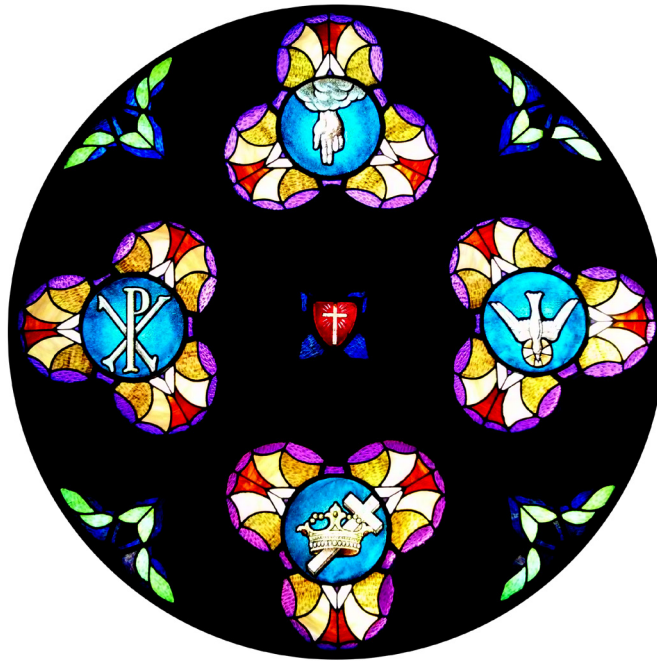


September 10, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Fifteenth 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: Adrian Rodriguez

Lay Leader: Lona Watkins

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 I Need Thee Every Hour Marianne Kim

The Light of Christ Emily Abam, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

*God of love, you show your people how to be truly rich in faith, through the gifts you give when least hoped for or expected. Come to your people today with words of both judgment and mercy, that we may be fed from the bread of life. We pray this in your holy triune name:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Adrian Rodriguez

Call to Worship

Our merciful God, maker of us all, pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

Open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Introit A Song to Your Maker Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID

§ Prayer of Confession

God of favor, we have not been true to you.

You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them.

You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have favored the rich and despised the poor.

We have dismissed the needy with empty words.

Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.

Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. 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 149

Responsive Reading

Refrain

Sing to the Lord. Sing a new song.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; **let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

Let them praise his name with dancing, **making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.**

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; **he adorns the humble with victory.**

Refrain

Let the faithful exult in glory; **let them sing for joy on their couches.**

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

Refrain

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:27–28

New Testament page 63

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Dale Grotenhuis

Praise ye the Lord! Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory, above the heavens.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9–13; 10:1–3

New Testament page 9

Sermon

The 12: Matthew

Adrian Rodriguez

Responding

§ Hymn 550

Give Praise to the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

Over the river Jordan we shall meet.
Over the river Jordan by and by,
Over the river Jordan we shall meet our savior over there.

I'm gonna go wherever you want me to go.
I'm gonna go where you want me to go.
I'm gonna preach wherever you want me to preach.
I'm gonna preach where you want me to preach.
I'm gonna heal the sick.
I'm gonna cast demons out of them.

§ 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

from Romans 8:38–39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

§ Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Marianne Kim

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim-brel and harp and joy-ful ac-claim,
 3 In glo-ry ex-ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,
 a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;
 a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.
 all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized by themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author-composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

The Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday, September 13

The Women's Wednesday Bible Study (formerly the Women's Monday Night Bible Study) will resume Wednesday, September 13 at 2 p.m. in the church parlor. All women are invited. This group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month except for the month of December, June, July and August. Questions? Please contact Debbie Richardson 817.675.2867 (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have an abundance of medical items that you can borrow or have if you need them either for a little while or a longer time.

Below are listed what items are available:

1. tray table
2. wheel chair (s)
3. shower chair (s)
4. crutches
5. canes
6. reachers or grabbers
7. wedge pillow
8. bedside commode
9. forearm crutch
10. tripod cane with seat

Please let me know how we can help you.

Thanks,
Marge Dawson
mdawsonarltx@gmail.com 817-980-6825

Embrace Grace

Monday, September 11

We are launching a new ministry/small group called Embrace Grace! This group provides emotional, practical, and spiritual support for single, young pregnant women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. The primary goal of Embrace Grace is to empower the church to be a safe and nonjudgmental place for these young women to run to when they find out they are pregnant. It is a 12-week program that teaches them about God's love and grace, and at the end we will give them a baby shower to honor them for choosing life and to help provide for their baby's needs.

Please pray for our group September 11th - November 27th, and look out for ways you can help with our baby shower in the near future. For more information on Embrace Grace ministries, please visit <http://www.embracegrace.com>. If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Katina Gifford at 817-565-3835, who is heading up this group at our church.

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. 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



Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9/10	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Children's Ministry Luncheon	12:15 pm
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
Monday 9/11	
Embrace Grace	6:00 pm
Tuesday 9/12	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
Wednesday 9/13	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc	10:30 am
Ring of Praise Handbells	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Friday 9/15	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am

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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