

October 15, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Twentieth 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: Scott May

Organist: Cheryl Harris

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 French Suite in Eb Johann Sebastian Bach

The Light of Christ Annabelle Ellis, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Ever-present God, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

The Lord is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us worship God!

Introit I Sing the Mighty Power Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

§ Prayer of Confession

O God, you invite us to your feast, and we do not come.

You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving.

You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift.

Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.

**Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will,
that all we do might give glory 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 122

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Pray for the peace of Je - ru - sa - lem.

I was glad when they said to me, “**Let us go to the house of the Lord!**”

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, **the tribes of the Lord,**

as was decreed for Israel, **to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

For there the thrones for judgment were set up, **the thrones of the house of David.**

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “**May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls, **and security within your towers.**”

For the sake of my relatives and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Refrain

New Testament Reading

Acts 9:1–9, 17–20

New Testament page 127

Children’s Time

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

Anthem

I Have Overcome the World

Dan & Heidi Goeller

In this world you will have trouble. In this world you will have strife.

In this world you will have sorrow. In this world you will have pain.

Does God no longer love us? Do we face these trials alone?

With God we gain the victory, through the love of Christ.

Take heart! I have overcome the world.

Be strong and courageous! Do not fear, for the LORD your God goes with you.

Every child of God overcomes the world. This victory is won by our faith.

Only those who believe that Jesus is God’s Son can overcome the world.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

New Testament page 176

Sermon

The 12: Paul

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

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

Service of Thanksgiving

CWF Choir

§ 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

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

§ Hymn 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

§ Charge and Benediction

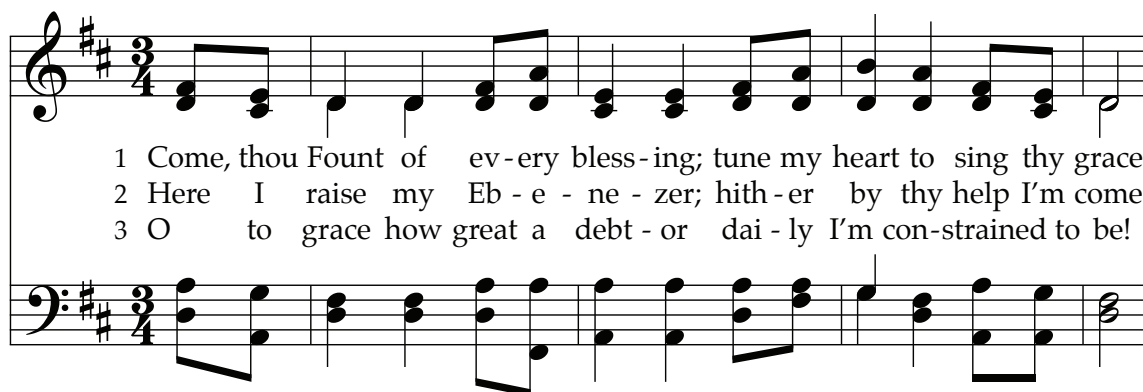
Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

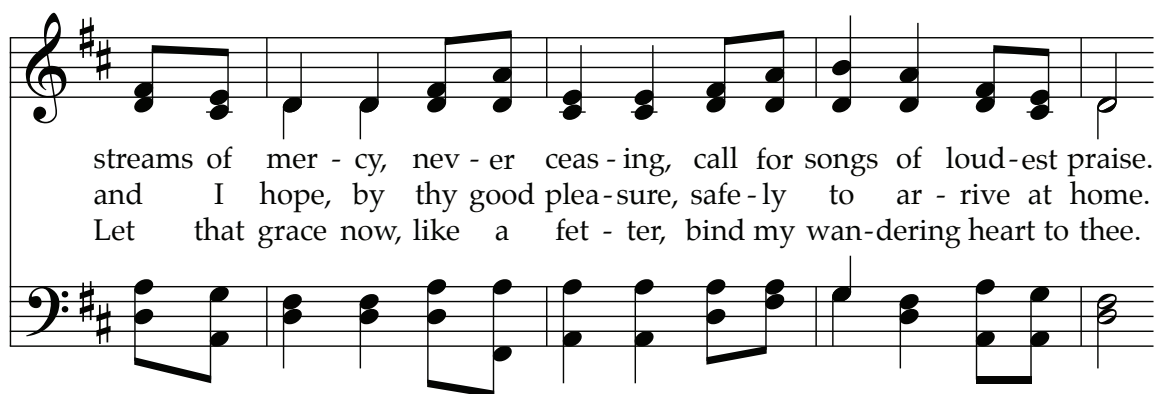
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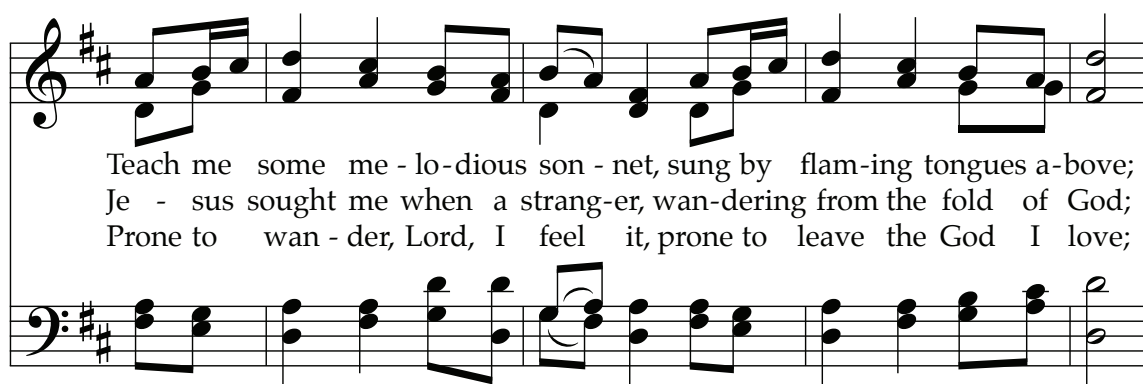
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



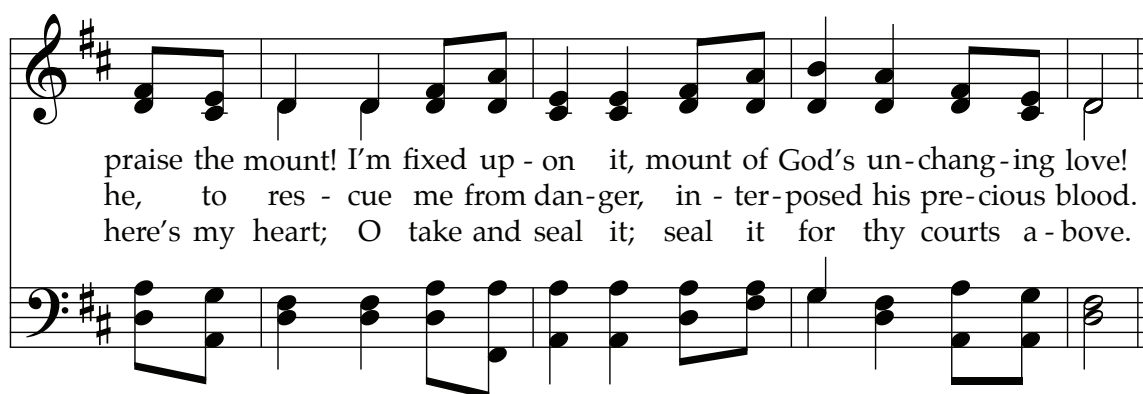
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy


All or Leader

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain
All

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.



go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

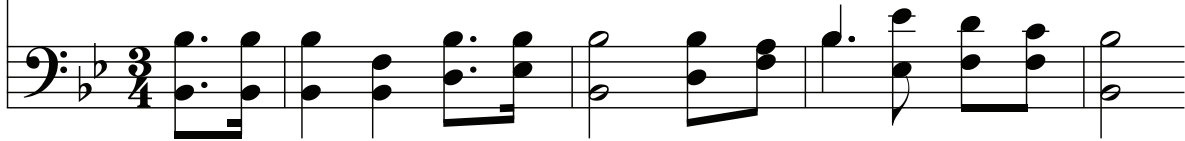


arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

Kids Night Out — October 20

We will be having Kids Night Out on October 6 and October 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for children in 6th grade and younger. Kids will enjoy games, activities, pizza, and a Bible lesson. Please invite families to bring their children.

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.

Fall Family Retreat

(includes parents, children, youth, and grandparents)

Mark your calendars! Our Family Retreat is back! This year we are having our Family Retreat during the fall. Our Family Retreat this year will happen on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18 at Lakeview Camp and Retreat Center in Waxahachie, Texas.

This year's Family Retreat will be similar to last years, where the entire family is invited. Kyle Terwilliger, Director of Children's Ministry, and Adrian Rodriguez, Director of Youth Ministry, will be working together to lead bible time, devotion, and activities for children and youth at the retreat. There will be special lodging for families to stay with children and separate cabins for youth and leaders. More specific details to come in the coming weeks.

Spots are limited so please let Adrian Rodriguez at adrian@firstprestexas.org or Kyle Terwilliger at kyle@firstprestexas.org. of your interest in attending. Also, please do not hesitate to let us know, if you have any questions.

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? Please let me know how we can help you.

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

Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday 10/15 | |
| Sunday School | 9:45 am |
| Worship in Fellowship Hall | 11:00 am |
| Youth and Children's Music Ministries | 12:15 pm |
| Monday 10/16 | |
| Embrace Grace support group | 6:00 pm |
| Tuesday 10/17 | |
| 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 10/18 | |
| 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 10/19 | |
| HOPE Tutoring | 6:30 pm |
| Friday 10/20 | |
| Senior Flexibility Class | 9:00 am |
| Kids Night Out | 7:00 pm |

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Tina Paulk, 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, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

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