November 13, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Third 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 Liturgist: Adrian Rodriguez Lay Leader: Jamee Shroyer Organist: Cheryl Harris

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Dale Wood

Prayer for Preparation

Ever-living God, splendid and wondrous are your acts! You give life and breath to your whole creation and watch over those you love. Strengthen us in every good work, and keep us in your care, that our days may be long to bless you and praise you. You are great, and greatly to be praised! Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

We Have Come to Worship You

David Davidson

Call to Worship

God chose you as the first fruits of salvation, calling you to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for such extravagant grace! Praise the Lord!

\$ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

§ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world.

We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence.

We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters.

In the name of independence, we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace.

We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places.

Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. 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.

BEYOND Moment Diane Terwilliger

Going BEYOND James and Katina Gifford

Sacrament of Baptism Mateo Peña

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.

Proclaiming

§ Hymn 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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Children's Time

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

Anthem O Love Elaine Hagenberg

Daniel Tepedino, cello

O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Old Testment Reading

Ruth 1:1-18

Old Testament page 241

Sermon

BEYOND Expectations

Rev. Campbell

Responding

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

\$ 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.

Sending

§ Hymn 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude All' Offertorio Domenico Zipoli

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667 When Morning Gilds the Skies



This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

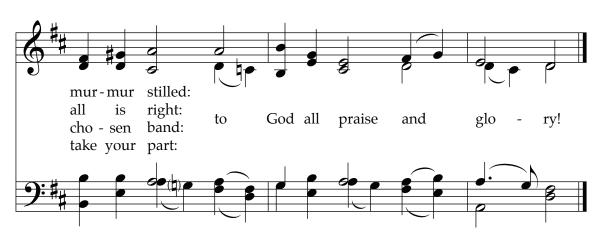


This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.



Narthex @ Noon

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner TODAY at 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

The Fellowship Team will provide meat, rolls and dessert. If your last name starts with:

A-G bring vegetables

H-O bring salad

P–Z bring potatoes or dressing

NOTE: Please do not bring personal serving utensils for your side dish as they may accidentally disappear. The church will provide serving utensils for side dishes.

Thanksgiving Baskets

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.

Baskets go to families that are Arlington citizens 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 by Sunday, November 13.

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.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet Monday, November 21 and will study Chapter 3. The 2022-2023 study is Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight. Class meets in the church parlor from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the group will not meet.

Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson at 817.675.2867 or Sheri Quick at sheriq@aol.com.

Hope Has Come!

Women's Advent Kickoff Celebration Tuesday, November 29, 2022 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor



The FPCA Women's Ministry Team invites you to enjoy a night of fellowship with your sisters in Christ as we celebrate the start of Advent - a time of anticipating the coming of our Savior. Relax and enjoy hot chocolate and treats, as we spend time with friends, and welcome in the season where we are reminded that because of Jesus, hope has come to each of us. We will have a special gift for the first 25 ladies who register...can't wait to see you there!

Registration: \$5 Online

- FPCA Website (www.firstprestexas.org) → Our Ministries → Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

Weekly Calendar

| Sunday 11/13 Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary YMM/CMM Lunch Youth and Children's Music Ministr CNT Meeting | 2:00 p.m. |
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| Fellowship Thanksgiving Dinner | 3:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday 11/15 Senior Flexibility Class Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study HOPE Tutoring | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday 11/16 12 Hours of Prayer Men's Bible Study Quilting Ring of Praise Handbell Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal CWF Women's Bible Study | 7:00 a.m7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday 11/17 Session Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday 11/18 Senior Flexibility Class | 9:30 a.m. |

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Grady Herzog, the Hydock Family, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Gary Lindley, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, 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, Polly Baugh, Lucy Cleaver, Madge Casselman

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

Information for next week should be turned in to the church office on Monday. info@firstprestexas.org

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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