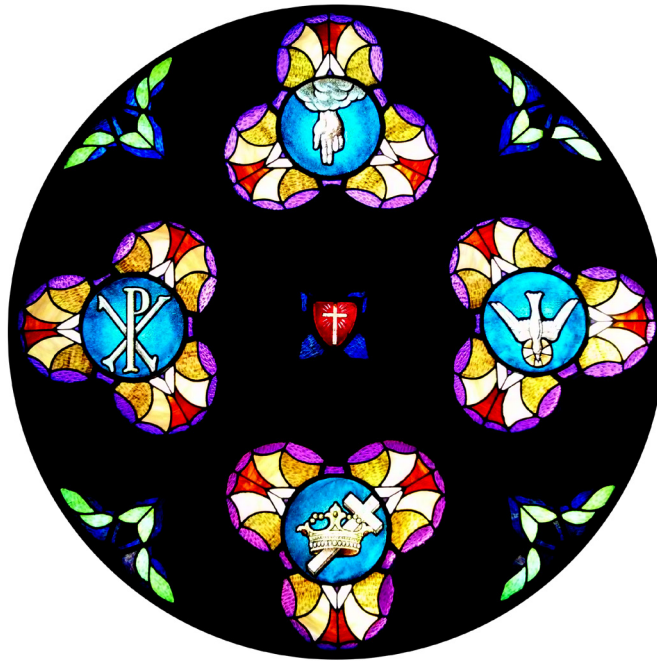


September 3, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Fourteenth 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: Jane Leathem

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 Jesus Loves Me Marianne Kim

The Light of Christ Annabelle Ellis, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Lord God, you are resurrection and life. As we worship you this day show us who we are: bearers of good news, messengers of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Declare God's wondrous deeds.

For the Lord dwells among the people;

The glory of God abides with us.

Introit I Come With Joy Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 515 I Come With Joy DOVE OF PEACE

§ Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples,

we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.

Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.

Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.

Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.

Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name 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 105:1-6; 23-26

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Thanks be to God, re - joice and sing.

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Seek the Lord and his strength; **seek his presence continually.**

Refrain

Remember the wonderful works he has done, **his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,**

O offspring of his servant Abraham, **children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

Then Israel came to Egypt; **Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.**

And the Lord made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes,

whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

Praise the Lord!

Refrain

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-16

New Testament page 104

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All

Bob Burroughs

*Jesus, my Lord, my Life, my All, hear me, blest Savior, when I call;
Hear me, and from Thy dwelling-place pour down the riches of Thy grace:*

*Jesus, too late I Thee have sought; how can I love Thee as I ought?
And how extol thy matchless fame, the glorious beauty of Thy Name?*

*Jesus, of Thee shall be my song; to Thee my heart and soul belong:
All that I have or own is Thine; and Thou, oh, blessed Savior, Thou art mine.*

Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore; O make me love Thee more and more.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-7

New Testament page 108

Sermon

The 12: Thomas

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

O Calvary's Lamb

arr. Marty Parks

Donna Vickers, soprano Susan Malone, alto

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 below)

Words of Institution

The Bread and Cup

Partake of the bread and cup as they are served. Place the cup in the basket that is passed.

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 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary in C

David Lasky



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.

I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

Youth & Children's Music Ministries

Children's Music Ministries and Youth Music Ministries resume Sunday, September 10th from 12:45-1:45! Children and youth meet in the Parlor at 12:15 for lunch (provided), and parents will attend a brief parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Contact russell@firstprestexas.org or Laura.Farnell@gmail.com for more information.

A Gathering of Gratitude

In mid-October PCHAS is planning to have a Harvest Party called "A Gathering of Gratitude" and we are invited for a 3-5pm, light supper, either Saturday, October 14, Sunday, October 15 or Sunday, October 22. Let Marge or Me know if you would like more information, want transportation or have a preference for a date.

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Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team

We are accepting Nominations for Elder, Deacon, Trustee, or Congregational Nominating Team (CNT). You can put your selections in the nomination box outside of fellowship hall, place them in the offering plate, bring your nominations to the church office, or you can email your nominations to Suzie McCoy at: smccoybelize@gmail.com.



Fall 2023 Bible Study for Women More Than Anything

Loving God Above Everything Else
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom (Sep 19 – Oct 24)

Do we love God above everything else? Join us as we continue to explore the discipline of worship... this time by studying about what happens when the things of this world, that compete for our attention and hearts, become substitutes for the one true God. If you'd like to attend, study guides may be purchased from The Daily Grace Co. (thedailygraceco.com/products/more-thananything) or from Amazon. Please sign up on the church website so you can receive the Zoom meeting invitation link.

Online registration: FPCA Website -> Our Ministries -> Adult Ministries -> Scroll down to Women's Ministry and complete the registration form

For questions, please email womensministry@firstprestexas.org
FPCA Women's Ministry Team

Music Ministry Opportunities

- Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
- Ring of Praise handbells resume on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 6:00.
- Youth Music Ministries and Children's Music Ministries resume September 10. We will begin each week with a snack lunch in the Parlor at 12:15, move to the 100 Hallway, and pick up at 1:45 in the South Fellowship Hall entrance.
- Parent Meeting September 10 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30.
- Age 4 at the start of the school year (August 14) may participate.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9/3

Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall 11:00 am

Monday 9/4

Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday 9/5

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

Wednesday 9/6

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 9/8

Senior Flexibility Class 9:00 am
Kids Night Out 6:00 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

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 Scrabeck, 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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