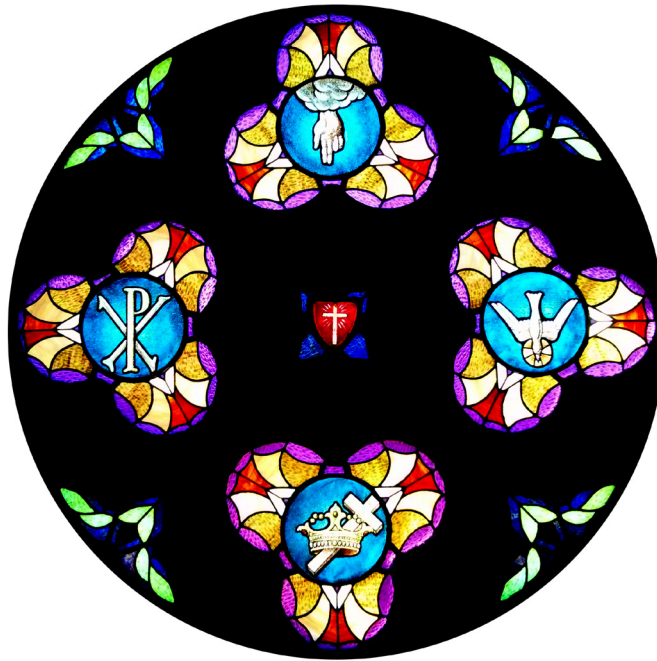


November 12, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Fourth 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 I Know Whom I Have Believed Tae Sook Kang

The Light of Christ David Peña, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

God cares for us completely, **and calls for our total commitment.**

Christ gave his life that we might live, **and calls us to give our lives to him.**

Through Christ we have died to sin; **in Christ we are fully alive to God.**

Come, let us worship God.

Introit Alleluia Taizé Community

§ Hymn 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

§ Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory.

You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live.

Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more.

Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness.

Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.

Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace,

for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.

In the name of Jesus we pray. 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.

BELIEVE Moment Sonia Ellis

Sacrament of Baptism

§ 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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Old Testament page 672

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree
Ana Caballero, soprano

Colin Mawby

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green.
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know but never can tell the glory which I now can see.
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought; and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:27-30a

New Testament page 9

Sermon

BELIEVE—Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

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

Songs of Praise

African Praise Choir

I must become what God says I will be. What about you?
There is something that makes me come into your presence my helper.

§ 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 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Malcolm Archer



327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a unison style, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' appearing below the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords and rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

Embrace Grace Baby Shower

The congregation is invited to the Embrace Grace Baby Shower. It will be on Sunday, November 19 from 12-2pm in the Parlor. Please come and show them your love!

The following items are being needed as gifts:

2 swings, infant car seat/stroller, 3 wrap carriers, diapers (6 jumbo boxes), baby toys (9), outfits (9), diaper bags (3), wipes (6 large boxes), blankets (6), burb cloths/bibs (6), baby toiletries -soap, lotion, clippers (3), medicine – gas drops, infant pain reliever, teething gel, diaper rash cream (3)

Please let us know if you are able to donate these items by emailing shina@firstprestexas.org. Or if you would rather make a donation, hand your donations to Katina Gifford Shina Heo, or Melina Peña. **All donations should be new, not used.

Embrace Grace exists to help inspire and equip the church to love and encourage single and pregnant young women and their families. Women experiencing unexpected pregnancies receive practical, spiritual, and emotional support through our support groups.

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 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 at jkmccoy@sbcglobal.net.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 12

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving Dinner today 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.

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 know of your interest in attending. Also, please do not hesitate to let us know, if you have any questions.

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 11/12	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
Thanksgiving Potluck	3:30 pm
Monday 11/13	
Embrace Grace	6:00 pm
Tuesday 11/14	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 11/15	
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 11/17	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Sheri Quick, Charlie Nieman, the family of 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

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