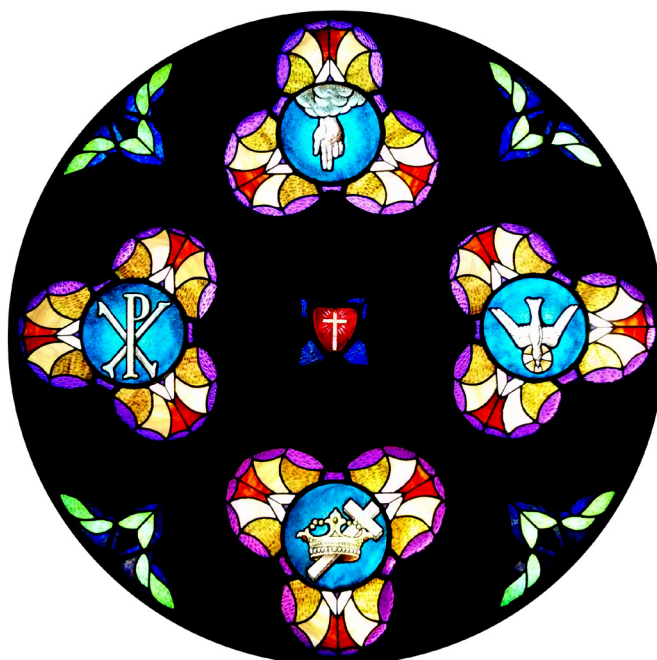


November 19, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Fifth 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: Jane Leathem

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 Faithful Heart Rejoices Johannes Brahms

The Light of Christ Colton Campbell, acolyte

Prayer for Preparation

O God, the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel, that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

You have been our home throughout all the ages.

You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Introit In Bold Accord DARWALL'S 148TH

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

§ Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another.

When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.

As we stand in awe of your faithfulness for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name 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

Proclaiming

Epistle Reading Romans 12:4–10, 21 New Testament page 162

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Stay With Us
Cheryl Harris, organ

Egil Hovland

*Stay with us, Lord, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.*

*Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.*

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:1–10

New Testament page 120

Sermon

BELIEVE—The Holy Spirit

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 481

I Believe in God the Father

GENEVAN 42

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

Voluntary in C Major
David Clary, trombone Cheryl Harris, organ

David Lasky

§ 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

The Apostles' Creed

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 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary in Bb Major
David Clary, trombone Cheryl Harris, organ

David Lasky



Sermon Notes

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.

I Believe in God the Father 481

1 I be-lieve in God the Fa - ther, mer - ci - ful and might-y Lord,
 2 Un - der Pi - late, Je - sus suf - fered, faith - ful to his fi - nal breath.
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir - it, and the church in ev - ery place;

mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, whom we wor-ship and a - dore;
 He was cru - ci - fied and bur - ied, and de-scend - ed in - to death.
 saints in glo - ri - ous com - mu - nion, all for - giv - en, full of grace;

and in Je - sus Christ the Son, on - ly Sav - ior, sov - ereign one,
 From the grave he did a - rise; he as - cend - ed through the skies;
 flesh and blood will live a - gain; life in Christ will nev - er end.

by the Ho - ly Spir - it giv - en, born of Mar - y, bless - ed vir - gin.
 now en - throned with God in heav - en, he will judge the dead and liv - ing.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Son and Fa - ther: I will praise your name for - ev - er.

This text is a 21st-century metrical paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed (in the manner of Calvin's Strasbourg liturgy). Its connections with Reformed tradition are further strengthened by being set to the tune created for Psalm 42 in the 1551 Genevan Psalter (see also no. 87).

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Joy to the World

Women's Advent Party
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The FPCA Women's Ministry Team invites you to enjoy a night of fellowship with your sisters in Christ as we celebrate the start of Advent - a time of anticipating the coming of our Savior.



Don't let Christmas sneak up on you this year! Come join the fun and enjoy some treats, as we spend time with friends, play games and welcome in the season. We will have a special gift for the first 25 ladies who register...can't wait to see you there!

Registration: \$5 Online

- FPCA Website (www.firstprestexas.org) → Our Ministries → Adult Ministries
- Scroll down to Women's Ministry and register

Embrace Grace Baby Shower

The congregation is invited to the Embrace Grace Baby Shower today after the service in the Parlor. Please come and show them your love!

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.

Decorate the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 2 at 3 p.m.

Your family is invited to help decorate the fellowship hall for the Advent season. This is a fun fellowship time with your church family as well as a time to deck the halls with boughs of holly. Come and help prepare the church, as we prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ!

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.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 11/19	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship in Fellowship Hall	11:00 am
Embrace Grace Baby Shower	12:00 pm
Monday 11/20	
Embrace Grace	6:00 pm
Tuesday 11/21	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 11/22	
Church office closed for Thanksgiving	
Thursday 11/23	
Church office closed for Thanksgiving	
Friday 11/24	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:00 am
Memorial Service for Connie Taylor	2:00 pm

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Harold Thomlinson, Sherry Wolfe, Sheri Quick, Charlie Nieman, 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, Christopher Young

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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