

January 9, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Baptism of the Lord



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: Isobel Peden
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

The Church's One Foundation

Edward Broughton

Prayer for Preparation

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world but reach out in love to rescue the wayward, by the mercy of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

We Have Come to Worship You

David Davidson

Call to Worship

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

§ Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved.

We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.

We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world.

We are sorry and we want to change.

Forgive us. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. In Jesus' name, 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.

The Ordination and Installation of Officers

Proclaiming

Psalm 29

Responsive Reading

Refrain



“Glo - ry to God! Glo-ry to God!” Sing for - ev - er “Glo - ry to God!”

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; **worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Refrain

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Refrain

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

Refrain

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; **the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people! **May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

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

Isaiah 43:1–7

Old Testament page 672

Anthem

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you, Alleluia.*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you Seek, and ye shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you, Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

New Testament page 60

The Sermon

Waiting for a Sign

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

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

(Hymn 853) We Are Marching in the Light of God

(Hymn 137) He Came Down

Nearer My God to Thee

§ 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 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor



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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

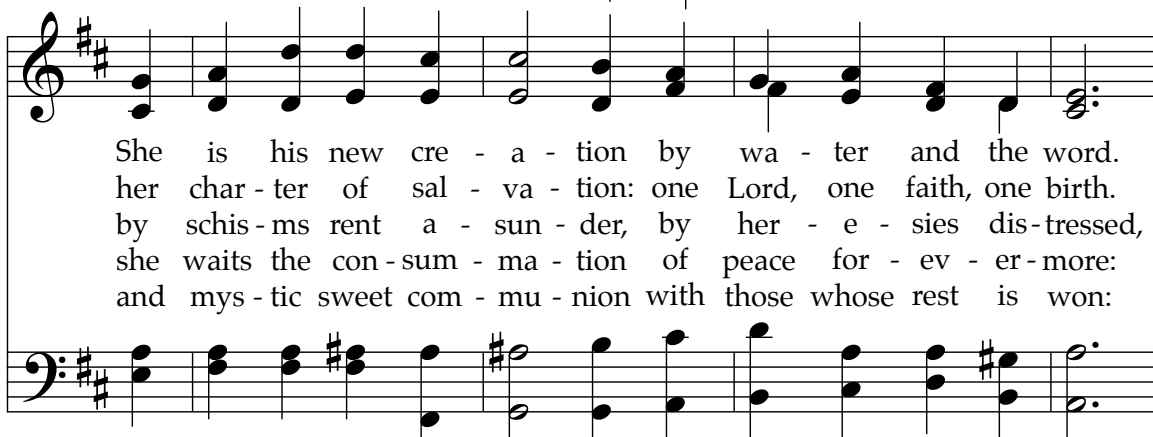
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

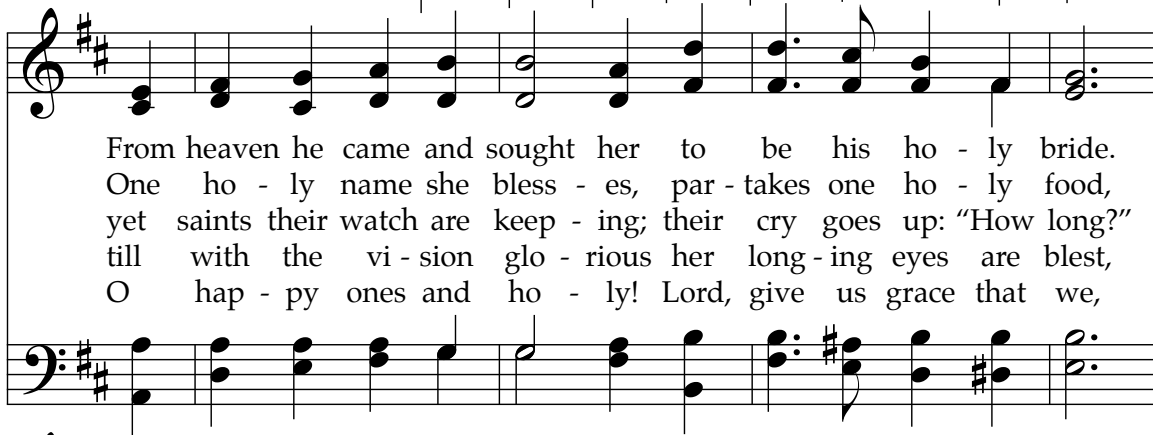
The Church's One Foundation 321



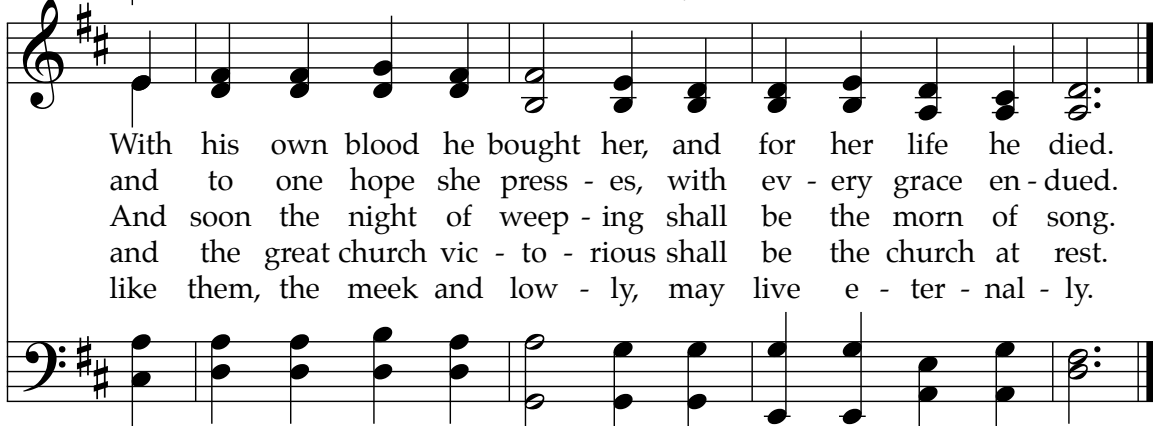
1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Notes

Waiting for a Sign

Isaiah 43:1–7; Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Why was Jesus baptized?

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

“You are my beloved Son” - Psalm 2:7

“in whom I am well pleased” - Isaiah 42:1

Three Things Jesus Sought in Prayer

1) Companionship with the Father

2) Illumination

3) Power

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 1/9

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	New Member Class
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Narthex @ Noon

Monday 1/10

6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
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Tuesday 1/11

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

Wednesday 1/12

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

Thursday 1/13

4:30 p.m.	Fellowship Team Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Team Meeting Night

Friday 1/14

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

Information for the January 16 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, the Babb Family, the Boice Family, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Vannah Caylor, the Clemens Family, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, the Ellis Family, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Yvette Fielder, the Formusoh Family, the Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Gottmann Family, Andrew Hydock, the Johnson Family, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, the McDermott Family, Barbara Mooers, the Moore Family, 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 Mancini, 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, 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Join the millions who never have to worry about money again! Financial Peace University (FPU) is the proven plan that helps you pay off debt fast and save more money for your future. FPU is the nine-lesson class that teaches you the step-by-step plan to win with money.

FPU helped us (i.e., Katina and James Gifford) renew our minds and repent as a married couple in our spiritual journey. It taught us how to steward God's resources, how to put Him first in our lives, and how to leave a legacy to our children. This Bible-inspired way of handling money is a life-changing and saving course that every person will benefit from, regardless of how much money you have saved, debt you still have, or how old you are. We all can learn something new, so come join us!

When: Sundays, Jan. 23, 2022 - Mar. 27, 2022 from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Where: FPCA chapel

Cost:

- 14-day free trial available
- \$130: 1-year Ramsey+ membership* (**four scholarships available and need to be used: contact leaders, first come first serve**)
- \$100: 6-month Ramsey+ membership*
- \$60: 3-month Ramsey+ membership*

*all memberships include workbook

Questions: talk to James or Katina Gifford, email crystalpoolfw@gmail.com, or call/text 817-725-5653

Sign Up: at fpu.com/1143036 or ask a Gifford to help or come to first gathering (Jan. 23rd) to sign up

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet in the Parlor on Monday, January 17, 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. Chapters 4 & 5 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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

