

September 11, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth 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: Stephen Baker
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

I Danced in the Morning

Emma Lou Diemer

Prayer for Preparation

Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Greet the Dawning

Jan Sanborn

Call to Worship

Let us bow before our Creator, whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,

Whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.

Come, let us worship God.

§ Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

§ Prayer of Confession

O Lord, forgive your foolish people. We are skilled in doing evil, but we do not know how to do good. In the folly of our hearts, we live as though there is no God. We forget all you have done for us, and make false idols to be our gods. We act faithlessly, violently, and scorn your name. Forgive us and create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us. 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 51:1-10

Responsive Reading

Refrain



God of mer-cy, in your good-ness cleanse me from my sin.

Have mercy on me, O God, **according to your steadfast love;**
according to your abundant mercy, **blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, **and cleanse me from my sin.**

Refrain

For I know my transgressions, **and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, **a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

Refrain

You desire truth in the inward being; **therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness; **let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Refrain

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 26:12-18

New Testament page 147

Anthem

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee; Not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.*

*Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, and spear, and manifold disgrace;*

*Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;*

*Not with the gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!*

*E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King*

New Testament Reading

Acts 26:19-23

New Testament page 147

Sermon

Gentiles, Kings, and the People of Israel

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 442

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

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

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

*We are saying thank you Jesus. Thank you my Lord.
Faith rolls the mountain that stands on your way.
If you are heavy laden with a load of care,
Faith rolls the mountain that stands in your way.
Jesus Christ is calling come unto me.
Faith rolls the mountain that stands in your way.
Touch (heal) me one more time oh Lord.
I need a touch (healing) from the master (a touch from Lord).
Father heal me now.
Heal me one more time, oh Lord
I need healing from the master (Lord).
Heal me one more time oh Lord.*

§ 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 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata for a Joyful Day

Emma Lou Diemer



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,
 in, with - out,
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 thine a - lone,

SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,
 sin más confianza que tu amor;
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

KOREAN

1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해
 주보-혈 흘려주시고
 또-나를 오-라 하시니-
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

Sermon Notes

Gentiles, Kings, and the People of Israel Acts 26:12–23

- 16: Paul travels with Timothy; baptizes Lydia in Philippi; imprisoned; feed by earthquake; baptizes the jailer and his household
- 17: Teaches in Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens; addresses the altar to “the unknown god”
- 18: Teaches in Corinth for a year and half; goes to Ephesus with Priscilla and Aquila
- 19: Disciples of John the Baptist receive the Holy Spirit in Ephesus; a riot breaks out
- 20: Goes to Troas; Paul raises Eutychus from the dead (stay awake in church!)
- 21: Warned not to go to Jerusalem but says he is ready to die; goes there and sees James; arrested in the temple
- 22: Paul pulls the Roman citizen card to save his life
- 23: Causes dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; Jews plot to kill him; tribune sends him to governor Felix
- 24: Paul accused of profaning the temple; imprisoned for two years
- 25: Festus brings Paul before King Agrippa for a ruling on the charge

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and the people of Israel.” - Acts 9:15

What Paul is being called for:

- 1) bear witness, as a servant of Jesus
- 2) sent to the Gentiles
 - a) open the eyes of the Gentiles; turn from darkness to light
 - b) turning the Gentiles away from the power of the satanic enemy
 - c) Gentiles will receive forgiveness of sins
 - d) Gentiles will receive an inheritance through faith

Five elements to his message:

- 1) Paul’s message is rooted in Israel’s scriptures
- 2) Paul’s message is about Jesus as Messiah
- 3) Paul’s message is about the suffering Messiah
- 4) Paul’s message is the Messiah would be the first to rise from the dead
- 5) Paul’s message is about God’s light shining on all peoples

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 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.

HOPE Tutoring Update at FPCA

HOPE Tutoring has changed the meeting day to **Tuesday nights**. They will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 218. Masks will be required.

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.

Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT).

You can put your selections in the nomination boxes in the Narthex or near Fellowship Hall, place them in the offering plate, bring your nominations to the church office, or you can email your nominations to Suzie McCoy at: smccoybelize@gmail.com.

Please be aware that you may provide your own name as a selection.

Narthex @ Noon

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

Youth and Children's Music Ministries

We are excited to announce that Youth and Children's Music Ministries start today after church with a meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth choir and handbells will be in the choir Room, and children will meet in Room 218 from 12:45 until 1:45.

An information meeting for parents will be held in the choir room at 12:15, so if you have any interest in participating, please come and find out more.

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.

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 9/11

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	Narthex @ Noon
12:15 p.m.	Childrens & Youth Music Ministries

Tuesday 9/13

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
10:30 a.m.	Tues. Morning Women's
6:30 p.m.	HOPE Tutoring

Wednesday 9/14

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 9/16

9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
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Information for the September 18 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, 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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