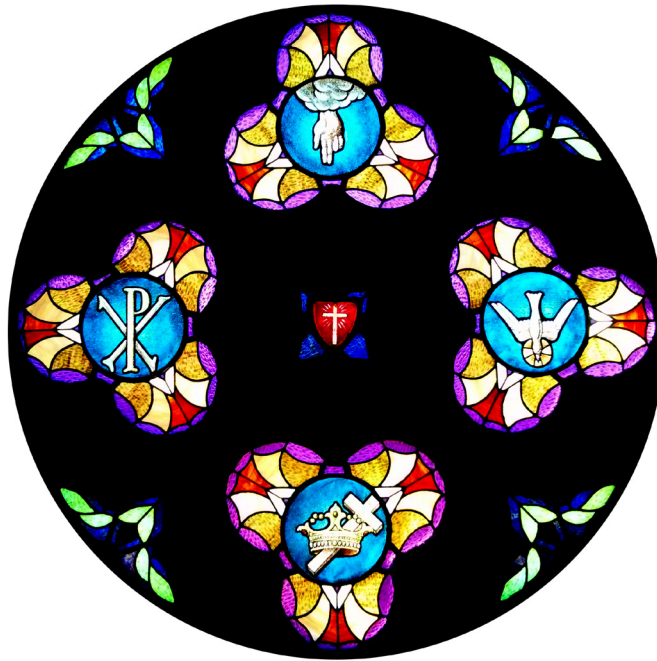


September 17, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Sixteenth 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: Stephen Baker

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 Blessed Assurance Dale Wood

The Light of Christ Colton Campbell, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Give praise to God!

Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.

It is God who forgives.

It is God who delivers. Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

Introit Greet the Dawning Jan Sanborn

§ Hymn 336 We Gather Together KREMSER

§ Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you.

You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others.

You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

Take pity on us and forgive us, God.

Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you.

Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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.

Dedication of Jayden Ngomba Matute and Avery Lyonga Matute

Proclaiming

Psalm 114

Responsive Reading

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled; **Jordan turned back.**

The mountains skipped like rams, **the hills like lambs.**

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? **O Jordan, that you turn back?**

O mountains, that you skip like rams? **O hills, like lambs?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, **at the presence of the God of Jacob,**
who turns the rock into a pool of water, **the flint into a spring of water.**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Greet the Dawning

Jan Sanborn

Greet the dawning, greet the morning, greet the Lord with a joyful song.

Day's beginning, start with singing, gather with the joyous throng.

Greet the sunrise, everyone rise to your feet, the Lord is here.

High and holy, praise Him solely, His creation now revere.

Without making a sound, all nature is showing its love for Him, in a song without words.

Without saying a word, all creatures are singing their praise to Him, their hearts have been stirred.

Without saying a word, the organ is playing a hymn to Him, let its music be heard.

You who love Him, come with singing, use your powers to give Him praise.

Join your voices in a chorus, make of this a day of days. Alleluia! Amen!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:1-15

New Testament page 10

Sermon

The 12: James

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

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

O Calvary's Lamb

Marty Parks

Donna Vickers, soprano Susan Malone, alto

§ 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 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Christa Rakich



We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

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!

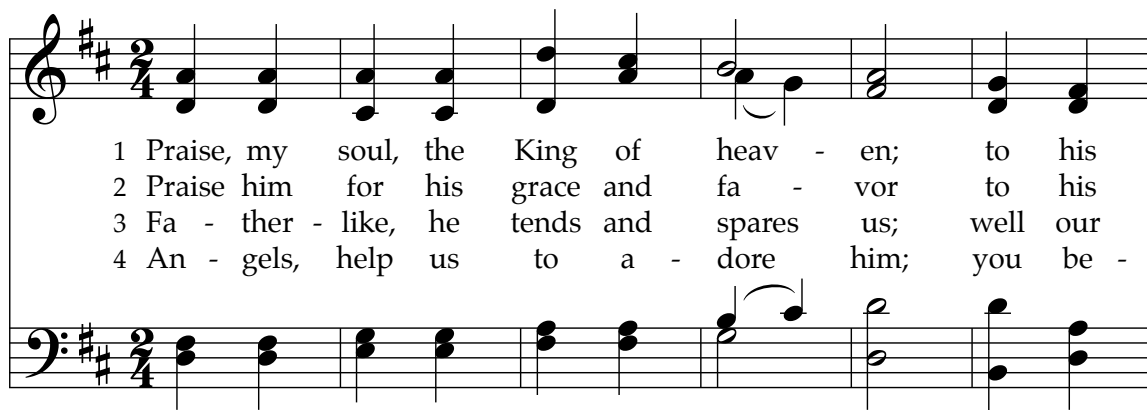
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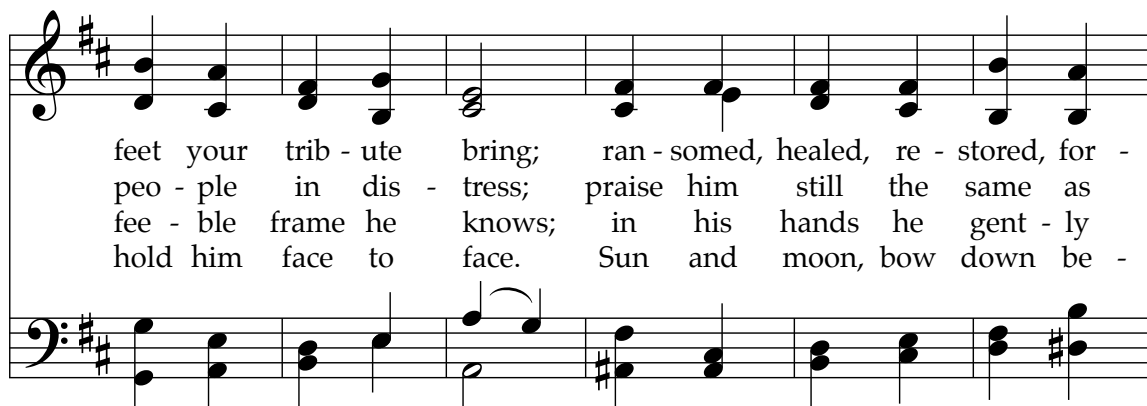
This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

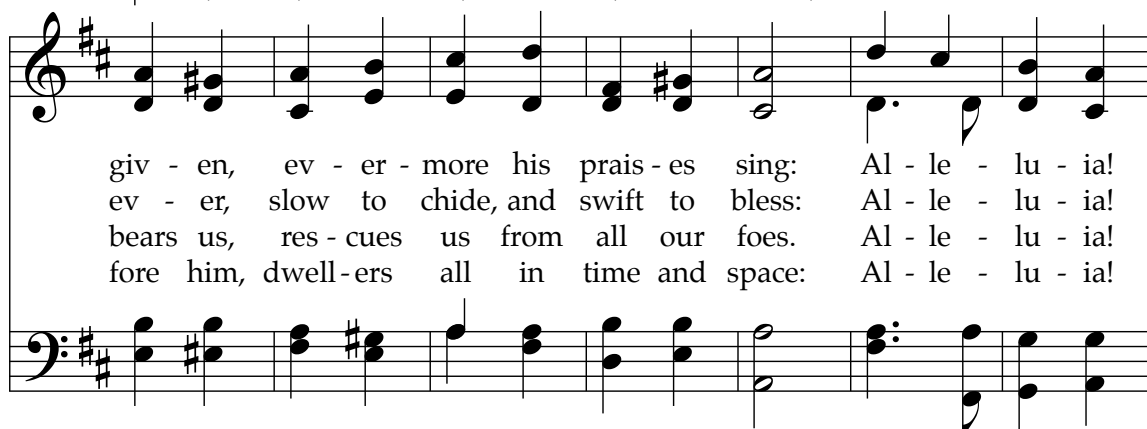
(Psalm 103)



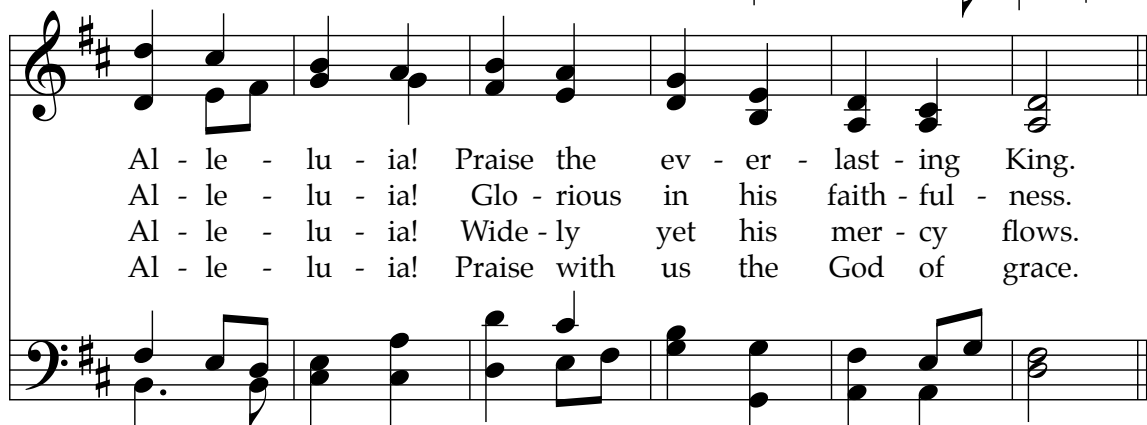
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.



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

Embrace Grace Needs Help

Monday, September 25

Our fall group for Embrace Grace got off to a great start! God's miracles are at work, and it is evident!

First call for volunteers: we are in need of 2 volunteers to help watching children while the class is being conducted. This will be from 6-8pm on Mondays, starting on September 25th and through November 27th. You may help for one Monday or all, whatever you are able we will welcome!

Please contact Shina Heo (469-592-7972) or Katina Gifford (817-565-3835), if you are interested and/or want to secure a Monday date.

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

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be October 28 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will have candy, games, hot dogs, a bounce house, and big bubbles. This is a great time for the children of FPCA and the community. We need a lot of help to make it all happen. Below is a list of ways that you can help. Please look it over and help out if you can. If you have any questions please email Kyle at kyle@firstprestexas.org.

1. Donate Candy: Candy may be dropped off in the bins around the church, in Kyle's office, or in room 216.
2. Volunteer to decorate your trunk and give out candy: Please email Kyle or talk to him to let him know that you will do this. We will provide candy.
3. Volunteer to help with set up, games, the bounce house, or delivering candy to trunks. Please contact Kyle via email if you can do this.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9/17	
New Member Class	9:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Late Summer Festival	12:00 pm
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
Monday 9/18	
Embrace Grace	6:00 pm
Tuesday 9/19	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Fall Bible Study for Women (Virtual)	7:00 pm
Wednesday 9/20	
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
Thursday 9/21	
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Friday 9/22	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Kids Night Out	6:00 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Jennyfer Delgado, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, Gary Lindley, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, 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, Helen Moulton, 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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