

August 28, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Twelfth 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: Sonia Ellis
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

Glory Be to God on High

Craig Phillips

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise.
Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.
Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people.
Transform us in love, grow us in our faith,
call us to love with a full heart,
and to share your promises with all people. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Worship Him as One

C. O. Beck

Call to Worship

Sing aloud to God our strength.

Shout for joy to the Lord of Life.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

Glory to God forever.

§ Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

§ Prayer of Confession

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,

yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need.

We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.

Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you,

that we may walk in the way of love. 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 81:1, 10–16

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Sing aloud to God our strength; **shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

Refrain

“But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

O that my people would listen to me, **that Israel would walk in my ways!**

Refrain

Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, **and with honey from the rock I would satisfy 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

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

New Testament Reading

Acts 15:1–21

New Testament page 134

Sermon

Influencers

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

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

Spirit of the Living God

Malcolm Archer

§ 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

Psalm 23 (NIV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise

John Dixon



Sermon Notes

Influencers Acts 15:1-21

“Acts 15 is not simply a matter of ‘tradition’ versus ‘innovation’. It cannot be used as a stick with which to beat anyone who resists any new proposal.” —N.T. Wright

“The paradox of Christianity is that the way to victory is through surrender; and the way to power is through admitting one’s own helplessness.” —William Barclay

“The legitimization of the mission to the Gentiles is virtually Peter’s last work.” —Martin Hengel

James: introduced in chapter 12; not the brother of John; not the son of Alphaeus; the brother of Jesus; resurrection appearance in 1 Corinthians 15

No needful circumcision: Gentiles did not have to become Jewish in order to become Christians

No needless offense: How would Gentile believers and Jews coexist together?

“The greatest hindrances to the evangelization of the world are those within the church.”
—John R. Mott

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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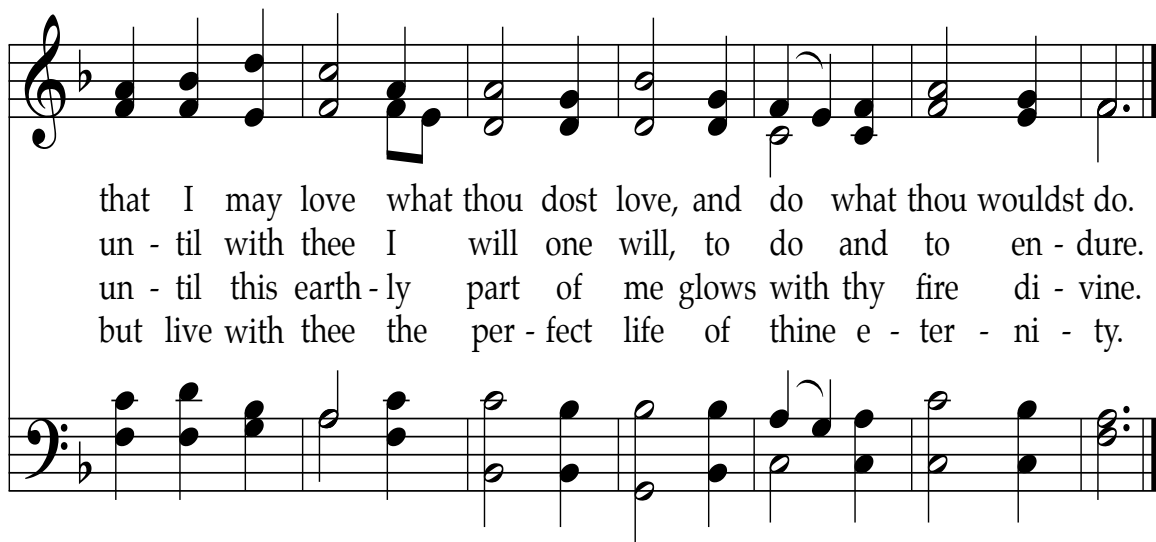
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some moving lines in the treble staff. The lyrics are aligned with the musical phrases.

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system continues the hymn with similar musical notation. The lyrics are aligned with the musical phrases, ending with a double bar line.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshúitinigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

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.

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.

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.

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. We are most thankful for your generous support!

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 8/28

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
	Luncheon for Children and Families

Tuesday 8/30

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 8/31

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 9/2

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Information for the September 4 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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