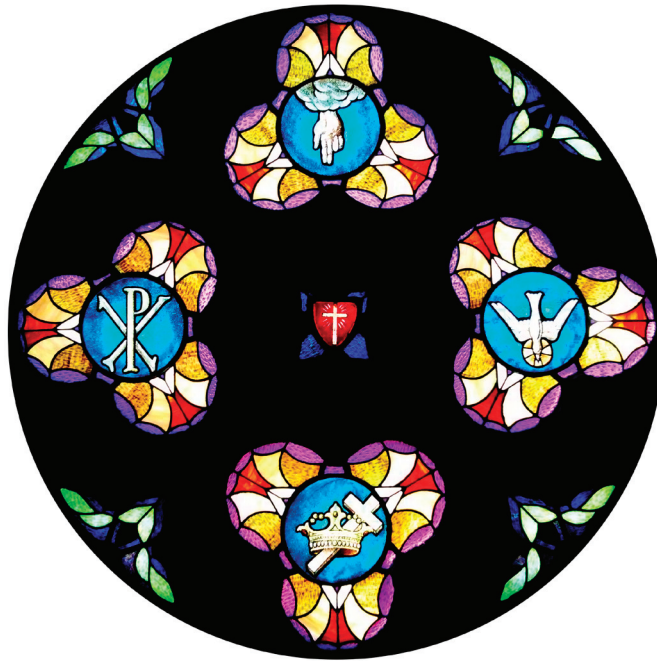


October 22, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-First 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: Ron Macleod

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 Faith of Our Fathers Gordon Young

The Light of Christ Will Farnell, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Faithful God, you are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock; cover us with your hand when we are anxious, that we may be courageous to do your will, through Christ, who calls us by name. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Adrian Rodriguez

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Introit Come Now and Bless the Lord Russell Farnell

§ Hymn 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

§ Prayer of Confession

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ
and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours.**

**Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent,
mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face;
through Christ Jesus 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.

Proclaiming

Psalm 99

Responsive Reading

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; **he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name. **Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. **Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; **they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.**

O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; **for the Lord our God is holy.**

Epistles Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

New Testament page 203

Children's Time

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

Anthem

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Linda Poston

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*

*His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*

Epistles Reading

Philippians 2:1–11

New Testament page 197

Sermon

A Call for Imitation

Adrian Rodriguez

Responding

§ Hymn 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

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

The Master Hath Come

Mary McDonald

§ 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 A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and bidding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

§ Hymn 722

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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§ Charge and Benediction

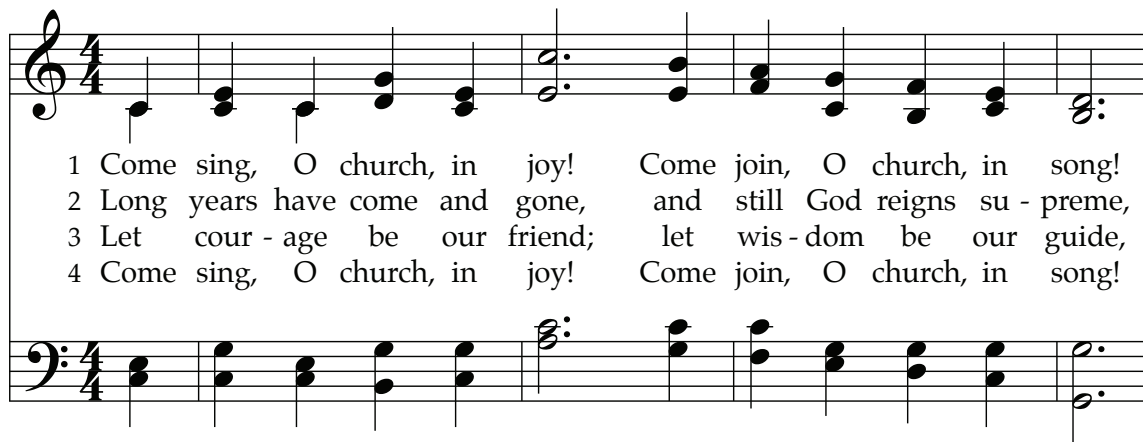
Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

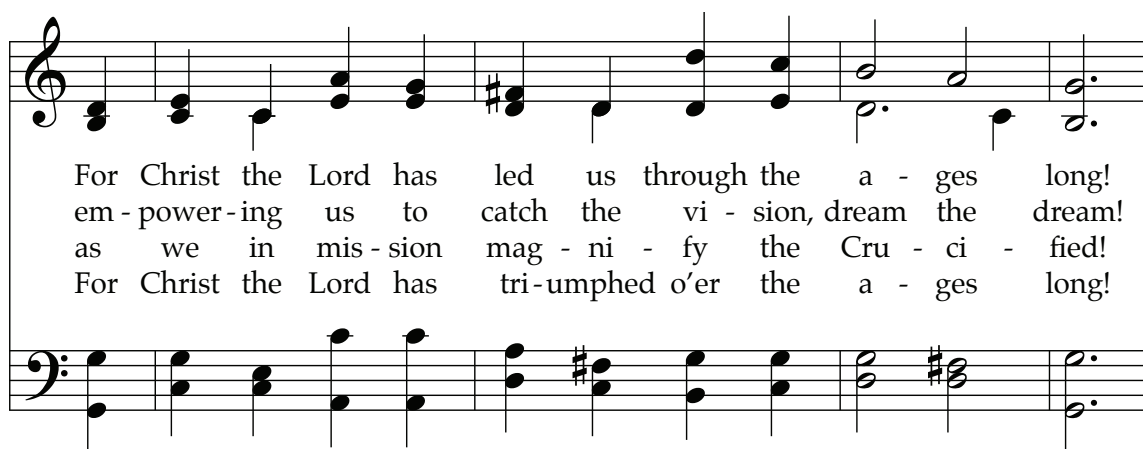
Emma Lou Diemer



305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.

This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

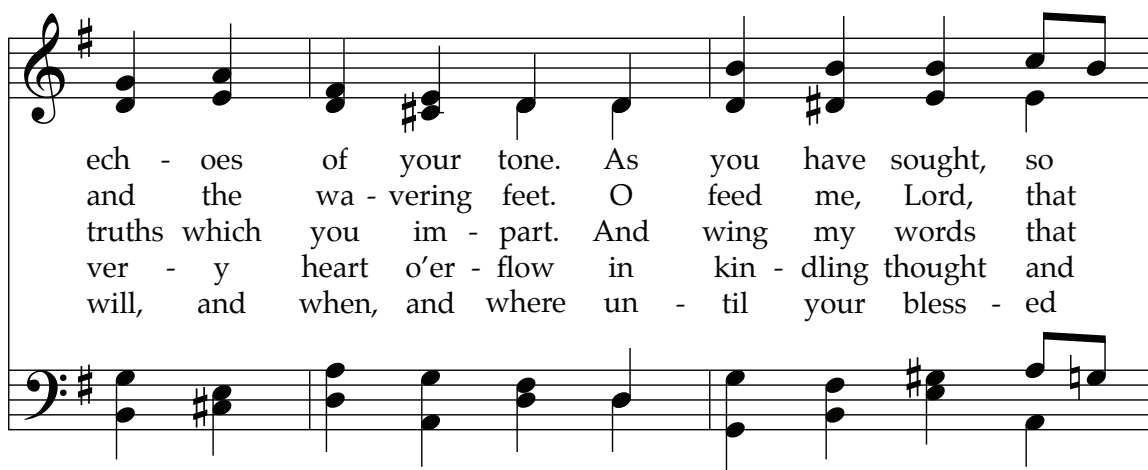
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Perhaps because this prayer-poem by the wife of a leading 19th-century Presbyterian minister grew out of her own physical and emotional suffering, it has continued to speak to many people in similar distress. It is set here to the tune created for its first printing in a hymnal.

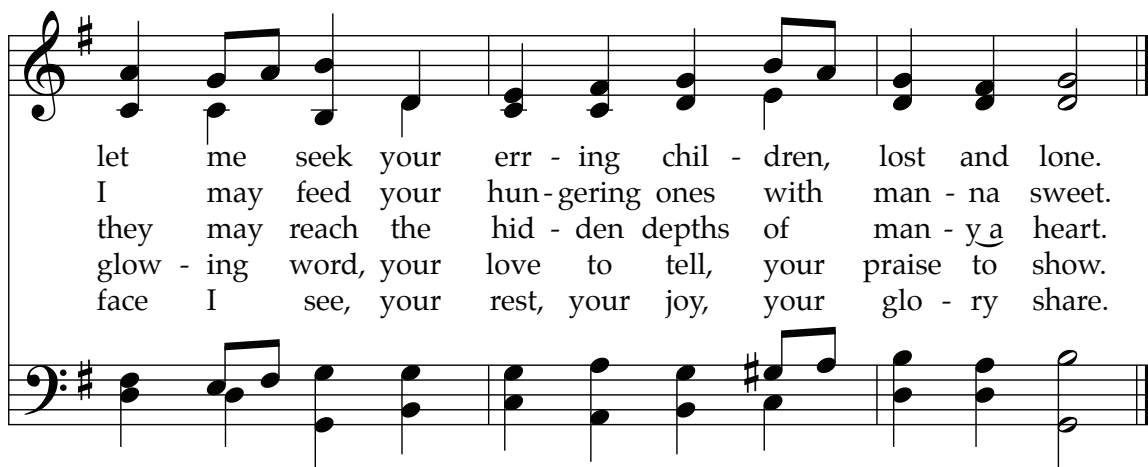
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner November 12

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 12th at 3:30 P.M. The Fellowship Team will provide meat, rolls, gravy, and dessert. If your last name starts with:

A through G	bring potatoes or dressing
H through O	bring vegetables
P through Z	bring salad.

Please do not bring personal serving utensils for your side dish as they may accidentally disappear. The Fellowship Team will provide serving utensils for the side dishes.

We look forward to celebrating this season of Thanksgiving with everyone.

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

Sunday 10/22	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:15 pm
Monday 10/23	
Embrace Grace support group	6:00 pm
Tuesday 10/24	
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 10/25	
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 10/26	
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Friday 10/27	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Saturday 10/28	
Trunk or Treat	3:00 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Mary Jane Wright, the family of Helen Moulton, 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, Tina Paulk, Aileigh Rodriguez, Tonya Scrobeck, David Spencer, Alecia Street, 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

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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