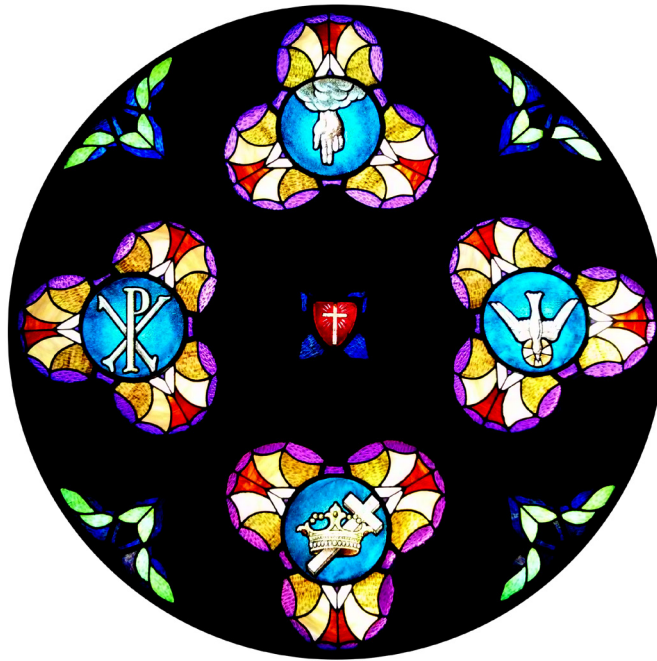


January 29, 2023

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany



## 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: 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

As With Gladness Men of Old

C. Griffith Bratt

Prayer for Preparation

*O living God, our lives are often confused and full of contradictions. Clarify our thinking, consecrate our lives, and help us to be the people who show others the marvelous ways of Christ.*

*We have come to learn again how to be Jesus' witnesses in the world. Grant that we, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be your faithful people in all moments. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Chris Campbell

Introit

Lord of All

DIX

Call to Worship

We come together as the body of Christ.

**We open our hearts and minds to the way of Jesus in the world.**

We are here to be shaped into the witness of Jesus' love.

**We have come to practice how to live as Christ calls us to live. Let us worship God.**

§ Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

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§ Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world.**

**We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.**

**We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust us to care.**

**We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.**

**We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

**Forgive our conformity, transform us, and renew us, O God. We pray in Jesus' 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.**

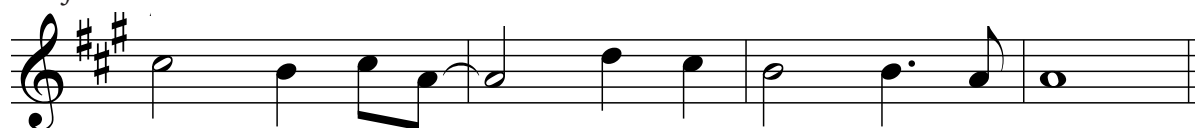
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## *Proclaiming*

Psalm 15

Responsive Reading

*Refrain*



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;**  
who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends  
**nor heap shame upon their neighbors;**

*Refrain*

in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
**but who honor those who fear the Lord;**

*Refrain*

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
**who do not lend money at interest**  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

*Refrain*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13–20

New Testament page 18

Children's Time

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

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth  
Cheryl Harris, organ

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us likes:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:1–2

New Testament page 161

Sermon

Renewed Faith

Rev. Campbell

## ***Responding***

§ Hymn 710

We Lift Our Voices

WE ARE AN OFFERING

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

The Love of God

Tae-Sook Kang

§ 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 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Johann Sebastian Bach



### *Sermon Notes*

## 463

## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

# We Lift Our Voices

## We Are an Offering

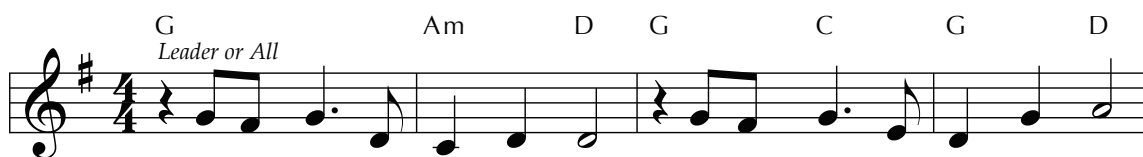
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F C F C  
 We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 F C 3 Dm7 F  
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
 C F C  
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 F C 3 Dm7 F G7  
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
 Em7 Asus A Dm7 F G Esus E Am  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 F C Bb Dm F  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 C F C F C  
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 3 Dm7 3 C  
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

## 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



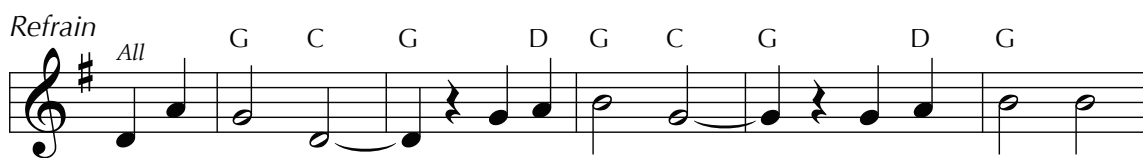
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



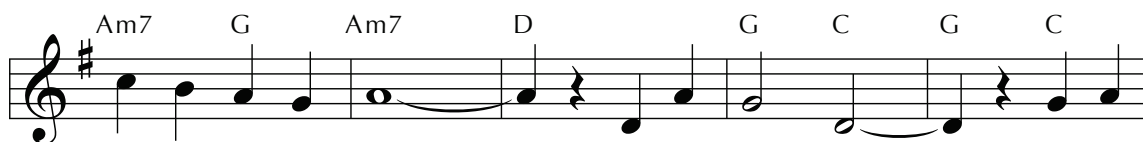
made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

## Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch and Canned Food Drive

Our “Game Day” is almost here! It’s that time of year again, as we look to partner with the Souper Bowl of Caring organization to “tackle” hunger in our city. We have selected Arlington Charities as our “touchdown” support organization of choice again this year. Here is our “playbook”:

1. Please drop off any canned soup donations before Sunday, February 12 in the wooden bins located by the church front office.
2. On Sunday, February 5, the Fellowship Team will be serving the “Souper Bowl of Caring” lunch immediately following the church service in the Fellowship Hall. You can drop off any canned soup donations in the wooden bins before or after worship or bring them to the fellowship hall during the lunch after service.
3. On Sunday, February 12 (the day of the actual Super Bowl) you can drop off any canned soup donations before or after worship in the wooden bins located in the Narthex.
4. Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office, placed in offering plates between now and game day, or mailed to the church. Our very own youth ministry will be taking all donations collected to Arlington Charities.

On behalf of the youth ministry we thank you so much for your donations! Please contact Adrian Rodriguez at [thewellfpca@gmail.com](mailto:thewellfpca@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



### Vacation Bible School

We will have Vacation Bible School from June 5th–9th for children 4 years old to 6th grade. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The theme this year is

**Ready, Set, Move!**

The lessons will encourage children to...

Do what Jesus says  
Believe who Jesus is  
Love who Jesus loves  
Share what Jesus did  
Go where Jesus leads

*“Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith, and He is the one who completes the journey of faith.”  
Hebrews 12:2a*



## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/29

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am
Children's Ministry Luncheon	12:15 pm
Youth and Children's Music	12:45 pm

Tuesday 1/31

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm

Wednesday 2/1

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting	10:00 am
Ring of Praise Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm

Thursday 2/2

HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
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Friday 2/3

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
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## Prayer Ministry

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

The family of Bob Bohlmann, Bobbie Fowler, Gala Dubois, Bettye Burdett, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, 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, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble, Beverly Johnson

*Prayers for family 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:*

Barbara Hughes, Charlene Miller, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright, Polly Baugh, Lucy Cleaver, Madge Casselman, Elizabeth Harris

*Prayers for those who do not know Christ*

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

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