# July 24, 2022 First Presbyterian Church

Seventh 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 Leaders and Singers: Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF), Anna Njei 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

My Song Is Love Unknown

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer for Preparation

Jesus Christ, teach us to pray and to trust the hospitality of God for our daily bread, as our ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Let us likewise be hospitable, and as God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to us, let us give good gifts to those who are in need. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Voluntary

O, How I Love Jesus

Frederick Whitfield

Call to Worship

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's glory will dwell in our land.

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain faithful to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go.

Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

§ 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

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New Testament Read	ling			Acts 7:5	4 - 8:4	4				Ne	w Testament pag	e 124
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#### Responding

§ Hymn 465	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	Converse				
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.						
Christian Women's Fellowship Presentation and Admission						
Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and I	Lives					
Offertory	Songs of Praise					
	I have the light of God in me. I have the spirit of the son of God. I have the light of God in me.					

Be my witness there in my Father's kingdom. Here in Arlington (Dallas, Africa), you will be my witness there. Be my witness there in my Father's kingdom.

Bend low, and see what the Lord will do.

#### § 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 435	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	In Babilone
§ Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	A Festival Flourish	John Dixon









#### Sermon Notes

Famous Last Words Acts 6:15 - 7:2a, 51-53; Acts 7:54 - 8:4

Stephen's Speech:

A) Abraham:

- the beginning of God setting the world right
- the covenant
- adventurous; faithful; hopeful

#### B) Joseph

- "Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today." Genesis 50:20
- grace and wisdom
- C) Moses and Idols
- oddly the right leader for God's people
- the rejected rescuer
- to whom God revealed himself in a fresh way
- "holy ground" does exist outside of the Temple
- glorification of the Temple had become idolatry

Martyr - witness

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." - Tertullian

## HOPE Tutoring - NIGHT OF HOPE Fundraiser

HOPE Tutoring is having its annual NIGHT OF HOPE fundraiser Friday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$50 for dinner, Lotus Quintet (jazz ensemble), speaker Dr. Cavazos – AISD Superintendent and silent auction and raffles.

Online reservations at www.hopetutoring.org/noh, 2022 Night of Hope contact Melina Peña or Manual LeBlanc if you have questions.

#### 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.

#### New Little Library

Have you noticed the little free library in the Narthex? This is mainly for our young friends. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. If you do take a book or two from the little library try to bring some to share. Many thanks to Harold Thomlinson for constructing this precious tiny library and to his grandson, Foster, for the lettering on the door.

#### 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.



## **Book Study**

Join Pastor Chris in a virtual summer book study! The study continues each Tuesday through September 6. Participants will discuss chapter by chapter Thom Rainer's book "The Post-Quarantine Church." Anyone who wishes to participate needs to register using the Google Form at this link: shorturl.at/oqyz4. You can also call the church for more information.

Participants should purchase their own copy of the book. You may purchase Thom's book at ChristianBook.com, Amazon.com, or wherever you prefer. Study times will be on Tuesdays from 12-1pm and 6-7pm.

## Family Camp - Godliness: Living Out The Truth

We are about 2 weeks from our Family Summer Camp on August 5-6 at Riverbend (1232-C County Road 411B, Glen Rose, Texas 76043) and we can't wait!

We will officially arrive at camp on Friday, August 5 at 11am and depart on Saturday, August 6 at 6pm. Also, the camp cost for the entire family will be \$25. On the registration form there will be a link where you can make a payment online. https://forms.gle/vJddKkEQDTSWGYiF8

Please do not hesitate to contact Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or Kyle Terwilliger at kyle@firstprestexas.org with any questions.

### Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will resume Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. The 2022-23 study is the Horizon's *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. If you are new to this group and would like to participate, please contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com) so she can add your name to the study guide order. Please reply to her by Monday, July 18. Questions? Contact Debbie at 817.675.2867 or Sheri Quick at sheriq@aol.com.

# **Help Needed for Teachers!**

# **Carter Jr. High Teacher Supply Drive**

Even though it's July, teachers are beginning to gear up for the start of school! Mission and Evangelism is again collecting supplies for teachers at Carter Jr. High to help stock their classrooms.

### Below are the supplies they have requested: Pencils, Pens, Spiral Notebooks, Notebook Paper, Dry Erase Markers and Highlighters



Here are options for you to help to provide teachers with supplies: You can bring them to church on Sunday, July 17 or Sunday, July 24 Drop them off during the week in the collection boxes or in the church office Order in bulk from Amazon and have them delivered to the church.

Thank you for assisting teachers at the start of this school year!

#### This week @ FPCA

#### **Prayer Ministry**

Sunday 7/24					
·	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School			
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary			
	12:00 p.m.	CWF Lunch			
Tuesday 7/26					
·	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class			
	10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's			
		Bible Study			
	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Book Study			
	4:00 p.m.	Tanner Meeting			
	6:00 p.m.	Virtual Book Study			
Wednesday 7/27					
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study			
	10:00 a.m.	Quilting			
	7:00 p.m. CWF Women's Bible Study				
Friday 7/29	*				
·	9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class			
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Information for the July 31 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

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

#### 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, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, 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 682-445-0155.

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