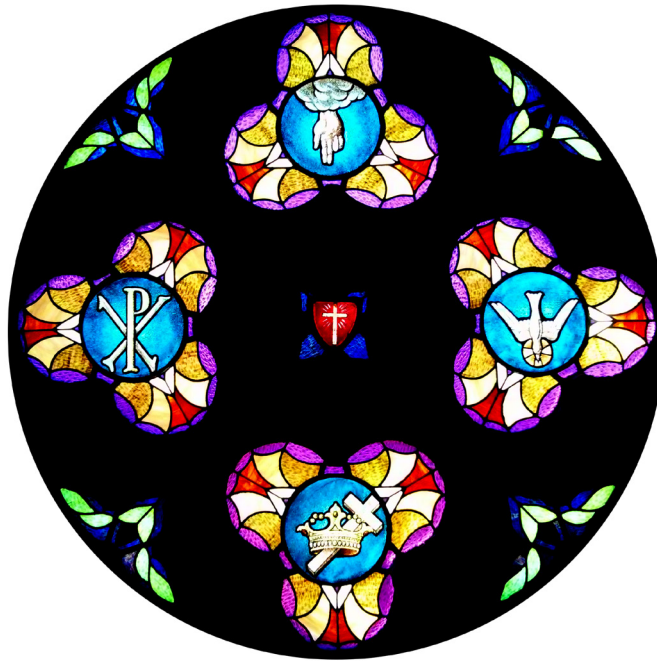


October 29, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Youth Leadership Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Matthew Arredondo
Organist: Shina Heo

Proclaiming

Psalm 90:1–6; 14–17

Responsive Reading

Refrain



Lord, in you do I trust. You are the strength of my life.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place **in all generations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, **so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us **and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants **and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Refrain

Children’s Time

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

Anthem

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Jason McCoy

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust life’s glory by, from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

O Love, O endless Love!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13–20

New Testament page 18

Sermon

BELIEVE—Who Do You Say That I Am?

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Ryan and Will Farnell

**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

Colton Campbell, David Peña, Wyatt Annen, ushers

Offertory

Reflection on For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Sandra Eithun

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

§ 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

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

§ Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

Stanza 1 Youth Singers

Stanzas 2-4 Congregation

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Chorale Fantasy on Ein' Feste Burg

Michael Bedford



All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a vocal line with lyrics. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

As Worship begins:

- Pray for all participating to experience true worship and God to be glorified
- Pray for all that lead, including yourself as one who calls others to worship
- Pray that our hymn singing be lifted as praise
- Pray for the children
- Pray for the choir anthem both musically and spiritually
- Pray for the one that delivers the Word
- Look out and pray for each to receive what God has for them today
- Pray for the going out that we are each prepared

Luncheon for Families with Children or Youth

Today we will have a luncheon for families with children or youth in the Parlor after the worship service. Enjoy a meal with other families and get some information about what is happening in the children and youth ministries.

Thanksgiving Baskets

First Presbyterian Church is again joining Arlington Charities in feeding those who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission and Evangelism Team set a goal of 210 Baskets.

Please sign up near the Fellowship Hall, in the 100 Hallway. You can sign up as an individual, family, or a group. After you sign up please take your numbered Basket Sheet with the requested list of food items and the attached envelope for the pie crust and turkey donation.

Please return your Basket to the 100 Hallway on or before Sunday, November 12. Each bag feeds one family so they can celebrate Thanksgiving together at home.

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.

GIVE a RIDE to those who NEED a RIDE to and from Church and/or Sunday School

The Deacons are compiling a list of drivers by zip code and phone number to provide to members (in the same or near zip code) who can no longer get to and from FPCA! The deacons will supply the member with the list from their geographical area. It will be up to the person who NEEDS a RIDE to contact the person who can GIVE a RIDE. Please call the church office or email me (Kathy McCoy) at jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net with your information to GIVE a RIDE or NEED a RIDE. Personally I need to be on both lists because you never know when the car won't start or has a flat.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy McCoy. Thank you.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 10/29	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Luncheon for Families	12:00 pm
with Children and Youth	
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
Monday 10/30	
Embrace Grace	6:00 pm
Tuesday 10/31	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 11/1	
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 11/3	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Ron Forte, 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 Scrabeck, 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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