October 23, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Twentieth 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. Jim Witherow Liturgist: Adrian Rodriguez Lay Leader: Matt Annen 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 Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

Emma Lou Diemer

Prayer for Preparation

Good and gracious God, you promise to pour out your Spirit upon us; you are the hope of the world. Give us strength, that we might serve you; make us humble, that we might live for your glory alone.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Jim Witherow

Introit

We Have Come to Worship You

David Davidson

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

§ Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

§ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you.

We have wandered from your pathways,

turned toward idols, lived without compassion,

and disregarded the well-being of your creation.

Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant,

for only in you willour lives be healed.

Forgive us, guide us, and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. 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 65 Responsive Reading

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain,

for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers,

and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

Children's Time

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

Anthem But By Love Dan Forrest

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

That ye be like-minded, having the same love.

Of one accord, of one mind: Let nothing be done through strife, but by love serve one another.

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9–14 New Testament page 81

Sermon Don't Be That Person Rev. Witherow

Responding

§ Hymn 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

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

Fairest Lord Iesus arr. Dick Wall Offertory

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

\$ 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

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak § Hymn 722 CANONBURY

Stanzas 1-4

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Shina Heo

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610



SPANISH

1 Mil voces para celebrar a mi Libertador, las glorias de su majestad, los triunfos de su amor.

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면그 입 다 가지고내 구주 주신 은총을늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주



3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?





What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer! We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!





O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear, Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!





all be-cause we do not car - ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev-ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

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

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.

HOPE Tutoring Update at FPCA

HOPE Tutoring meets on **Tuesday nights** from 6:30 to 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:

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.

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 10/23 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:45 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary YMM/CMM Lunch Youth and Children's Music Ministries CNT Meeting
Tuesday 10/25	
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.	Faith & Fear Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 10/26	•
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 10/27 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Friday 10/28	
9:30 a.m.	Senior Flexibility Class
Saturday 10/29	
3:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Tony Burdett, Billie Jo Campbell, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, James Ditto, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Joe and Lila Glenn, Grady Herzog, the Hydock Family, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Gary Lindley, Jim L. Quick, Tonya Scrabeck, Esther Teboh, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Danny Womble

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Ryan Powell, 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.

Information for the October 30 bulletin should be turned in at the church office by this Monday.

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