

August 14, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth 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: 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Douglas Wagner

Prayer for Preparation

*Faithful God, you have blessed us with the inheritance of grace
that we might live as people of justice, righteousness, and peace.
Stir in us your power and fill us with the love of Christ, strong and true,
that we may be always eager to serve your promised reign of peace. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Alleluia Taize

Call to Worship

God gives justice to the weak and the orphan; God rescues the weak and the needy.

Blessed be the one holy and living God, now and forever.

§ Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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§ Prayer of Confession

**God, you show no partiality,
yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting.**

**Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see,
that we may be found acceptable in your sight.**

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

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Responsive Reading

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, **you who lead Joseph like a flock!**

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.

Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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 10:1-23a

New Testament page 128

Anthem

Behold Now, Praise the Lord

Everett Titcomb

"Behold now, praise the Lord. All ye servants of the Lord."

*Ye that by night, stand in the house of the Lord,
Even in the courts of the house of our God.*

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:23b-43

New Testament page 129

Sermon

When Worlds Collide

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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

There is None Like You Jesus

African Praise Choir

Be my witness there in my Father's kingdom.

Everywhere he went, he was doing good.

The mighty healer, he healed the lame man.

When the cripple saw him they started walking.

Everywhere he went my Lord was going good.

Even today my Lord is doing good.

§ 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 468

In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Mary McDonald



634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain



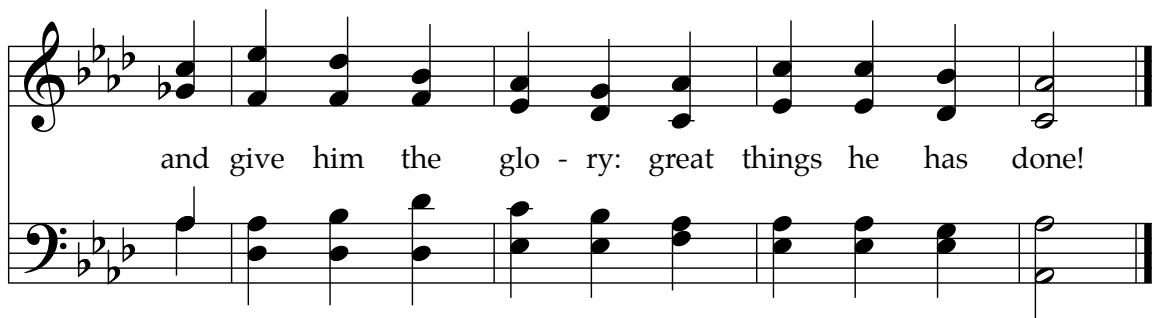
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

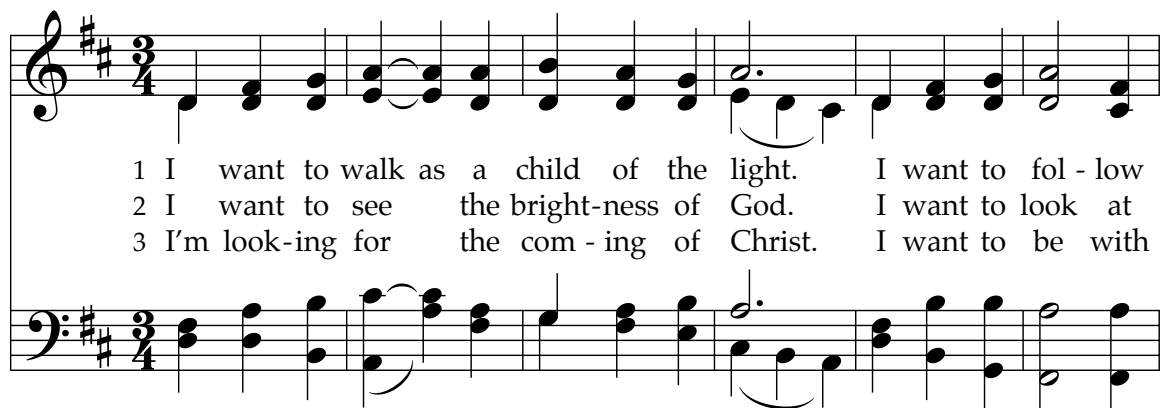


O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow
 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

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In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

Sermon Notes

When Worlds Collide Acts 10:1–23a–43

Cornelius: Gentile; high-ranking officer in the Roman Empire; a man of the world; a professional man

Peter: Jew; no rank at all, but a follower of a country carpenter who had been put to death; a country boy with little or no experience outside of his own province; a laboring man

The essence of the first preaching about Jesus:

- 1) Jesus was sent by God and equipped him with the Spirit and power.
- 2) Jesus exercised a ministry of healing.
- 3) They crucified him.
- 4) He rose again.
- 5) The Christian preacher and teacher is a witness of the resurrection.
- 6) The result of all this is forgiveness of sins and a new relationship with God.

“Each of these two men had what the other needed. Peter had all the strength of institutional religion and needed to be set free from the confinements of it; while Cornelius had all the freedom of the religious spirit of the Gentiles and needed the supporting framework of institutional religion which would give that spirit discipline and direction.” - The Interpreter's Bible

“Racism is man's gravest threat to man - the maximum hatred for a minimum reason.” - Abraham Joshua Heschel

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.

Narthex @ Noon

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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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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 www.firstprestexas.org.

If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 8/14

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

Tuesday 8/16

9:30 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:30 a.m. Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Virtual Book Study
6:00 p.m. Virtual Book Study

Wednesday 8/17

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

Thursday 8/18

7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Friday 8/19

9:30 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the August 21 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, Shannon Annen, Christine Apperson, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, Tom Cravens, 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 Mike 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, 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

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