

February 13, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany



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: Ron MacLeod
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 God of Abraham Praise

John Dixon

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

More Love to Thee

William H. Doane

Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water

And drink deeply of these living streams.

Come, all who are weary;

Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

§ Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; 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.

Proclaiming

Psalm 1

Responsive Reading

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Children's Time

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

New Testament Reading

Romans 3:21–26

New Testament page 154

Anthem

Beautiful Savior

Michael Burkhardt

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine!*

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4–11

New Testament page 34

The Sermon

Authentic Worship: Wash Your Hands and Say Your Prayers...

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

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

*Here I am oh Jesus, draw me closer to thee,
my redeemer, my Savior I am forever thine.*

Hallelujah -O, Hallelujah, O Jesus has saved me.

*Jesus Christ will come again, every eye shall see Him then
He will come to judge the world. Are you ready for the judgment day?*

*Jesus Christ will come again, every knee shall bow to Him
Every tongue shall confess Him Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords.*

*Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so
little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.*

§ 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 Heidelberg Catechism Q's 70, 72

What does it mean to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

It means to have the forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood which he shed for us in his sacrifice on the cross, and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified as members of Christ, so that we may more and more die unto sin and live in a consecrated and blameless way.

Does merely the outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

No; for only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

Sending

§ Hymn 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

§ Charge and Benediction

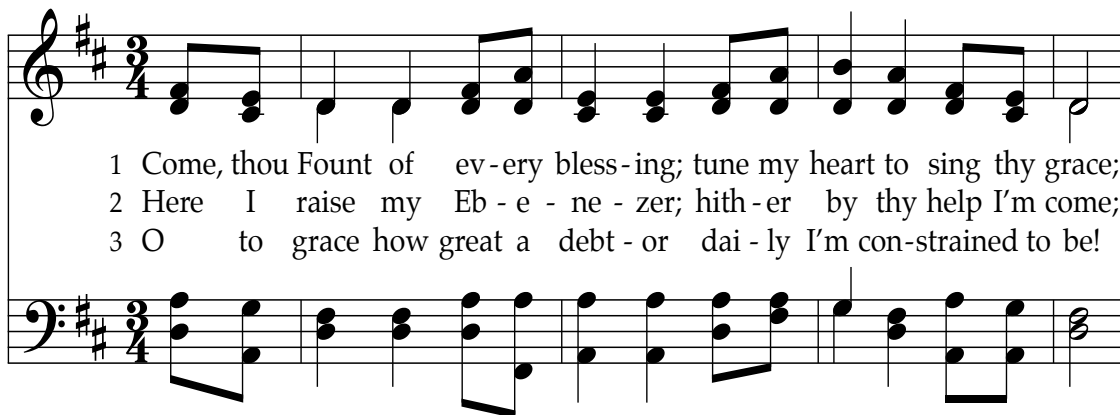
Postlude

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

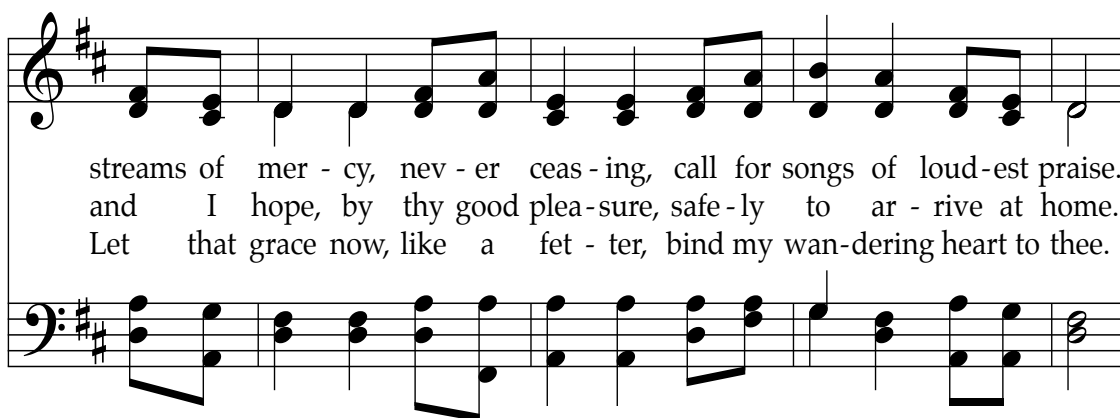
Mary McDonald



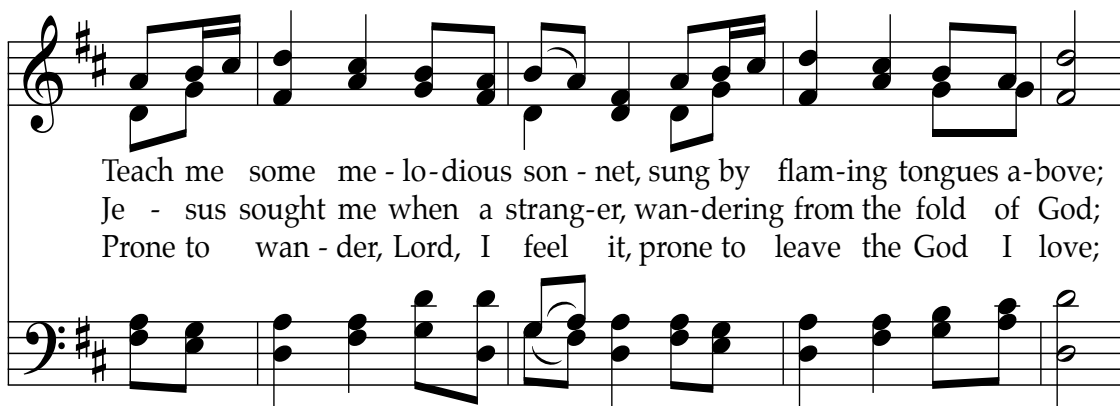
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



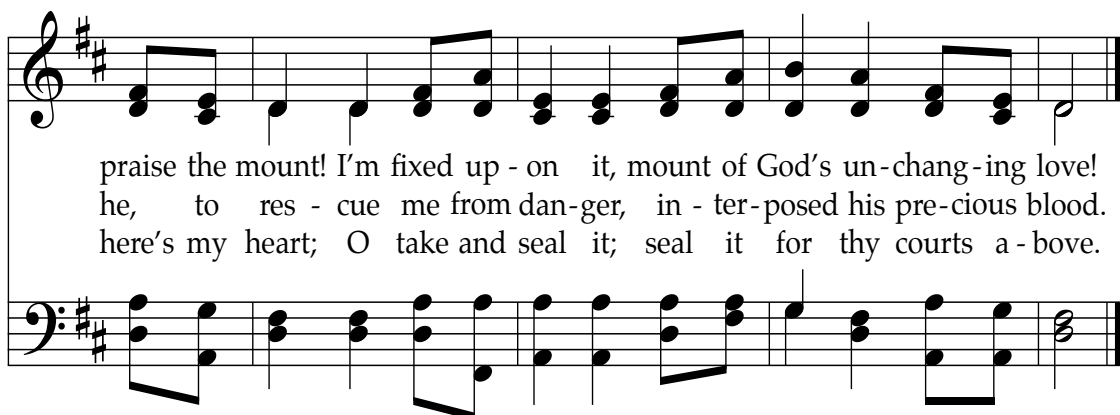
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wear it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Sermon Notes

Authentic Worship: Wash Your Hands and Say Your Prayers...

Romans 3:21–26; Mark 1:4–11

WASH
your hands
AND
say your prayers
BECAUSE
Jesus & germs
ARE
EVERYWHERE.

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 2/13	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:45 a.m.	Financial Peace University
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Narthex @ Noon
Monday 2/14	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Tuesday 2/15	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
	10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 2/16	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 2/17	7:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Friday 2/18	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the February 20 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, the Armstrong & Dill Families, 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 our Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 817-675-3233.

Staff Directory

Chris Campbell	Lead Pastor	chris@firstprestexas.org
Russell Farnell	Minister of Music	russell@firstprestexas.org
Jim Shroyer	Parish Associate	jim@firstprestexas.org
Reggie Manuel	Facilities Manager	reggie@firstprestexas.org
Shina Heo	Organist	shina@firstprestexas.org
Adrian Rodriguez	Director of Youth Ministry	adrian@firstprestexas.org
Kyle Terwilliger	Director of Children's Ministry	kyle@firstprestexas.org
Eric Gottmann	Director of Social Media	eric@firstprestexas.org
Cheryl Harris	Music Ministry Associate	cheryl@firstprestexas.org
Jeanne Chin	Finance Manager	jeanne@firstprestexas.org
Kim Lewis	Administrative Ministry Assistant	kim@firstprestexas.org
Jane Leathem	Finance Assistant	jane@firstprestexas.org

Narthex @ Noon

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

Our “Game Day” is almost here! It’s that time of year again, as we look to partner with the Souper Bowl of Caring organization to “tackle” hunger in our city. We have selected Arlington Charities as our “touchdown” support organization of choice. Here is our “playbook”:

1. Please drop off any soup can donations before Sunday, February 13 in the wooden bins located by the church front office.
2. On Sunday, February 13 you can drop off any soup can donations before or after worship in the wooden bins located in the Narthex.
3. Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office, placed in offering plates between now and game day, or mailed to the church. Our very own youth ministry will be taking all donations collected to Arlington Charities.

On behalf of the youth ministry we thank you so much for your donations! Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at thewellfca@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Oh Baby!!

The Mission and Evangelism team is hosting a “baby shower” to benefit the clients of the pregnancy clinic of the Metroplex Women’s Clinic. **Pick one or more items from the list below and bring them to church on Sunday, Feb. 6 or Sunday, Feb. 13, or drop them off in the church office during the week.** The items will be used in going home baskets given to new mothers.

Items should be gender neutral colors as most of the women will not know the gender of their baby. Men’s toiletry items are also needed for baskets for the fathers and fathers to be. Size 1 and size 4 diapers are an immediate need for the clinic.

Bring one or more of the items below and let’s “Shower” new mothers!

Baby Onesies (size 0-24 months)
Toddler Clothes (2-3T)
Bibs, Booties, Bottles, Blankets
Disposable Nursing Pads
Disposable Diapers (size 0-5)
Hooded Towels, Wash Cloths, Rattles,
Pacifiers, Small Toys, Snack Pods,
Sippy Cups, Baby Shampoo, Formula,
Baby Food, Travel Size Toiletry Samples

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out- Friday, February 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for children in 6th grade and younger. Children will enjoy, games, activities, pizza, and a Bible lesson. Parents will enjoy a little time of their own.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study meets the third Monday of each month except for December, June, July and August. The class is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 21. No meal is served, please eat before coming or bring your own brown bag.

The 2021-2022 study *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Chapter 6 is this month's study. If inclement weather, class will be canceled.

This group rotates facilitating the lessons. All women invited! Questions? Contact coordinators Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) or Shei Quick (sheriq@aol.com). Contact Debbie for study guide information.

Senior Flexibility Class

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class will meet each week on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge, but participants will be responsible for purchasing and storing their own exercise equipment. If interested, contact Mary Spencer at 817-689-0526.

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!

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.

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.

