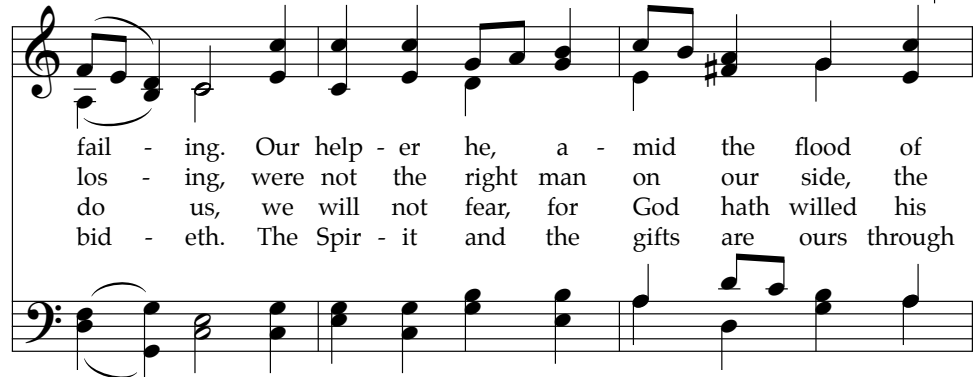
skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



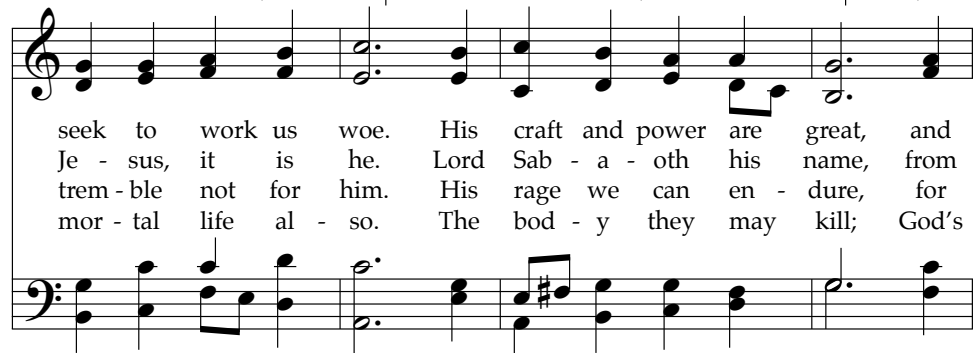
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



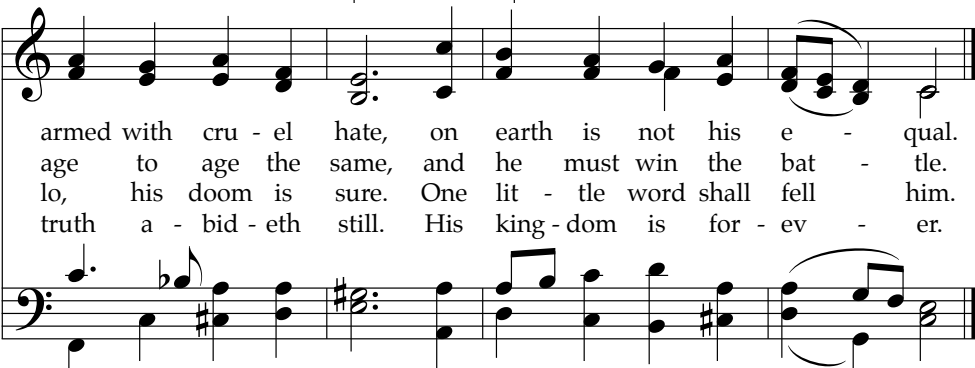
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Sermon Notes

Enter In... to Your Opportunity

Numbers 13:1-2, 17-20, 25-30; Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

We need to “enter in” to the opportunity God has laid in front of us as a church.

We need to “enter in” to the opportunity God has laid in front of each of us personally.

The opportunity God extends to us is based on trust.

Giving was never meant to be an obligation on us by God. Giving is an expression of God’s faith in us and an opportunity God extends to us.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/31	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Children & Youth Music Ministries
Monday 11/1	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Tuesday 11/2	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday 11/3	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday 11/4	7:00 p.m.	Team Meeting Night
Friday 11/5	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 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

Information for the November 7 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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The Thanksgiving Baskets!

Today is the deadline for turning in 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.

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:

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.

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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