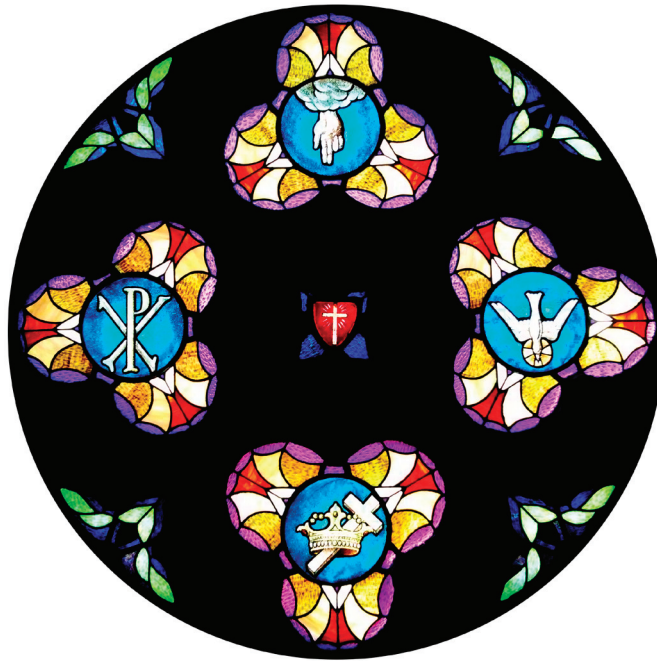


July 2, 2023

# First Presbyterian Church

The Fifth 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 Shroyer

Lay Leader: Jodie Schenck

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 My Country, 'Tis of Thee Robert Powell

Prayer for Preparation

*Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure.  
Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Jim Shroyer

Introit Alleluia Taizé Community

Call to Worship

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, **and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**  
Your steadfast love endures forever. **Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.**  
Happy are those who sing your praise, **and extol your righteousness all the day.**

§ Hymn 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

§ Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor,  
but we have not lived in right relationship or walked in the light of your love.  
Forgive us for the wrongs we have done; for we know that the wages of sin is death.  
Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness, which is freedom and life in Christ. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ Gloria Patri MEINEKE

**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 33:10–22 Responsive Reading

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; **he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**  
The counsel of the Lord stands forever, **the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**  
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, **the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**  
The Lord looks down from heaven; **he sees all humankind.**  
From where he sits enthroned he watches **all the inhabitants of the earth—**  
he who fashions the hearts of them all, **and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by his great army; **a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**  
 The war horse is a vain hope for victory, **and by its great might it cannot save.**  
 Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, **on those who hope in his steadfast love,**  
 to deliver their soul from death **and to keep them alive in famine.**  
 Our soul waits for the Lord; **he is our help and shield.**  
 Our heart is glad in him, **because we trust in his holy name.**  
 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, **even as we hope in you.**

### Children's Time

Preschool Sunday School for children 3-4 years old is in room 211.  
 Elementary Sunday School for children in Kindergarten to 6th grade is in rooms 216 and 218.  
 Parents may drop off and pick up elementary kids in 218.  
 KFC for children 3 years old to 4th grade is in rooms 216, 218, and 211. Parents can pick up their children from KFC after the worship service by coming to room 216.

Anthem	Simply, Alleluia	Tom Fettke
Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:15–22	New Testament page 24
Sermon	Sweet Land of Liberty	Rev. Jim Shroyer

### *Responding*

§ Hymn 175	Seek Ye First	LAFFERTY
Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives		
Offertory	Zion's Walls Cheryl Harris and Shina Heo, piano	Aaron Copland

### *The Table*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung (see next page)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

*Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

Prayer after Communion

## Sending

§ Hymn 337

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

America the Beautiful

John Dixon



## The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; \_\_\_\_\_

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

# 175

## Seek Ye First

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
 seek, and you shall find;  
 but by ev - ery word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios  
 y su perfecta justicia,  
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.  
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와  
 그의를 구하-면  
 이모든것 네게 더하시리라  
 알렐-루 알렐루야

## 337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from  
 4 Our \*fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing: land where my  
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song. Let mor - tal  
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing. Long may our

\*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,  
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
 tongues a - wake; let all that breathe par - take;  
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

\*Or "parents"

This now-familiar patriotic song was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.



## Summer Camp/Conference

July 6-9

We are excited to be going back to youth camp this summer.

This year's camp will be at Mo-Ranch in Hunt, Texas from July 6-9 and is open to any youth from 6th-12th grade. The cost for camp is \$250, but scholarships are available.

If you would like to sign up your student to attend or have any questions, please contact Adrian Rodriguez at [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto:adrian@firstprestexas.org).

### Ulster Project Arlington Coming to FPCA

Sunday, July 9

The Ulster Project is based on a simple idea of sharing experiences. Northern Irish Catholic and Protestant teenagers are hosted by American families with a teenager of the same age and gender. These young leaders from Northern Ireland and the United States build immediate friendships to provide a safe and trusting atmosphere. The teens meet throughout the project at various area churches. They will worship one Sunday with a Protestant Church, and FPCA will be that church, hosting them on July 9th at our 11 AM service.

Following the service, we will have an all church Fellowship lunch and short program to complete their time with us. There will be approximately 40-50 guests with the Ulster Project attending our service which includes, the teens, their American sponsor families, as well as the Arlington Ulster Project leaders. You can learn more about this project by going to [www.upatx.com](http://www.upatx.com).

Please welcome our visitors on July 9th and join them for lunch after our 11AM service.



### Arlington Ulster Project Celebrates with First Presbyterian Church

The Arlington Ulster Project would like to thank First Presbyterian Church for hosting our Protestant Worship Service Sunday, July 9th at 11:00 AM. After a 3 year pause, we are excited to once again share the good news about the Ulster Project with our supporting churches!

Please welcome our Northern Irish teens and their American hosts! Learn about our 3 week program first hand. Check out [upatx.com](http://upatx.com) for more info and how you can join us in 2024

### The Women's Bible Study Renewal

Wednesday, September 13, 2p.m.

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study has a new name and new meeting day and time.

New information follows: The Wednesday Women's Bible Study will meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. in the church parlor. This group meets from September through May (except for December and June, July, August).

The study guide is *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. We do one chapter per meeting and facilitators rotate with class members. A video is viewed first and then discussion. Class ends by 3:30 p.m. Books are \$11.

If you would like to join, please contact coordinator Debbie Richardson for more information ([der817@gmail.com](mailto:der817@gmail.com) or 817.675.2867). If you want a book to be ordered, contact Debbie by July 1. Otherwise, you may go to the link for Horizons and order online.

Books will be ordered the first week of July and when they are delivered, an email will go out to all who have requested a book with directions on payment. First meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2 p.m. in the church parlor.

Questions?

Contact class coordinators Debbie Richardson ([der817@gmail.com](mailto:der817@gmail.com)) or Sheri Quick ([sheri@aol.com](mailto:sheri@aol.com)).

Please join us, all women welcome!

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 7/2

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 am

Tuesday 7/4

**Church Office Closed for Independence Day**

Wednesday 7/5

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc	10:30 am
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm

## Prayer Ministry

*Prayers for those with health and other concerns:*

Sue Lavender, Grace Broekhuizen, Bonnie Daniel, Angela Macleod, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, Gary Lindley, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Bill and Helen Moulton, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Tonya Scrabeck, Esther Teboh, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble

*Prayers for family in the armed forces:*

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Amie Murtha, Ryan Powell, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Peyton Steeno, Robbie Wallace, Christopher Young

*Prayers for our home-bound members:*

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

*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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