

August 21, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Eleventh 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: Clara Formusoh
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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Matthew McConnell

Prayer for Preparation

God of healing and reconciliation, you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge. Help us to trust in your power, that we may praise you without qualification and rejoice in the power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Russell Farnell

Call to Worship

God is our rock and our fortress,

Our refuge and strength.

God is our hope and our trust.

Praise the Lord!

§ Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

§ Prayer of Confession

**God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom
and have followed paths that have led away from you.**

**Forgive our foolish ways and lead us in your truth
that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through 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.

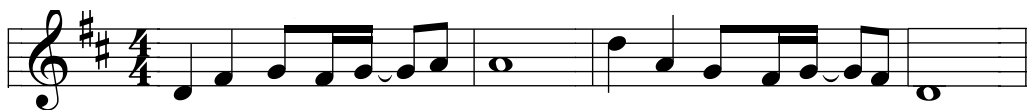
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 71:1-6

Responsive Reading

Refrain



I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-thy to be praised.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; **let me never be put to shame.**
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; **incline your ear to me and save me.**
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, **for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Refrain

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, **from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**
For you, O Lord, are my hope, **my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**
Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

Refrain

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Greet the Dawning

Jan Sanborn

*Greet the dawning, greet the morning, greet the Lord with a joyful song.
Day's beginning, start with singing, gather with the joyous throng.
Greet the sunrise, everyone rise to your feet, the Lord is here.
High and holy, praise Him solely, His creation now revere.
Without making a sound, all nature is showing its love for Him, in a song without words.
Without saying a word, all their hearts have been stirred.
Without saying a word, the organ is playing a hymn to Him, let its music be heard.
You who love Him, come with singing, use your powers to give Him praise.
Join your voices in a chorus, make of this a day of days. Alleluia! Amen!*

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:15–16; 13:1–3, 46–47

New Testament page 127

Sermon

On the Road Again

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

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

Our Father in Heaven

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ 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

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Aaron Miller



35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Sermon Notes

On the Road Again Acts 9:15–16; 13:1–3, 46–47

The Mission Is Launched (13:1-3)

- 1) The mission had a long history behind it.
- 2) The mission had the right person at the head of it.
- 3) Paul had the fellowship of the church behind him.
- 4) Paul had Barnabas beside him.
- 5) The movement had the Spirit of God within it.

Antioch:

- Founded in 300 B.C.
- a road center that became a Roman colony in 6 B.C.
- populated by Greeks, Jews, Romans, and native Phrygians

The Result of the Mission (13:44-52)

“The Jews saw the heathen as chaff to be burned; Jesus saw them as a harvest to be reaped for God.”

“shook the dust off their feet” (Luke 9:5; 10:11)

Three distinct groups at the end of this first major missionary visit:

- 1) The angry and aggressive people who don't want to know
- 2) The joyful, spirit-filled local people who had believed the message
- 3) The two apostles, escaping persecution and scurrying to the next town

Children's Ministry Volunteers Luncheon & Training

We will have a luncheon and training for children's ministry volunteers and people interested in becoming a volunteer in the children's ministry is **today** in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Volunteers help with Sunday School, KFC, and/or Kids Night Out. Some volunteers help weekly, some help twice a month, and some once a month. The luncheon and training will probably end around 1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Please see or email Kyle (Kyle@firstprestexas.org) if you have any questions.

Children's Ministry Luncheon for Children and Their Families

We will have a luncheon for children and their families on Sunday, August 28 in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Children, parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited. Come enjoy some food, visiting with other families, seeing what we will be learning about in September, and getting resources.

Kids Night Out

Kids Night Out is a great time for the kids to have some fun and the parents get a couple hours to do what they want. During Kids night Out kids will eat pizza, play games, enjoy a short Bible lesson, and basically have a lot of fun. So mark the calendar for Kids Night Out on Friday, September 9 and 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.

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!



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 8/21

9:45 a.m.	New Members Class
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
	Volunteer Luncheon and Training

Tuesday 8/23

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 8/24

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

Thursday 8/25

7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
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Friday 8/26

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Information for the August 28 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, the Cravens Family, 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

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

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