May 28, 2023 First Presbyterian Church

Pentecost Sunday



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: Sonia Ellis 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

Come, Creator Spirit

Maurice Duruflé

Prayer for Preparation

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Introit Holy Spirit, Truth Divine Russell Farnell Call to Worship Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty. Alleluia! Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. § Hymn 650 O Beauty Ever Ancient ANCIENT BEAUTY § Prayer of Confession God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, renew our hearts and free us from sin that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen. § Assurance of Pardon Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! § Gloria Patri GRAETOREX 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.

Prelude

Rev. Chris Campbell

Proclaiming

Psalm 104:24; 27-34; 35b	Responsive Reading
O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;	
the earth is full of your creatures.	
These all look to you to give them their food in due season;	
when you give to them, they gather it up;	
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.	
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;	
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.	
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of	the ground.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works-	-
who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and the	ey smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I hav	ve being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.	
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!	
Children's Time	

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

Anthem

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I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart arr. Moses Hogan I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes.

It was grace that brought me. It was grace that taught me. It was grace that kept me. And it's grace that will lead me home. I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes. Can't you feel the spirit mov-in'?

I'm gonna shout 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes.

	Responding	
Sermon	Still Breathing	Rev. Campbell
Gospel Reading	John 20:19–23	New Testament page 115

Hymn 288	Spirit of the Living God	Living God
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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 Li	ves				
Offertory	Come, Creator Spirit	Maurice Duruflé			
§ Doxology		Old Hundredth			
Praise God from whom all bl	essings flow; praise Him, all creatu	res here below. Alleluia!			
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!					
Sending					
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§ Affirmation of Faith		The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 53			
What do you believe concern	ing "the Holy Spirit"?				
First, that, with the Father ar second, that God's Spirit is	nd the Son, he is equally eternal Goo also given to me.	d;			
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preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, that he comforts me and will abide with me forever. Amen.					
§ Hymn 66	Every Time I Feel the Spirit	Pentecost			
§ Charge and Benediction					
§ Postlude	Come, Creator Spirit	Maurice Duruflé			

Sermon Notes

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"A nature is *what* one is, while a person is *who* one is."

The commissioning of the church tells us several things:

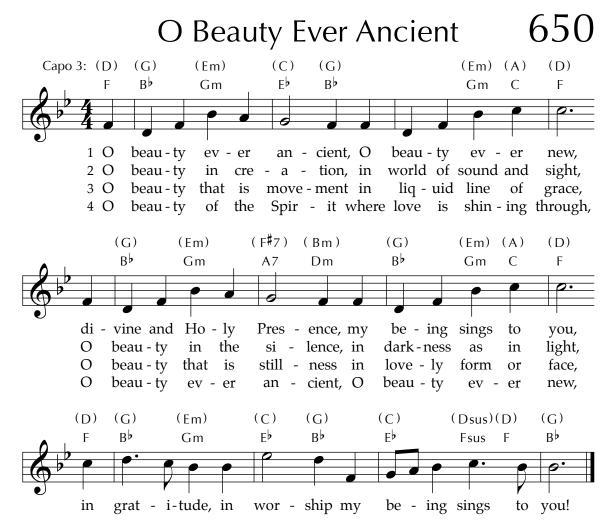
- 1) Jesus Christ needs the Church.
- 2) The Church needs Jesus.

3) The way Jesus commissioned the Church parallels how he was sent out by God.

-William Barclay

"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." —John A. Shedd

"And with something of Christ within them, all things spiritual came within their reach. Alone you cannot do it. But Christ and you together can confront anything and see it through with honor... Look at these very men. How abjectly they failed! And yet once this Spirit entered into them, how valiant, daring, unbreakable they became!" —The Interpreter's Bible



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Both Psalms 29:2b and 96:6a encourage us to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," yet celebrating the beauty of the holy God is not an end in itself but involves a call to oppose unjust ugliness. The beauty that draws us to God also urges us to work for mercy and justice.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2000 MUSIC: Alfred V. Fedak, 2007 Text © 2000 Hope Publishing Company Music © 2009 Selah Publishing Co., Inc. ANCIENT BEAUTY 7.6.7.6 with refrain



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.

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.



Rebecca L Briggs (Beckie)

Robert Peterson Briggs (Bob)

Born in Chicago, IL in 1954. Moved to St. Louis, MO in 1964 and attended Bonhomme Presbyterian church. Have been Presbyterian since then. Graduated from University of Missouri in 1976. Moved to Texas about a year after getting married. Beckie and I have three daughters and six grandchildren. I am retired after 32 years in a Food Safety Pest Control company.

We now live in a 55 plus retirement community in Mansfield. I enjoy gardening, fishing, and playing pickle ball. Looking forward to being involved with FPCA!

I was raised Southern Baptist. I met my husband, Bob in college at the University of MO. After we married, we felt we were both most comfortable in the Presbyterian church. After moving to Beaumont, TX in 1977 we joined St. Andrews Presbyterian, and our two oldest daughters were baptized there in 1979 and 1982. In late 1982 we moved to Fort Worth and our youngest daughter was baptized at St. Paul Presbyterian in North Richland Hills in 1987. While our children were young, I stayed home to raise them and kept busy volunteering in many capacities at their schools and church. I returned to the work force in 1996, teaching first grade. In 2003 I went back to school to earn my master's degree in counseling from Dallas Baptist University. The last ten years that I worked I was an elementary school counselor. I retired at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. In retirement I am enjoying a little travel, spending time with our six grandchildren, quilting, reading, and settling into our "forever" home in Mansfield.



Klata R. Peacock

I was born in Lamesa, Texas and my church home was First Baptist Church Lamesa. My faith journey began when I made my profession of faith when I was 9 years old. Later I attended and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, and for a brief time I taught French. I later went to New York, where I studied interior design, and that became my career until I retired. I have lived in Arlington since 1969, and attended FPCA during the 1970's. I am very happy to be back at FPCA.

New Members



Offiong & Nora OyoIta

I am Offiong OyoIta, married to Nora Offiong. We are both of Nigerian descent and grew up in the same Church and city in Calabar, Nigeria. I moved to the USA with my Aunt, and Nora moved to the UK to work. We have been blessed with a Son, Offiong Eden OyoIta. We live in Fort worth and are delighted to make the First Presbyterian Church our primary place of Worship together as a family.



Elias Batume Yankam

- I am a Cameroonian born on 11/15/1948 in Kumba, Southwest region of Cameroon.
- I attended Basel Mission School in Fiango, Kumba.
- Attended Presbyterian secondary school in Kumba.
- Wrote the London Certificate of Education in June 1968.
- Recruited into the west Cameroon Public Service in December 1968.
- Retired in 2003 as per my birth date.
- Married to Nadam Ngassa Rosaline Yankam.
- Father to six children.
- Came to America on 12/19/2021.

Pentecost Offering

This year our Pentecost Offering is received officially on the Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023. As with all Special Offerings, times before and after this date are appropriate for donations also. On Pentecost Sunday, we join Christians around the world to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

The Pentecost Offering unites us to support young people in Christ. Forty percent of the offering stays locally and this year will go to HOPE Tutoring as decided by the Mission and Evangelism Team with Session approval. The other percentage will support General Assembly ministries for youth development.

Stay up to date on the Pentecost Offering on www.pcusa.org/pentecost, twitter.com/pcusa or facebook. com/spoecialofferings.

Offering envelopes are available outside the chapel and sanctuary several weeks before the offering and after for several weeks. Please use the Pentecost envelopes or designate on your check or other envelope if you are giving to the Pentecost Offering.

Please help aid youth programs in our church as well as our country and world. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start and a solid foundation of faith from childhood through young adult. The theme this year is Building a Life of Faith. The Bible verse is from Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, to give you a future with Hope".

VBS 2023 Registration Link

Vacation Bible School is June 5-9, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children 4 years old to 6th grade will enjoy games, arts and crafts, a Bible lesson, snacks, and spending time with friends. The theme this year is Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere. Vacation Bible School is free. Please use the QR code to register.



"A Technicolor Promise" Saturday, June 10th, 2:30-3:00 p.m. in the FPCA Chapel

You are invited to "A Technicolor Promise," a musical about the story of Noah and the ark presented by children and youth of FPCA.

Weekly Calendar		Prayer Ministry
Sunday 5/28		<i>Prayers for those with health and other concerns:</i>
New Members Class	9:45 am	Ken Floyd and his family, Jo Ann Quick and her
Sunday School	9:45 am	family, Susie Thurston, Jack Bos, Carol Browning,
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am	Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi,
Children's Lunch	12:00 pm	Betty Farrell, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, Gary Lindley, Pat May and her son
Children's Musical Rehearsal	12:45 pm	Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Bill and Helen
T 1 5/00		Moulton, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Tonya Scrabeck,
Tuesday 5/30		Lorna Snyder, Esther Teboh, John and Donna
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am	Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am	Womble
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Wednesday 5/31		Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Jeff Grimes, Nathan
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am	Haerer, Damien King, Amie Murtha, Ryan Powell,
Quilting, etc	10:30 am	Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Peyton Steeno, Robbie Wallace,
Ring of Praise Handbells	6:00 pm	Christopher Young
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Prayers for our home-bound members:
CWF Bible Meeting	7:00 pm	Polly Baugh, Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver,
		Barbara Hughes, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard
Friday 6/2		Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am	Winteningitt, Mary June Winght
Saturday 6/3		
Memorial Service for Jim L. Quick	1:00 pm	
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If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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