

September 18, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Fifteenth 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: Donna Vickers
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

Be Thou My Vision

Emma Lou Diemer

Prayer for Preparation

*Holy God, you hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy.
You answer our prayers with the gift of your Son,
who bears our burdens and sets us free.
Speak your truth to us. Purge and refine us,
that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

I Was Glad

C.O. Beck

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Help us, O god of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Let us worship God.

§ Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know our sin. We have squandered the gifts you have given us.

We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.

We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike.

We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake.

**Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others
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 113

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the LORD; **praise the name of the Lord.**
Blessed be the name of the Lord **from this time on and forevermore.**

Refrain

From the rising of the sun to its setting **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
The Lord is high above all nations, **and his glory above the heavens.**
Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,
who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Refrain

He raises the poor from the dust, **and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**
to make them sit with princes, **with the princes of his people.**
He gives the barren woman a home, **making her the joyous mother of children.**
Praise the Lord!

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 27:1–2, 13–15, 21, 25

New Testament page 148

Anthem

To God Be the Glory

Russell Farnell

*To God be the glory, great things He has done; so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
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.*

*To every believer, the purchase of blood, every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

*Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

New Testament Reading

Acts 28:16–31

New Testament page 150

Sermon

The Rest of the Story

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

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

It Is a Thing Most Wonderful

Philip Moore

§ 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

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something
to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and
on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus
Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Sending

§ Hymn 652

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Christ Is the World's Light

David Blackwell



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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,

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Refrain

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

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

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.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

A Grateful Heart

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(Psalm 111)

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
 2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the
 3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I
 poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your
 dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.
 works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.
 com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of providing a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet.

Sermon Notes

The Rest of the Story Acts 27:1–2, 13–15, 21, 25; Acts 28:16–31

Paul's Example of what Commitment in the Church Involves:

- 1) Additional problems
- 2) Assurance in the storms
- 3) Dedicating one's life to what is eternal

Possible Reasons for Luke's Ending:

- 1) The author died before finishing his work
- 2) The book was written during Paul's two years in Rome and had caught up to current events
- 3) Theophilus already knew what happened
- 4) Luke was planning a third volume that would include the trial
- 5) The ending is perfect because the main purpose was to account for the spread of Christianity from Jerusalem to Rome

"At this point the historian stops his account and leaves the reader thirsting so that thereafter he guesses for himself... For to know everything makes one sluggish and dull." - Chrysostom

Christian Growth Projected at 40% per Decade

Year	Number of Chrisitans	Percent of Population
40	1,000	0.0017
50	1,400	0.0023
100	7,530	0.0126
150	40,496	0.07
200	217,795	0.36
250	1,171,356	1.9
300	6,299,832	10.5
350	33,882,008	56.5

"Jesus of Nazareth, Messiah and Lord: through his servants, through their journeys and their trials, through their pains and their puzzles and their sufferings and their shipwrecks, still reaching out into the future, out beyond Rome and the first century, out across the tracts of time and geography, still confronting men, women and children, rulers, disabled people, local authorities, artisans, governors of islands, wandering tent-makers, philosophers in the marketplace, and young men nodding off in windowsills. Luke has brought them all before us, in a dazzling display both of writing and theology, drawing us in, reminding us once more that this is a drama in which we ourselves have been called to belong to the cast. The journey is ours, the trials and vindications are ours, the sovereign presence of Jesus is ours, the story is ours to pick up and carry on. Luke's writing, like Paul's journey, has reached its end, but in his end is our beginning." - N.T. Wright



Fall Festival Lunch

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.

Books from the FPCA library will be on display and you are invited to choose a book (or a few books) to take home.

FEAR AND FAITH

Fall 2022 Bible Study for Women

**Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Zoom
September 27 - October 25**

Fear has been so much a part of our lives lately. Now is the time to step out in faith. Please join with other women of the church in this Zoom gathering. The study and materials are free; just sign up online so you can receive the meeting invitation each week.

Online registration:

- FPCA Website → Our Ministries → Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

Women's Ministry Team

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 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.

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.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will resume tomorrow night, 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.

Children's Ministry Luncheon - Today for Children and Their Families

We will have a luncheon for children and their families today 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/18

9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
12:00p.m.	Childrens Ministry Luncheon
12:15 p.m.	Childrens & Youth Music Ministries
2:00 p.m.	CNT Meeting

Monday 9/19

6:00 p.m.	Monday Night Women's Bible Study
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Tuesday 9/20

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

Wednesday 9/21

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

Thursday 9/22

7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
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Friday 9/23

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

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, 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, Christopher & Victorine Ngochi, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, the Rodriguez Family, 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

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ONECOP

One Congregation One Precinct

The Arlington Police Department was invited to be part the national OneCOP program this year and FPCA is excited to join APD as a faith community partner .

OneCOP is Movement Forward's signature program and is facilitating positive, ongoing partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and diverse congregations of every faith across the USA. The national program was founded in 2015 and has added three police departments across the nation to the program each year. FPCA has been assigned Brian Trowbridge from the APD East Precinct as our partner in OneCOP. Brian grew up in Arlington and has been with APD for three years.

The objectives of the OneCOP initiative include increasing community engagement with officers via congregations to decrease biases and increase familiarity, mutual respect and trust. By doing so we can improve public safety by working together and sharing information to combat crime and violence. OneCOP creates direct links between law enforcement and community leaders in an effort to prevent violent crime, and to give the public a voice in community concerns relative to policing and police reform.

Below are a few examples of programs and events FPCA can facilitate and be involved in as part of OneCOP:

Building Trust and Legitimacy

- Ride-Alongs
- Block Party
- Community/Congregation Advisory Group
- Congregational Service for Senior Citizens
- Law Enforcement Day

Officer Wellness and Safety

- Public Safety Career Fair
- Suicide Prevention Program/Hotline
- Holiday Giveaways
- Grief Counseling as Needed
- Adopt a Cop

Community Policing and Crime Reduction

- Public Safety Briefings
- Safety and Self Defense Classes
- Community Clean Up
- Community Policing Panel Discussion

Training and Education

- Cultural Sensitivity Training
- Risk Management and Situational Awareness Workshop
- Active Shooter Training
- Tour of Police Academy

**Join us at the Fall Festival Luncheon hosted by the Fellowship Team on
Sunday, Sept. 25, following Worship.**

**Our APD OneCOP officer Brian Trowbridge will be in attendance. It will be a great
opportunity for you to meet and get to know Brian and learn a little more about OneCOP.**