

May 15, 2022

# First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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: Jamee Shroyer  
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

In the Garden

Gerald Peterson

Prayer for Preparation

*God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection so that, in the midst of the sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Let Every Creature Rise

Duke Street

Call to Worship

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

§ Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

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§ Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people  
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins,  
that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world;  
through Jesus Christ 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.**

## **Proclaiming**

New Testament Reading

John 14:23–29

New Testament page 109

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green:  
 The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.  
 By faith I know, but ne'er can tell, His beauty doth all things excel:  
 The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
 For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
 I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.  
 I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
 Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
 This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
 Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Psalm 67

Responsive Reading

*Refrain*



May God be gracious to us and bless us **and make his face to shine upon us,**  
 that your way may be known upon earth, **your saving power among all nations.**

*Refrain*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**  
 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

*Refrain*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**  
 The earth has yielded its increase; **God, our God, has blessed us.**  
 May God continue to bless us; **let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

*Refrain*

Sermon

Planting Seeds

Rev. Campbell

### ***Responding***

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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.**

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
 Donna Vickers, piano Shina Heo, organ

Sandra Zylstra

§ The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia!  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.**

**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 542	God Be with You Till We Meet Again	GOD BE WITH YOU
§ Charge and Benediction	The Lord Bless You and Keep You	John Rutter
Postlude	Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun	Joel Raney



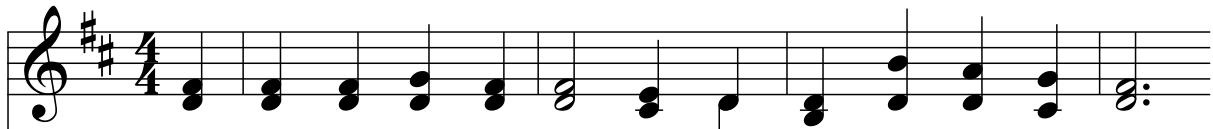
*Sermon Notes*

Planting Seeds John 14:23–29; Psalm 67

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” - Numbers 6:24-26

“Paul sails to Philippi and, after sharing the gospel with women gathered at a river, baptizes Lydia, who is, as far as we know, the first European to convert to Christianity. In Revelation, an angel carries John to a mountaintop where he glimpses the new Jerusalem and ‘the nations’ who stream through its open gates, find healing at the tree of life. In Psalm 67, the psalmist understands God’s blessing of the community (aka “us”) to be inseparable from that of the world.” - Christine Yoder

# 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.



## 39

## 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!

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 베 푸 시 며

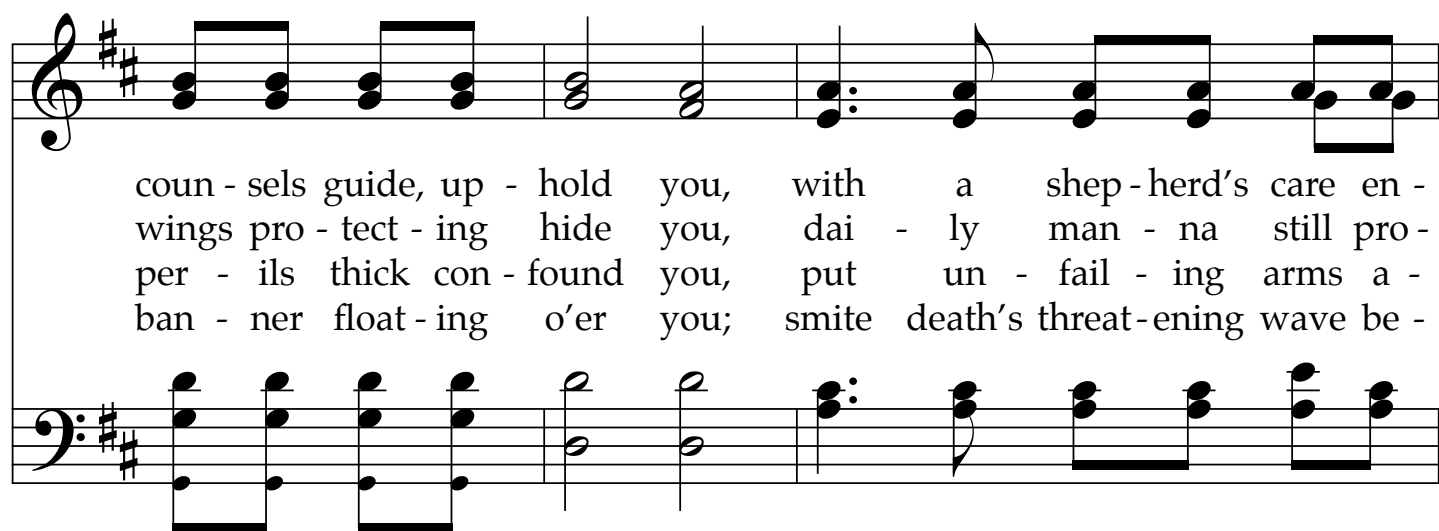
All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

# 542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's  
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -  
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -  
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -  
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:  
vide you:  
round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
fore you:



## New Members May 15, 2022



### **Ellen Edwards**

I was born and grew up in western New York, which is farming country. I was baptized and confirmed in a small Presbyterian church in Elba, NY. I moved to Rochester, NY where I met, married and had my daughter. We moved to Utia, NY then in 1992 moved to Dallas.

As a family we joined and were active at Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church. I served as a Deacon for 2 of 2 consecutive terms, the last being 2015 to end of 2021.

I left my husband in August 2020 and moved in with my daughter's family. My divorce was finalized in April 2022. I will be moving into my own apartment August 2022.

I am retired having been an Occupational Therapy Assistant for 40+ years. I am glad to have been brought to FPCA through friendships.



### **Julie Maranto**

I am originally from Shreveport, Louisiana but lived for a number of years in Everett, Washington. I have been back in Texas for the past few years. I am married to Joey Maranto. I have 5 adult children and 8 grandchildren. I teach English at Martin High School.

## Children's Ministry Activities

Vacation Bible School is June 6-10 from 9:00 to noon for children 4 years old to 6th grade. The theme is Make Waves: What You Do Today Can Change The World Around You. The memory verse is John 7:38 "Whoever believes in me... rivers of living water will flow from within them." Kids will enjoy Bible lessons, games, snacks, arts and crafts, and magic tricks.

Please scan the QR Code with a smart device to access the registration form.  
or type the following URL into a browser - <https://forms.gle/ZKoY3QAzGXT4PwRF7>



## HOPE Tutoring at FPCA

HOPE Tutoring is this Monday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 218. This will be the last one of the school year. Masks will be required.

## Family Summer Camp (includes parents, children, and youth)

Mark your calendars! Summer Camp for our youth is back and will happen on Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6 at Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose, Texas! After a couple of years of missing out on camp because of Covid, we are happy to have summer camp again. We are also excited to announce that this year's camp experience will look a little different.

This year we will host a Family Camp where the entire family (parents, children, and youth) can join us on the adventure. What does this mean? This means that the entire family can come and take part in all the craziness that comes with camp. Kyle Terwilliger, Director of Children's Ministry, and Adrian Rodriguez, Director of Youth Ministry, will be working together to lead bible time, devotion, and activities for children and youth at camp. There will be special lodging for parents to stay with children and separate cabins for youth and leaders. More specific details to come in the coming weeks.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto:adrian@firstprestexas.org) or Kyle Terwilliger at [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org) if you have any questions.

## Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, June 5, 2022. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

The Pentecost Offering unites us to support young people in Christ. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

Stay up to date on the Pentecost Offering on [www.pcusa.org/pentecost](http://www.pcusa.org/pentecost), [twitter.com/pcusa](https://twitter.com/pcusa) or [facebook.com/spoecialofferings](https://facebook.com/spoecialofferings).

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary several weeks before the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our church as well as our country and world. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start and a solid foundation of faith from childhood through young adult. The theme this year is Building a Life of Faith. The Bible verse is from Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, saysthe Lord, to give you a future with Hope."

## **Congregational Luncheon - Today at 12 noon**

Remember we've got a lunch date following the worship service today in the Fellowship Hall. All members and guests are invited to attend.

Our special guests are youth and staff from the PCHAS Foster Care Village in Itasca. After lunch we'll be taking them to the UTA baseball game for the final game of the season. We'll have a chance to talk to the student-athletes to hear how UTA has helped shape their future. Tickets are \$5, children under 12 are free, contact Marge or Bob Dawson.

So come join us for fun and taste the epicurean delight the Fellowship Team is preparing and enjoy the fellowship.

## **New Members Reception - Today at 12 noon**

Today will be the New Members Reception combined with the Congregational Luncheon at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come welcome our New Members and enjoy a wonderful lunch.

## **Monday Night Women's Bible Study**

Our last meeting will be tomorrow night, May 16, 6:00 p.m., Chapter 9.

We will have a pot luck, bring a favorite dish, Dinner 6-6:30 and lesson 6:30-7:30. The group will discuss Chapter 9, so read and have points you would like to discuss. This meeting will not have a designated leader, so please be prepared to participate. This group will resume in September with a new study to be announced in June.

## **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!

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

Sunday 5/15	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	New Members Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Luncheon
	12:00 p.m.	New Members Reception
Monday 5/16	6:00 p.m.	Mon. Night Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring
Tuesday 5/17	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Wednesday 5/18	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 5/20	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the May 22 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, Christine Apperson, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, James Ditto, Cyprian Engwenyi, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Gottmann Family, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Manuel LeBlanc, Gary Lindley, Pat May, the Mooers Family, Mark Moore, Christopher and Victorine Ngochi, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan Reynolds, Aileigh Rodriguez, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, Tonya Scrabeck, Jamee Shroyer, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Danny Womble.

### ***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, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

### ***Prayers for our home-bound members:***

Esther Albright, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Betty Snowden, Connie Taylor, 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 682-445-0155.

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