

September 25, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Sixteenth 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: Scott May
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

Land of Rest

Robert Hebble

Prayer for Preparation

Eternal God, help us to measure our time, in faithful generosity, that your will be done, your kingdom come, for life everlasting, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

C. O. Beck

Call to Worship

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.

I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.

With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

§ Prayer of Confession

**O God, we have sinned, hoarding what we have, grasping for more,
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.**

We stay with our kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.

Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love as you 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 91

Responsive Singing

Refrain

All

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Psalm 91 verses

Choir: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain

Choir: The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

Choir: You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain

Choir: For to his angels he’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

Children’s Time

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

Anthem

Like a River Glorious

arr. James Gibson

*Like a river, glorious is God’s perfect peace, Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day, perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.*

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest;
finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

*Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.*

*Every joy or trial falleth from above, traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do; they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.*

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–19

New Testament page 210

Sermon

Is This the Real Life?

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

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

When He Cometh

Gordon Young

§ 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 Heidelberg Catechism Q.1

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

Sending

§ Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Joel Raney



275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

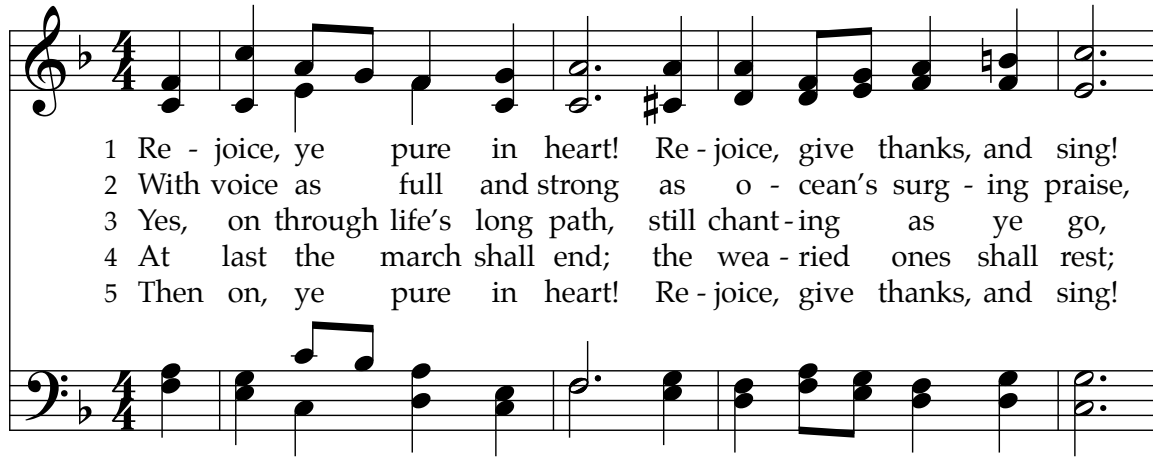
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

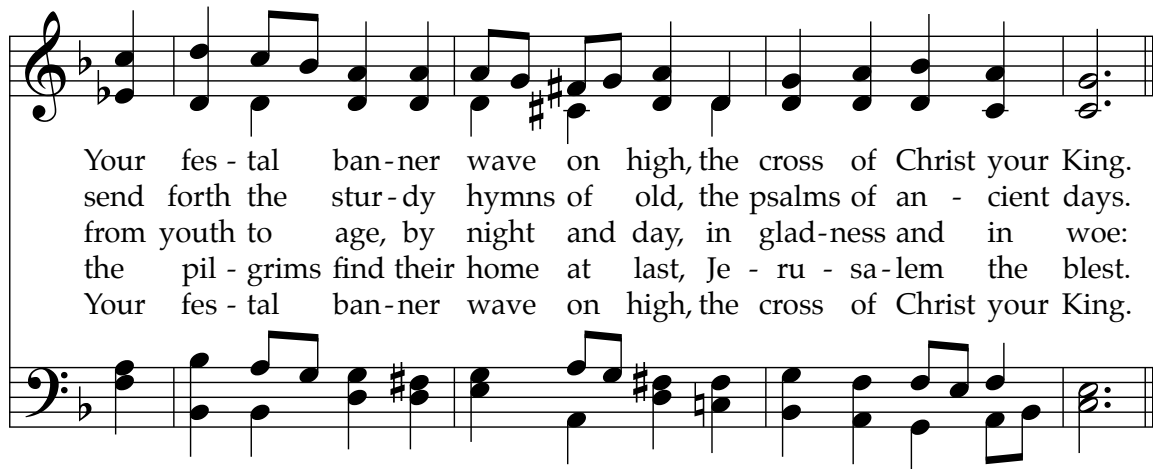
thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain


Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

Sermon Notes

Is This the Real Life? 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19

“Paul describes this perspective in two phrases: eternal life and true life... The standard Greek lexicon suggests that this word means ‘take hold of, grasp, catch, sometimes with violence.’ Eternal life and true life are the alternative realities to be seized.” - Stephanie Mar Smith

Real life is one of generosity and good works (v. 18).

By contentment, Stoic philosophers meant a complete self-sufficiency.

What are the special dangers involved in the love of money?

- 1) An insatiable thirst
- 2) The desire is founded on an illusion
- 3) Tends to make one selfish
- 4) While often based on the desire for security, it can lead to anxiety
- 5) Can lead one into wrong ways of getting it

Positive instructions for the wealthy:

- 1) Be humble, not haughty
- 2) Rely on God who is the source of all that we have
- 3) Be generous

“If I’m clutching my money with both hands, how can I be free to hug my wife and kids?” - David Robinson

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.



Fall Festival Lunch - Today

The Fellowship Team will be serving their Fall Festival Lunch immediately following the church service is today 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.

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!

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

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, October 7 and 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 9/25

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

Tuesday 9/27

9:30 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class
10:30 a.m. Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. HOPE Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Fear & Faith Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 9/28

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 9/30

9:30 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Saturday 10/1

3:00 p.m. Aristeo & Stephanie Arredondo Renewal of Vows

Information for the October 2 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, 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, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, Tonya Scrabeck, Jamee Shroyer, Esther Teboh, 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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