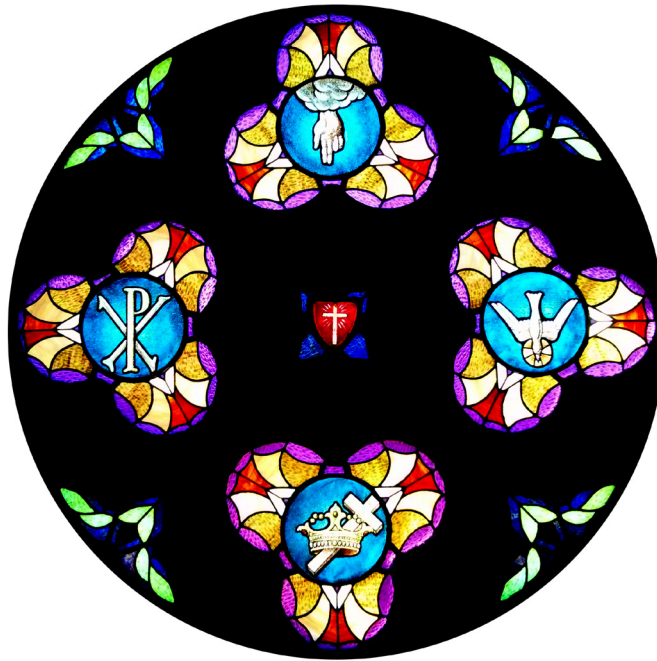


September 24, 2023

# First Presbyterian Church

The Seventeenth 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: Susan Malone

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 My Jesus, I Love Thee Marianne Kim

The Light of Christ Sterling Hunking, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

*O God, who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

**Give thanks to the Lord.**

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

**Give thanks to the Lord.**

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!**

Introit Come Now and Bless the Lord Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

§ Prayer of Confession

**God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves  
but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.**

**We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you.**

**We ask once again for your mercy. Help us to be more merciful toward one another.**

**We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. 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.**

Sacrament of Baptism Oliver Loch Justl Ellis

§ 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.**

### *Proclaiming*

Psalm 105:1-6; 42-45

Responsive Reading

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.**

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.**

For he remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant.

**So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.**

He gave them the lands of the nations, **and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**  
that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

**Praise the Lord!**

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Like a River Glorious

arr. James Gibson

*Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, Over all victorious, in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day; Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.*

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest;  
Finding as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

*Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, Not a blast of hurry touch the Spirit there.*

*Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above, Traced upon our dial by the sun of love;  
We may trust Him fully all for us to do; They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.*

Gospel Reading

John 14:18-25

New Testament page 109

Sermon

The 12: Thaddaeus

Rev. Campbell

## *Responding*

§ Hymn 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

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

God, How Can We Forgive

John Dixon

§ 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*

§ Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Built on the Rock

David Lasky



# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



## Womens Bible Study Reminder

October 11 at 1 p.m.

All women invited, second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the church parlor. October 11 we will study Chapter 2 in our guide "Sacred Encounters: The power and presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" Light snack is served.

Questions?

Contact Debbie Ruchardson (der817@gmail.com) or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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  
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## 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.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 9/24	
New Member Class	9:45 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
Monday 9/25	
Embrace Grace	6:00 pm
Tuesday 9/26	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Virtual)	10:30 am
Fall Bible Study for Women	7:00 pm
Wednesday 9/27	
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 Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday 9/28	
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Friday 9/29	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am

## 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

*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](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org)

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