

September 4, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth 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.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jim Shroyer
Lay Leader: Jane Leathem
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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Dale Wood

Prayer for Preparation

Extravagant God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of true life. Help us to choose your way again and again, that we might revel in your love and reflect it to all we meet. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

I Was Glad

C.O. Beck

Call to Worship

Let us worship God.

“He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.”

Let us confess with our mouths, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, and worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

§ Hymn 650

O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely.

**Instead, we calculate our gains and losses,
hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life.**

**Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you,
that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. 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 139:1–6, 13–18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, **and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; **it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts; **you knit me together in my mother’s womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! **How vast is the sum of them!**

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; **I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Children’s Time

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

Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Gospel Reading

John 6:53–59

New Testament page 98

The Sermon

“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”

Rev. Shroyer

Responding

§ Hymn 370

This Is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

John Dixon

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 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

Recognition of Departing Members

Cassandra Kirby

§ Charge

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

Postlude


Go to the World!

Ethan Haman



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.

O Beauty Ever Ancient 650

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
 F B^b Gm E^b B^b Gm C F

1 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
 2 O beau - ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
 3 O beau - ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
 4 O beau - ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,

(G) (Em) (F#7) (Bm) (G) (Em) (A) (D)
 B^b Gm A7 Dm B^b Gm C F

di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
 O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark - ness as in light,
 O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
 O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,

(D) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (Dsus)(D) (G)
 F B^b Gm E^b B^b E^b Fsus F B^b

in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Both Psalms 29:2b and 96:6a encourage us to “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,” yet celebrating the beauty of the holy God is not an end in itself but involves a call to oppose unjust ugliness. The beauty that draws us to God also urges us to work for mercy and justice.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2000
 MUSIC: Alfred V. Fedak, 2007
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ANCIENT BEAUTY
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

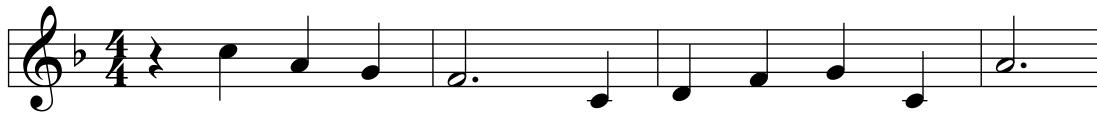
This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

Go to the World!

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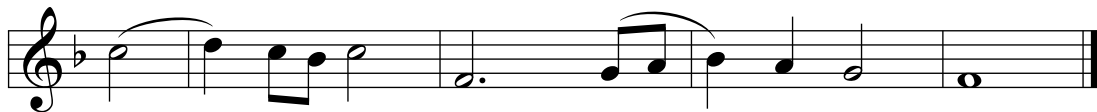
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

Sermon Notes

“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” Luke 14:25–33

Today’s sermon relies on two remarkable books by Dr. Paul Brand and journalist Philip Yancey. These books are *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, Zondervan, 1980, and *In His Image*, Zondervan, 1984.

Did you know that, normally, your body has 25 billion white cells—that’s 25,000,000,000—that circulate freely throughout your blood and that you have 25 billion more—another 25,000,000,000 white blood cells—on blood vessel walls. When you are battling disease, your body quickly mobilizes many times that number of white cells, and your white cells hone in to fight to protect you from your ‘invader.’ Antibodies guide the white cells through the fray to your viruses or other invaders. In your lifetime, your body must confront a staggering number of invaders that would make you ill.

So, in Dr. Brand’s words, “The body must stockpile an enormous arsenal of weapons.” One kind of antibody ‘knows’ how to battle against measles, for instance, and another ‘knows’ how to protect you against infantile paralysis. How can your body possibly prepare every type of antibody you will need in your lifetime? Dr. Brand says that immunologists answer with a little joke and an acronym: “GOD.” In this case, “GOD” stands for “Generator of Diversity.” That is, your body has the incredible ability to manufacture whatever defense is needed. Dr. Brand quotes Dr. Ronald Glasser (who died Friday, August 26, 2022). Dr. Glasser called this process “a mixture of mystery and chemistry...a combination of physics and grace down at themolecular level.” See *In His Image*, pages 84-85.

Arlington Charities Monthly Food Bank

Join us Saturday, September 10, 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.

Save the Date

The Fellowship Team will be serving their Fall Festival Lunch immediately following the church service on September 25, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy a delicious meal. There will be something for everyone! Come see what we have planned for your enjoyment.

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/4

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

Monday 9/5

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday 9/6

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
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 9/7

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Quilting
6:00 p.m. Ring of Praise Handbell
Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. CWF Women's Bible Study

Friday 9/9

9:30 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
6:00 p.m. Kids Night Out

Saturday 8/10

8:30 a.m. Arlington Charities
Food Bank

Information for the September 11 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, the Hydock Family, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Mark Moore, Christopher & Victorine Ngochi, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, Tonya Scrabeck, Jamee Shroyer, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, 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

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