

November 14, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Fifth 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: Tina Hanson
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

Wonderful Words of Life

Marianne Kim

Prayer for Preparation

*Gracious Lord, our labors are in vain unless you labor with us, O God.
Continue to bless the work of our hands, that we might labor for the glory of your name alone,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Alleluia 7

Taizé Community

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! The Lord will never leave us alone.

Let the name of the Lord be renowned through the earth now and forever.

§ Hymn 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor.

Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life.

Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our hearts, that we may live faithfully and courageously for you. 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.

Baby Dedication for Flourish Agwah Ngum Ngwanah

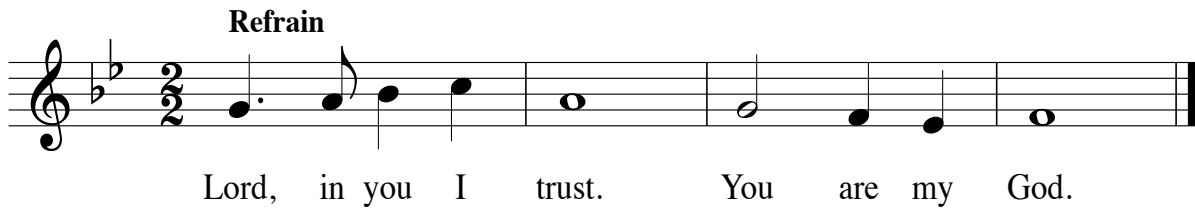
“Enter In” Moment

Matt Annen

Proclaiming

Psalm 16:7–11

Responsive Reading



Refrain

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; **in the night also my heart instructs me.**
I keep the Lord always before me; **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Refrain

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; **my body also rests secure.**
For you do not give me up to Sheol, **or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

Refrain

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

Psalm 18:30–36

Old Testament page 498

Anthem

Simply Alleluia

Tom Fettke

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14–30 (The Message)

The Sermon

Enter In... to Courage

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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

Philippians 2:5–11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

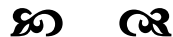
FAITHFULNESS

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

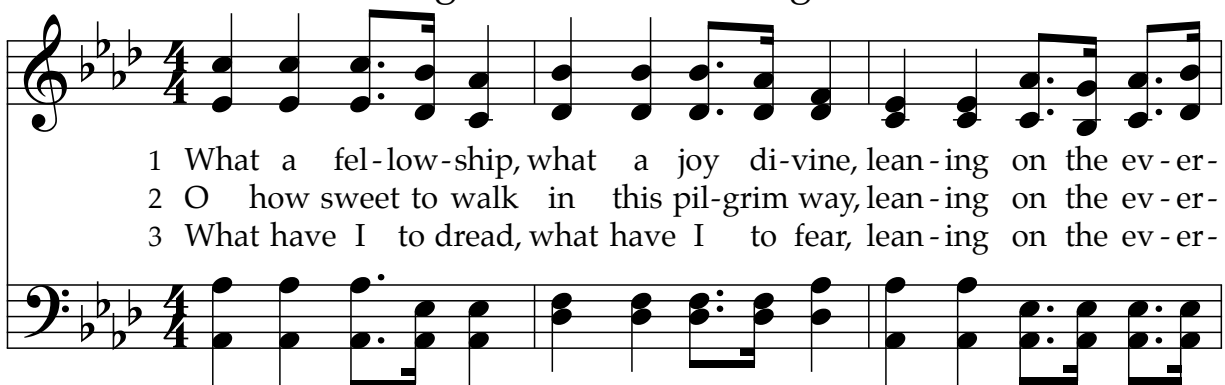
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

Gilbert Martin

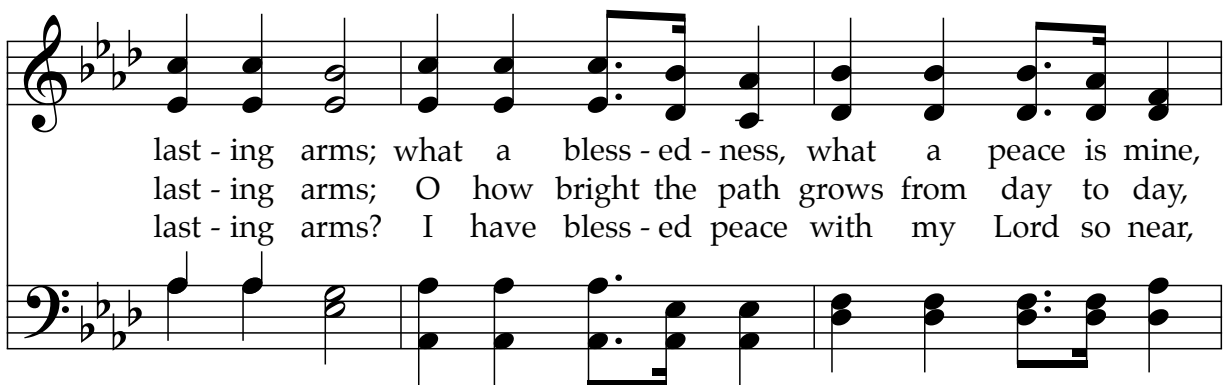


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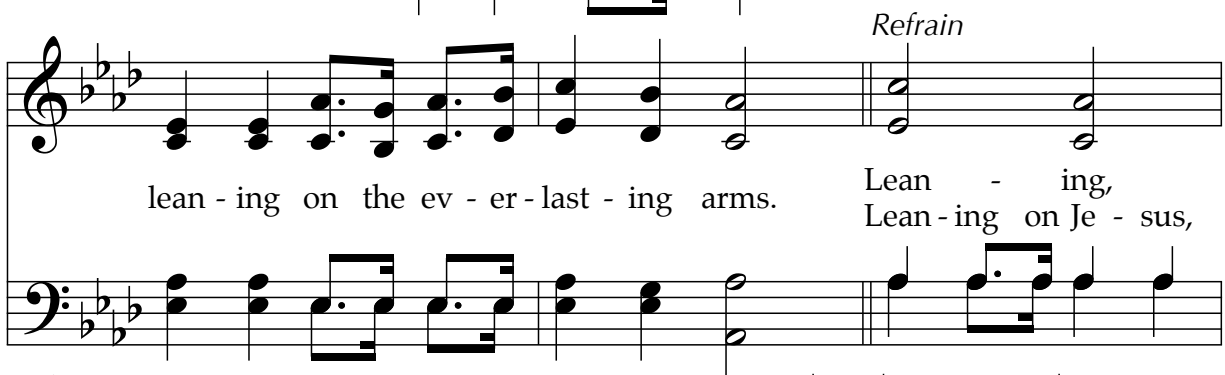
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



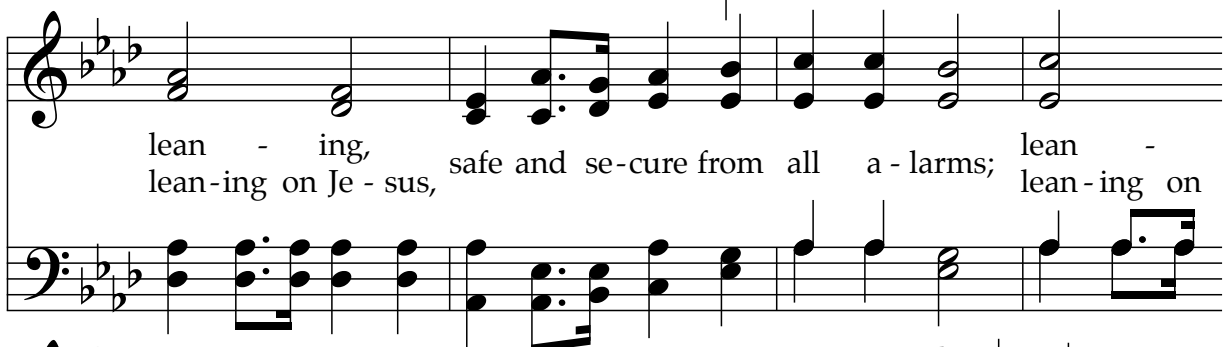
1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



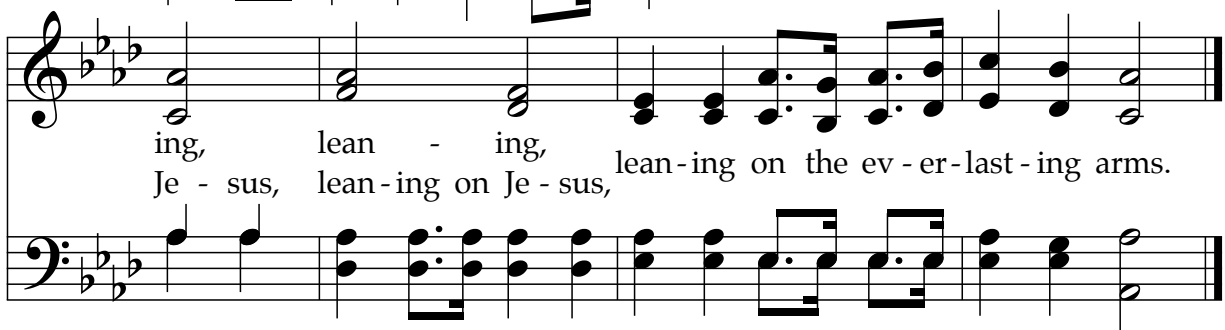
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,



lean-ing, lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on



ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

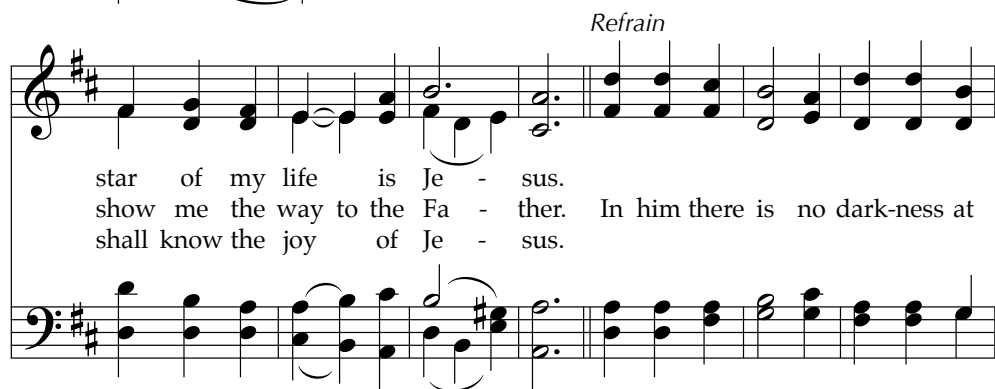


1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with




Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-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.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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 베푸 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

Enter In... to Courage

Psalm 18:30-36; Matthew 25:14-30 (The Message)

Two key indicators that someone is operating out of fear:

- 1) Playing the blame game. “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed.” (verse 24)

- 2) Making excuses. “...so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.” (verse 25)

One opposite of fear is COURAGE.

- It takes courage to start giving.
- It takes courage to be faithful in your giving.
- It takes courage to expand and grow in your giving in the way God wants his children, his servants, to grow.

We want to Enter In...to Opportunity unless we allow fear and excuses to rob us of that.

We want to Enter In...Now unless we allow fear and excuses to stall us, procrastinate, and thereby rob us of that.

We want to Enter In...and be Courageous unless we allow fear and excuses to rob us of that.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/14

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Children & Youth Music Ministries
3:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner

Monday 11/15

6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
6:30 p.m.	Mon. Night Women's Bible Study

Tuesday 11/16

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 11/17

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

Thursday 11/18

6:00 p.m.	MPAC Annual Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Friday 11/19

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
6:00 p.m.	Kids Night Out

Saturday 11/20

2:00 p.m.	Allena Coburn Memorial Service
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Information for the November 21 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, Sandra Boice, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Yvette Fielder, the Formusoh Family, the Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Gottmann Family, 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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Narthex @ Noon

Narthex @ Noon will be today after the worship service in the Narthex with light refreshments. Please join us for wonderful fellowship.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner **today** 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!

Enter In Prayer Walk

As we approach commitment Sunday for our Enter In generosity campaign, it is crucial we continue to seek God's guidance for inspiration and wisdom. One spiritual exercise we are excited to offer is in the form of a guided prayer walk here at the church. We approximate it will take 15-20 minutes, though one could definitely spend more time if desired. Stations will be set up for you to visit, reflect, and pray.

The first opportunity will be this Sunday following the Thanksgiving dinner from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Additional opportunities will be available next week on:

Monday and Tuesday 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday 4:30-6:00pm

Teacher Thank you Notes for McNutt Elementary

We are seeking thank you note writers for expressions of gratitude for the teachers and staff at McNutt Elementary. This school is Title 1 with limited parent involvement, and we are coordinating an effort to write notes to its 78 teachers and staff to encourage and express appreciation in the month of Thanksgiving.

We plan to coordinate this effort through Sunday School classes, but would welcome participation from anyone who is interested. Blank cards are provided and are due in the basket near the church library by Sunday, November 14th. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Laura.Farnell@gmail.com or Suzie McCoy smccoybelize@gmail.com or call the church office.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet in the Parlor tomorrow night, November 15, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No meal will be served, please eat before coming or bring your brown bag.

The 2021-2022 study is the Horizons's study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Chapter 2 is our study for the month.

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) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com). Contact Debbie Richardson for a study guide, \$11 each.

Offering Envelopes are Here!

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the Narthex before or after the service. During the week the offering envelopes will be in the church office. If you would like them mailed to you, please call the church office .

We Need Help with Thanksgiving Distribution!

Arlington Charities needs volunteers to help distribute Thanksgiving bags to their clients.

Wednesday, November 17 & Thursday, November 18

Shift 1: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Shift 2: 12:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Please RSVP with Georgia at Georgia@arlingtoncharities.org 817-275-1511 X107

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!

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.

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