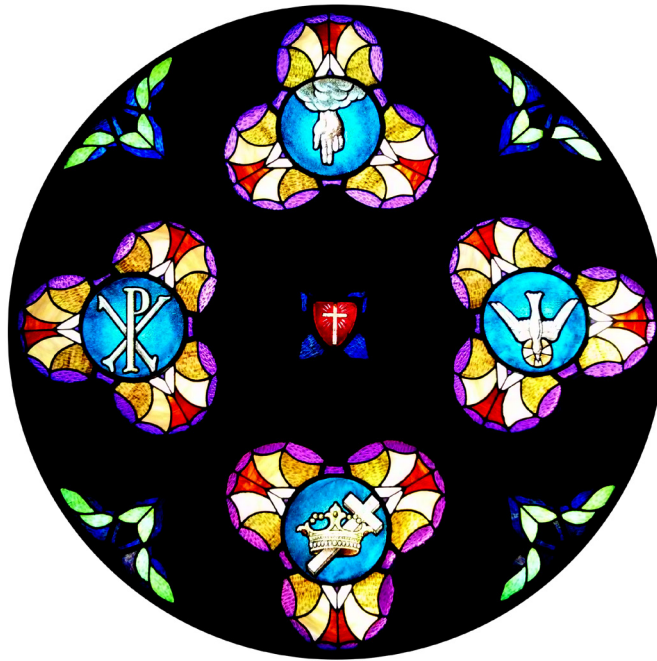


January 14, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday After the Epiphany



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

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

Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Ron MacLeod
Organist: Shina Heo

Proclaiming

Children's Time

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

Anthem

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia!
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

New Testament page 57

Sermon

The Unexpected

Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

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

There's no one like Jesus.
There is no one like him.
There is no onelike Jesus, nobody like him.
Who is on the Lord's side I want to know?
I am on the Lord's side.
Bend low. I see what the Lord will do.

§ Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

**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 Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; **you discern my thoughts from far away.**
You search out my path and my lying down **and are acquainted with all my ways.**
Even before a word is on my tongue, **O Lord, you know it completely.**
You hem me in, behind and before, **and lay your hand upon me.**
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; **it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts; **you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. **In your book were written all the days
that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! **How vast is the sum of them!**

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; **I come to the end—I am still with you. Amen.**

§ Hymn 545

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LAND OF REST

§ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

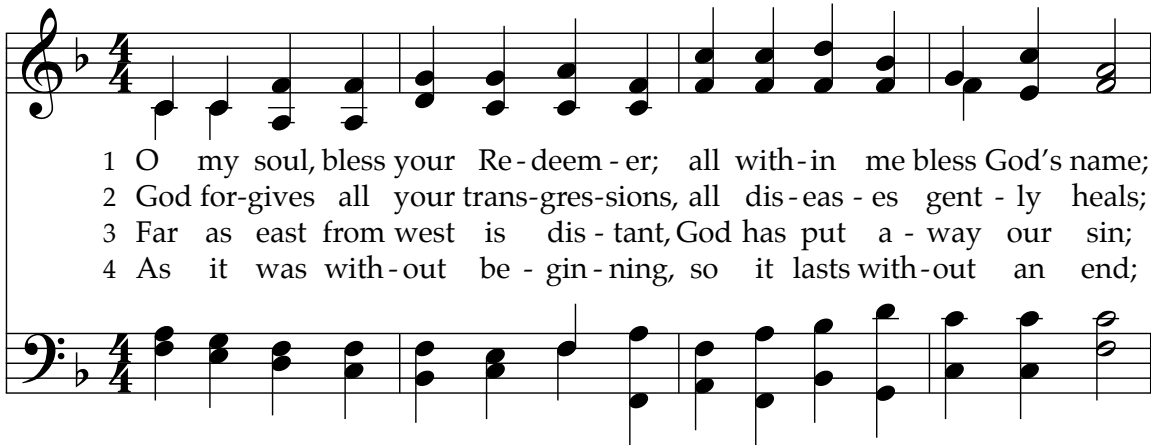
In Thee is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

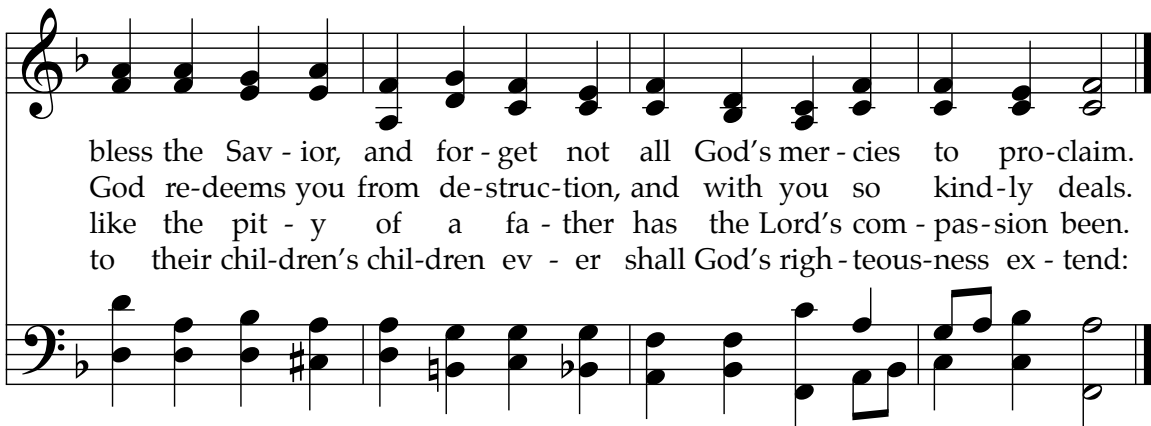


O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 439

(Psalm 103)



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;
3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;
4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;



bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.
God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.
to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant
and are steadfast in God's way;
unto those who still remember
the commandments and obey.

6 Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion;
bless the Lord of all, my soul!

These stanzas are selected from sixteen that originally made up this paraphrase of Psalm 103, the second of two versions in the volume where they were first published. The tune used here was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with hymn texts.

TEXT: *The Book of Psalms*, 1871, alt.

MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847, alt.

STUTTGART

8.7.8.7

My Soul Gives Glory to My God 99

Song of Mary

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my
 2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3 From age to age to all who fear, such
 4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

Song of Simeon

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

This unrhymed 20th-century paraphrase by a Scottish Jesuit gives fresh immediacy to the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32) and recaptures something of that aged priest's sense of wonder in beholding the infant Christ. The shape note tune enhances the text's down-to-earth quality.

2023 Annual Reports

It's that most wonderful time of year when our teams and groups submit their reports for the year. Team leaders and staff are asked to please send your reports to info@firstprestexas.org by January 12. Thank you!

New Year, New Beginnings

Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Hit the reset button by joining your sisters in Christ for brunch in the parlor. With Martita Lynch, from Gateway Church in Grand Prairie, we will explore how to begin the new year right, learning about the discipline of Sabbath and rest.

\$10 online registration through the church website

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

Register and pay online or by check

Questions? Call Jamie at 214-674-7821 or email womensministry@firstprestexas.org

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.



MO Ranch Men's Conference

FPCA has reserved a group of 9 spots for our men of the church to attend the 2024 Men's Conference at MO Ranch. The dates this year are May 3-5. A group of us attended last year and on the drive back someone asked, "How do we get more guys to go next year?" I think that says it all! To reserve your spot, a deposit of \$75 is required. You can write that check out to FPCA. Please visit <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/mens-conference-2/> for more details and feel free to email Pastor Chris with any questions.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 1/14	
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Youth and Children's Music Ministries	12:45 pm
Monday 1/15	
Tuesday 1/16	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10:30 am
HOPE Tutoring	6:30 pm
Wednesday 1/17	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Quilting, etc.	10:30 am
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
CWF Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday 1/18	
Friday 1/19	
Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 am
Saturday 1/20	

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Carol Moody, Eleanor Schernbeck, Ken Floyd, Jerry Tees, Harold Thomlinson, Sherry Wolfe, Sheri Quick, Charlie Nieman, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ivone Franzolin, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, 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 and Jennyfer 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

Staff Directory

Chris Campbell	Lead Pastor	chris@firstprestexas.org
Russell Farnell	Minister of Music	russell@firstprestexas.org
Jim Shroyer	Parish Associate	jim@firstprestexas.org
Reggie Manuel	Facilities Manager	reggie@firstprestexas.org
Shina Heo	Organist	shina@firstprestexas.org
Adrian Rodriguez	Director of Youth Ministry	adrian@firstprestexas.org
Kyle Terwilliger	Director of Children's Ministry	kyle@firstprestexas.org
Eric Gottmann	Director of Social Media	eric@firstprestexas.org
Cheryl Harris	Music Ministry Associate	cheryl@firstprestexas.org
Jeanne Chin	Finance Manager	jeanne@firstprestexas.org
Jane Leathem	Finance Assistant	jane@firstprestexas.org