

October 9, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Eighteenth 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: Adrian Rodriguez
Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod
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

Robert Hebble

Prayer for Preparation

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful find comfort.
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Alleluia

Taizé Community

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done. **God is awesome in God's deeds.**

God turned the sea into dry land. **God's people passed through the river on foot.**

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth. **Sing the glory of God's name.**

§ Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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§ Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

We keep our distance from you, for we are broke and sick with sin.

Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole.

**Forgive us when we forget to return to you—have mercy when we fail to praise your name,
and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. 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.

Faith and Blue Sunday

Proclaiming

Psalm 100

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Praise we the Lord with a joy - ful song.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Refrain

Children's Time

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

Anthem

In Heavenly Love Abiding

John Norman

*In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?*

*Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack:
His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim,
God knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him.*

*Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been;
My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free;
My Savior has my treasure, and he will walk with me.*

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

New Testament page 198

Sermon

It's Time!

Adrian Rodriguez

Responding

§ Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

Walk with me one step to the place of Jesus

My God is a good God; yes he is.

He lifts me up, He turns me round.

He sets my feet upon the solid rock.

Let's rejoice in the Lord Jesus.

For the joy of His holy name.

Sing holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Host.

All the earth is full of his Glory.

§ 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

from the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.

His cross and resurrection become personal crisis

and present hope for all when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all

moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,

and initiates the new life in Christ.

**The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us
in spite of what we are.**

We therefore accept ourselves and love others,

knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Sending

§ Hymn 772

Live Into Hope

TRURO

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Gilbert Martin



Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Sermon Notes

It's Time! Philippians 4:4-9

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

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be Monday, October 17, in the church Parlor. We will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The 2022-23 study is the Horizon's *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. Chapter 2.

If you need a Study Guide or have questions, please contact Debbie Richardson 817.675.2867 or der817@gmail.com.

HOPE Tutoring Update at FPCA

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



Thanksgiving Dinner

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 13th at 3:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall!

The Fellowship Team will provide meat, rolls and dessert.

If your last name starts with:

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| A through G | bring vegetables |
| H through O | bring salad |
| P through Z | potatoes or dressing |

Look forward to celebrating this season of Thanksgiving with everyone.

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, 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.

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!

Narthex @ Noon

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

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.



The Thanksgiving Baskets Are Coming!

October 30 is the Kick-off Sunday to sign up to bring food for Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission and Evangelism Team set a goal of: 210 Baskets

Please sign up outside of the Fellowship Hall, outside of the Chapel or in the Red Hall. You can sign up as an individual, a family, or a group. These families are Arlington citizens and are having a hard time to just make ends meet. Each bag feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

Please return your numbered Basket and attached envelope along with your food items to the Fellowship Hall on or before Sunday, November 13.

Thanks ~ The Mission and Evangelism Team

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 www.firstprestexas.org.

If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

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.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 10/9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Narthex @ Noon
2:00 p.m. CNT Meeting

Tuesday 10/11

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 10/12

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 10/13

4:30 p.m. Fellowship Team Mtg
7:00 p.m. Team Meeting Night

Friday 10/14

9:30 a.m. Senior Flexibility Class

Information for the October 16 bulletin should be turned in 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, Tony Burdett, 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, Grady Herzog, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, Tonya Scrabeck, 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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