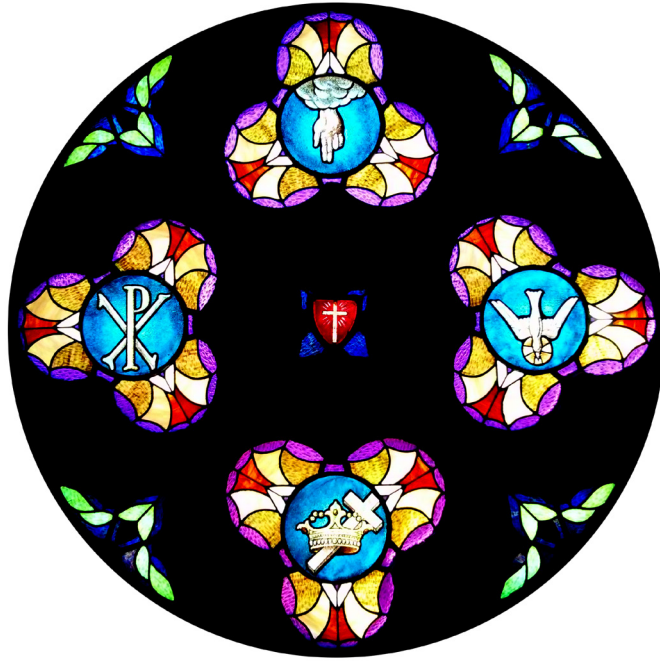


August 20, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Twelfth 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
Lay Leader: Stephanie Arredondo
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 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior Dale Wood

The Light of Christ David Peña, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Lord Jesus, Son of God, your blessings know no boundaries that faith cannot cross. Strengthen us to trust in your mercy, reach out for your healing, and receive your reconciliation. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ,
who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

With glad and grateful hearts, worship the Lord!

Introit How Firm a Foundation Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty UNSER HERRSCHER

§ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have not been obedient to your will for us.

We have sought justice for ourselves, but neglected justice for others.

We have insisted on our rights, but have not lived rightly in our relationships.

**We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those
who have sinned against us.**

By the power of your Holy Spirit, forgive us and free us from the prison of our disobedience.

**Help us to love you as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace
through Jesus 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.

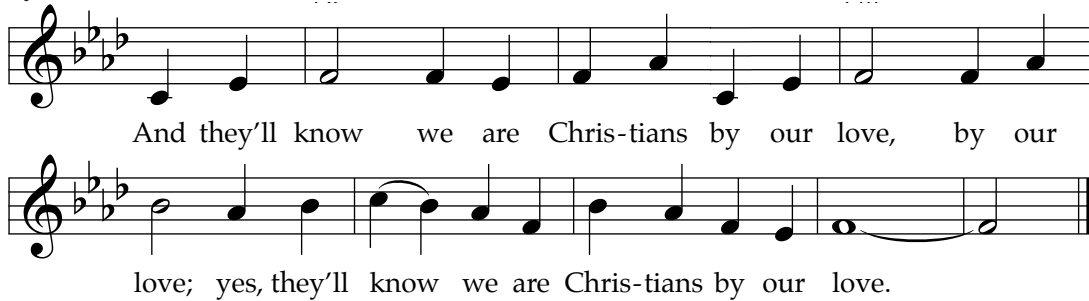
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming

Psalm 133

Responsive Reading

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

How very good and pleasant it is **when kindred live together in unity!**

Refrain

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Refrain

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:18-22

New Testament page 3

Children's Time

Children, age 3 to fourth grade, are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the 200 hallway.

Anthem

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Randolph Currie

*Brethren, we have met to worship, and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray and Holy manna will be showered all around.*

Sisters, will you join and help us? (Brethren, we shall join and help you, like) Moses' sister aided him.

*Will you (yes, we'll) help the trembling mourners, who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Saviour, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray and (we shall pray that) Holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new:
Then He'll call us home to heaven; at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us, with sweet manna all around.*

Gospel Reading

1 John 4:7-21

New Testament page 241

Sermon

The 12: John

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

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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 Lives

Offertory

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Johann Sebastian Bach

§ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

§ 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.**

§ Hymn 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

On Our Way Rejoicing

Lani Smith



Pardon Our Dust

If you are new to FPCA, you may have noticed we are worshipping in our Fellowship Hall. Our sanctuary area is currently undergoing work for a fire suppression system and asbestos abatement in this first phase of our preparations for renovations.

Thank you for your patience with this temporary setup.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

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,

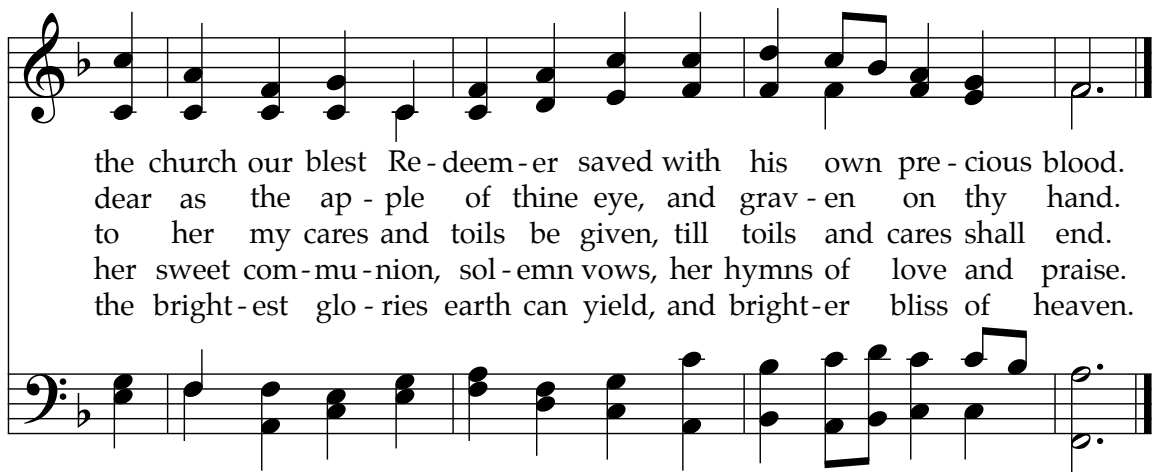
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800
MUSIC: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

ST. THOMAS
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Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth

Sunday, August 27

We will have a luncheon for families with children or youth on August 27 after the worship service in the Parlor. Come connect with other families and see what is coming up in the children and youth ministries.

Kids Night Out

Friday, September 8

Kids Night Out will kick-off the school year on September 8 with a Glow Night. We will have glow games and activities along with pizza and a Bible lesson from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for children in 6th grade and younger. Come enjoy the fun and invite some friends to join you.

Late Summer Festival

Sunday, September 17

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the "Late Summer Festival" (normally the "Fall Festival") immediately after the Church Service on September 17th.

Will will be serving sub sandwiches, chips, pickle, & cookies. Everyone is invited.

FPCA Fantasy Football

Fantasy Football is a fun (and free) way to compete against one another and the 2023 season is about to kick off! If you would like to join our Yahoo league, contact Pastor Chris with any questions. The draft is set for Saturday September 2nd at 1pm.

Good luck everyone!

Thank you, FPCA!

School is starting, and you have helped so many children get started on the right foot! Thank you so much for all of your support for our Back to School Drive to provide new backpacks filled with supplies for all the school-age children served by Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services!

This year we provided Back to School backpacks to over 100 children served by PCHAS in the Fort Worth and north Texas area. Thank you so much for making this possible!

I hope that you will share our deep gratitude with the Session, the Mission Committee and the congregation! Our ministry is possible only because of congregations like yours.

Thank you!

Grace and Peace,
Maria Shupe



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8/20	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Kids Hope USA Training	12:00 pm
Tuesday 8/22	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 8/23	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Friday 8/25	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Ron Macleod and family, Jamie Mickelson, Aileigh Rodriguez, Jack Bos, Grace Broekhuizen, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Bonnie Daniel, Jennyfer Delgado, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, Sue Lavender, Gary Lindley, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Bill and Helen Moulton, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Tonya Scrapeck, David Spencer, Alecia Street, Esther Teboh, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble, Carlos Zamora

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

If you are a member with a family member who is on active duty in the armed services, please contact the church office at info@firstprestexas.org with the name and their relationship to you.

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

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