October 16, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Ninteenth 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: Clara Formusoh 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 The Comforter Has Come Tae Sook Kang

Prayer for Preparation

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us.
In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us.
We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you.
We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit I Love You, Lord Laurie Klein

Call to Worship Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Brothers and sisters, let us worship God.

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§ Hymn 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.

Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.

Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever; we pray in Christ's name. 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 119:97–104 Responsive Reading

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Children's Time

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

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 New Testament Page 212

Anthem Rejoice, the Lord is King Vicki Hancock Wright

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:

> Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And take his servants up to their eternal home:

> Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22–32 Old Testament page 30

Sermon Walk It Off Rev. Campbell

Responding

\$ Hymn 288 Spirit of the Living God Living God

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 Be Thou My Vision Robert Hebble

\$ 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 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT Freuden Zart

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude Canonnade Claude Balbastre

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



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.

Spirit of the Living God



KOREAN

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SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí. Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí. Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame. Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



Sermon Notes

Walk It Off Genesis 32:22–32

Jacob — "one who deceives"

- 1) Jacob deceived Esau
- 2) Jacob deceived Isaac
- 3) Jacob was tricked by Laban
- 4) Jacob deceived Laban
- 5) Jacob's wife, Rachel, deceived her family

Surface level: Jacob wrestled a man; got his hip knocked out of joint; demanded a blessing; received a new name. Spiritual level: Jacob was not only anxious about Esau, he felt desperation with God.

Israel - "struggle with God"



Thanksgiving Dinner

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

The Fellowship Team will provide meat, rolls and dessert.

If your last name starts with:

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.

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

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, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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 library and to his grandson, Foster, for the lettering on the door.

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 email your nominations to Suzie McCoy at smccoybelize@gmail.com.

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.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be <u>tomorrow night</u>, 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.

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

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.

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.

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!

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

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Sunday 10/16		
7	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	12:15 p.m.	Childrens & Youth Music
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	2:00 p.m.	CNT Meeting
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Wednesday 10/19		
	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 10/20	•	,
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Information for the October 23 bulletin should be turned in at the church office by this Monday.

7:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Friday 10/21

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 Manci, 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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Deacons Meeting

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