

August 7, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Nineth 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: Chelsea Campbell
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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

John Dixon

Prayer for Preparation

God of peace, your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another.

Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.

Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.

Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.

We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

We Have Come to Worship You

David Davidson

Call to Worship

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

God's word shines forth in glory.

§ Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

**Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need,
yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Responsive Reading

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, **God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence,

before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, **that he may judge his people:**

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; **your burnt offerings are continually before me.”**

“Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart,
and there will be no one to deliver.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me;
to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.”

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	Acts 9:1–9	New Testament page 127
New Testament Reading	Acts 9:10–19	New Testament page 127
The Sermon	Can I Get A Witness?	Rev. Campbell

Responding

\$ Hymn 518	Lamb of God	LAMB OF GOD
-------------	-------------	-------------

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives		
Offertory	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	John Dixon

Anthem	Come to the Table	Allen Pote
--------	-------------------	------------

Come to the table and bring your joy, bring all your gladness and come to the table.

Eat the bread, drink the wine, come rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain, bring all the heart-aches you bear.

Bring who you are and hope to become, come to the table to share.

Come to the table, remember Christ, remember his love when you come to the table.

Come in faith, come to serve, come rejoice in the Lord.

Share in the bread, share in the wine, share in the risen Lord.

Share as a family, one in community, one in the name of the Lord.

Come to the table to follow Christ, forgiven and free, you must come to the table.

Come in faith, come in love, come rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord.

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung (see below)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

*Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "**the body of Christ, broken for you,**" and, "**the blood of Christ, shed for you.**"*

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on OLD HUNDREDTH

Robert Lau



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; _____

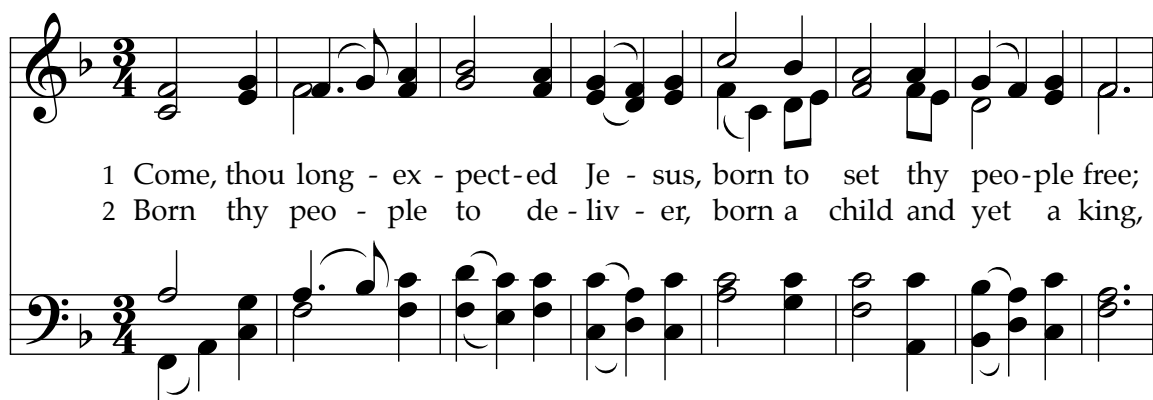
Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

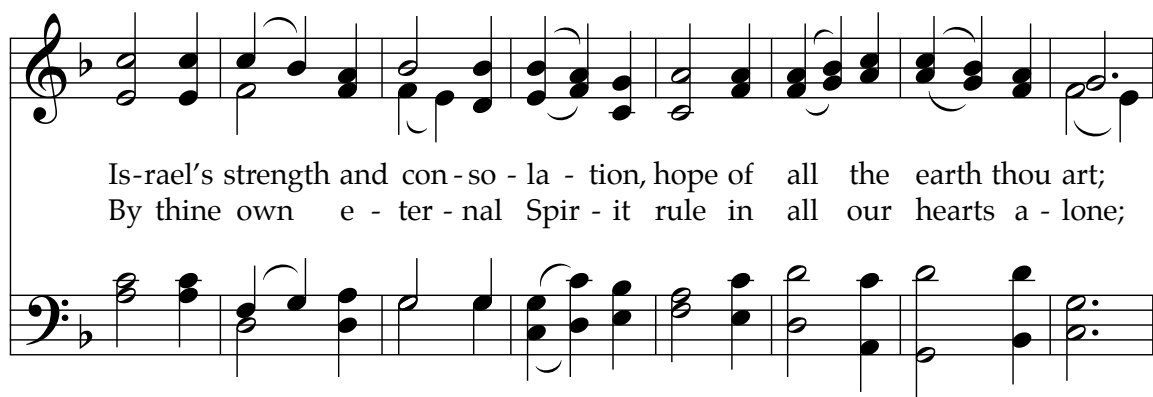
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

518

Your Only Son

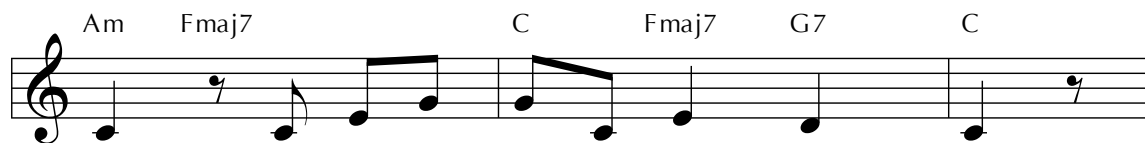
Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

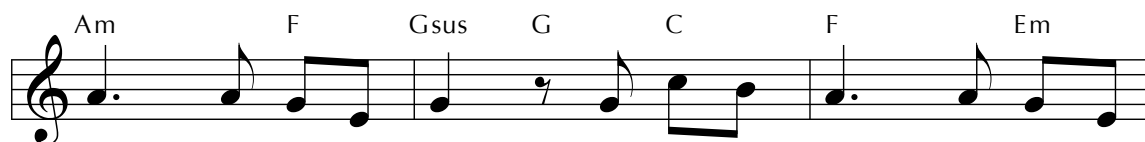


sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

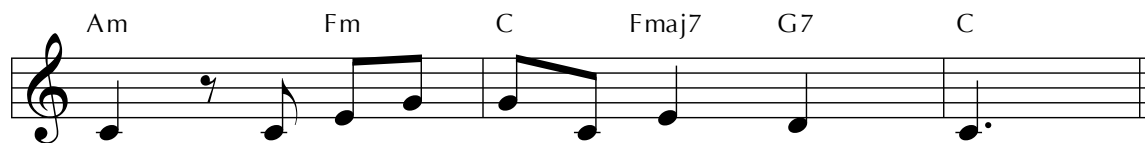
Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



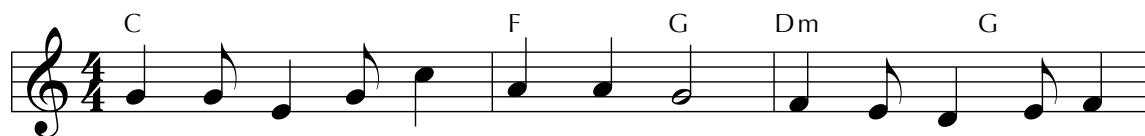
ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.

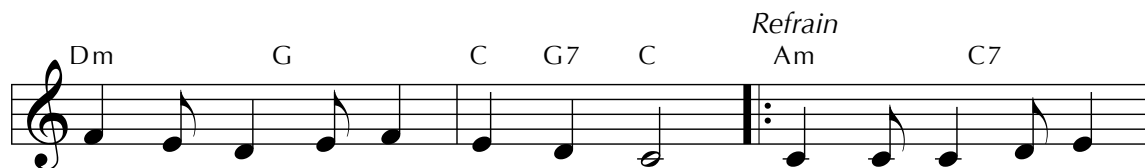
526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

Sermon Notes

Can I Get A Witness? Acts 9:1–19

The Anatomy of a Conversion

- 1) the confrontation by Christian witness
- 2) the period of conviction
- 3) the crisis of decision
- 4) the faith surrender
- 5) the test of a person's Christian experience



Arlington Charities Monthly Food Bank

Join us Saturday, August 13, starting at 8:30 AM to distribute food or bring your neighbors to receive food to the Arlington Charities mobile food bank.

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
2045 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington, TX 76018

It's just east of New York Ave, so if you're coming from the west, make a U-turn at Sherry St. Volunteer parking is just south of the church and food is distributed on the west side of the church.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will resume Monday, September 19, in the church parlor. It will be a potluck, so bring a favorite dish. We will meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The 2022-23 study is the Horizon's *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*.

Study guides for those who ordered are in the church workroom. Your name will be on one of the books. Please leave your \$11 payment in the provided envelope with the books with noting your form of payment (cash or check) and the date you picked up the book. Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson 817.675.2867 or der817@gmail.com.



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 Members Class

Today begins the 3-week New Members class, *Fixin' to Join – An Adventure in Christian Community*, at 9:45 in the church Library. We will share some about our faith journeys, the basics of Presbyterianism, where God is calling FPCA, and how you can become further connected with the people and programs of this congregation.

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.

HOPE Tutoring Update at FPCA

HOPE Tutoring will be changing the meeting day to **Tuesday nights**. They will be starting back up on Tuesday, September 6, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 218. Masks will be required.

Music Ministry Opportunities

- Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
- Ring of Praise handbells resume on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 6:00.
- Youth Music Ministries will resume on September 11 with snack lunch in the Fellowship Hall, then move to the Choir Room. Parent Meeting in the Choir Room at 12:30.
- Children's Music Ministries resume on September 11. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 with a snack lunch, move to Room 218, and pick up at 1:45. Parent Meeting in the room 218 at 12:30. Age 4 at the start of the school year (August 15) can participate.

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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/7

9:45 a.m.	New Members Class
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	Communion Orientation
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary

Tuesday 8/9

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morn. Bible Study
12:00 p.m.	Virtual Book Study
6:00 p.m.	Virtual Book Study

Wednesday 8/10

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

Friday 8/12

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
-----------	--------------------------

Saturday 8/13

8:30 a.m.	Arlington Charities Food Bank
-----------	----------------------------------

Prayer Ministry

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, the Leathem Family, 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 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

Information for the August 14 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact our Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155.

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