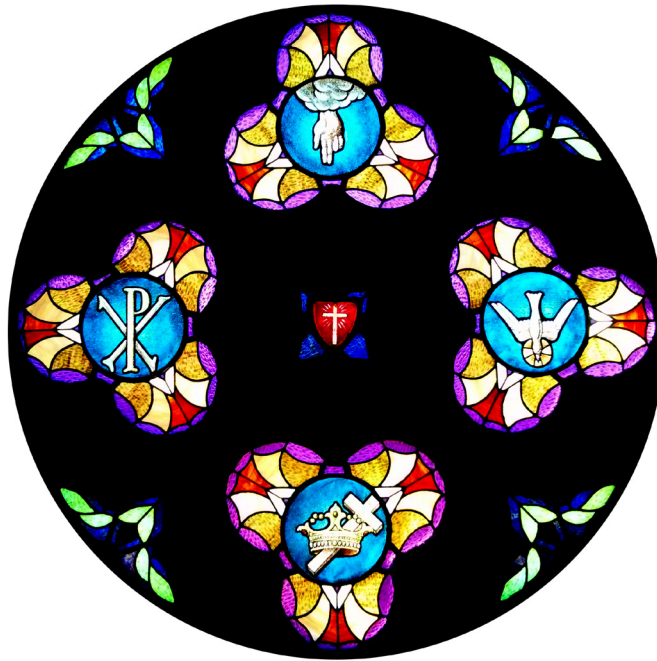


August 27, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Thirteenth 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: 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

Prelude Antienne Jean Langlais

The Light of Christ Konnia Formusoh, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again. The love of God lasts forever!

Introit I Sing the Mighty Power of God Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 806 I'll Praise My Maker OLD 113TH

§ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.

We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly.

We exalt possession and power, when you alone are to be exalted.

We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.

Have mercy on us, we pray.

Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 124

Responsive Reading

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—

if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive, **when their anger was kindled against us;**
then the flood would have swept us away; **the torrent would have gone over us;**
then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; **the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, and spear, and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
Not with the gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.*

Gospel Reading

John 1:45-51

New Testament page 92

Sermon

The 12: Nathanael

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

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

Here I Am, Lord
Donna Vickers, soprano Susan Malone, alto

arr. Marty Parks

**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

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.**

§ Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Emma Lou Diemer



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.

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I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 8/27

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Luncheon for Families	12:00 pm

Tuesday 8/29

Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am

Wednesday 8/30

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 9/1

Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
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Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Ron Macleod and family, 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, Jamie Mickelson, Graciela Lopez Montero, Bill and Helen Moulton, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Aileigh Rodriguez, Tonya Scrobeck, 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:

Amie Murtha, Colin A. Peden

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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